

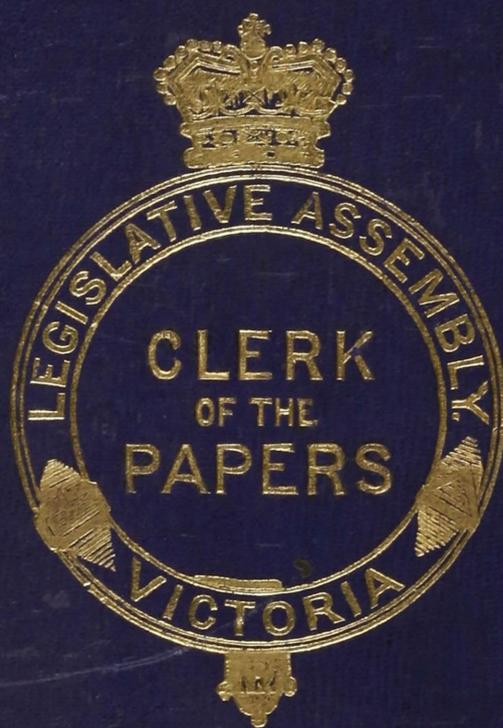
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- BURRUMBEET AND BREWSTER LAND RESERVE CANCELLATION:** Bill to cancel the Crown grant of certain land in the parishes of Burrumbeet and Brewster permanently reserved as a site for public park and recreation—(*Mr. McKenzie*).—Initiated and read a first time, 14 July, 1909, p. 21; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 31 Aug., p. 64; the Council's agreement notified, 15 Sept., p. 82. (*Assented to 25 September. Act No. 2194.*)
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CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL NO. 5): Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Eight hundred and ninety-five thousand nine hundred and ninety-three pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and nine and One thousand nine hundred and ten—(*Mr. Watt*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 3 Dec., 1909, p. 174; the Council's agreement notified, 9 Dec., p. 186. (*Assented to 9 December. Act No. 2210.*)

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CRIMES ACTS AMENDMENT: Bill to amend the Crimes Acts and for other purposes—(*Mr. McLachlan*).—Initiated and read a first time, 30 Sept., 1909, p. 99; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 28 Oct., p. 129; debate resumed and adjourned, 18 Nov., p. 147; order for resumption of debate on second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 23 Dec., p. 214.

DAYLIGHT SAVING: Bill to promote the earlier use of daylight in certain months yearly and for other purposes relating thereto—(*Mr. Outtrim*).—Initiated and read a first time, 7 July, 1909, p. 15; read a second time and committed, 26 Aug., p. 59; order for consideration in Committee discharged and Bill withdrawn, 23 Dec., p. 214.

DENTISTS: Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the Law relating to Dentistry*"—(*Mr. Murray*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 7 Sept., 1909, p. 70; order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 23 Dec., p. 213.

EDUCATION LAW FURTHER AMENDMENT: Bill to further amend the law relating to education and to officers and teachers of the Education Department—(*Mr. A. A. Billson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 14 July, 1909, p. 21; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 28 July, p. 37; order for resumption of debate on second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 23 Dec., p. 213.

ELECTORAL LAW AMENDMENT: Bill to amend the law relating to Parliamentary elections and for other purposes—(*Mr. Murray*).—Initiated and read a first time, 7 July, 1909, p. 14; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 13 July, p. 18; debate resumed and adjourned, 22 July, p. 34; 29 July, p. 40; debate continued—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 4 Aug., p. 43; further considered in Committee, 5 Aug., p. 45; 10 Aug., p. 49; 11 Aug., p. 52; 12 Aug., p. 53; 25 Aug., p. 56; 1 Sept., p. 68; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendments agreed to and a further amendment made; Bill read the third time; consideration of amendments after third reading postponed, 7 Sept., pp. 69-70; amendments considered and Bill further amended; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 9 Sept., pp. 76-8; report from the Acting Clerk of corrections made by him in the Bill, 14 Sept., p. 79; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified, 30 Nov., p. 159; amendments considered—amendment to insert new clause A agreed to with an amendment; the other amendments disagreed with, 2 Dec., pp. 165-8; the Council insist on their amendments disagreed with by the Assembly, and agree to the amendment made by the Assembly on the Council's amendment in new clause A, 17 Dec., p. 201; order for consideration of Message from the Legislative Council discharged, 23 Dec., p. 214.—Bill lapsed.

ELTHAM TO HURST'S BRIDGE RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION: Bill to authorize the construction by the State of a line of railway from Eltham to Hurst's Bridge—(*Mr. A. A. Billson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 30 Nov., 1909, p. 157; read a second time and committed, 3 Dec., p. 174.

RAILWAY DEFICIENCY RATE.—(On motion, by leave) House resolved itself into Committee of the whole to consider the railway deficiency rate to be made and levied by

the Railway Construction Trust under the Bill; matter considered; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution giving the Railway Construction Trust power to make and levy a railway deficiency rate reported and agreed to, 3 Dec., p. 174.

Bill considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendment agreed to and Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 3 Dec., p. 174; the Council's agreement notified, 16 Dec., p. 193. (*Assented to 4 January, 1910. Act No. 2217.*)

ESSENDON LAND RESERVE REVOCATION: Bill to revoke the permanent reservation of certain land in the municipal district of Essendon reserved as a site for conservation of water—(*Mr. McKenzie*).—Initiated and read a first time, 14 July, 1909, p. 21; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 31 Aug., p. 65; the Council's agreement notified, 15 Sept., p. 82. (*Assented to 25 September. Act No. 2195.*)

EVIDENCE ACT 1890 AMENDMENT: Bill to amend the *Evidence Act 1890*—(*Mr. Mackey*).—Initiated and read a first time, 22 July, 1909, p. 33; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendments agreed to, 18 Nov., p. 147; order for third reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 23 Dec., p. 214.

FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS AMENDMENT: Bill to amend the Factories and Shops Acts—(*Mr. Murray*).—Initiated and read a first time, 7 Oct., 1909, p. 109; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 7 Dec., p. 178; further considered in Committee, 8 Dec., p. 181; 9 Dec., p. 186; 14 Dec., p. 190; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments, 15 Dec., p. 191; report considered—amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time with further amendments; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 16 Dec., p. 196; report from the Acting Clerk of corrections made by him in the Bill, 17 Dec., p. 199; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified; one of the amendments agreed to, others disagreed with; amendments in clauses 27 and 41 disagreed with, but amendments made in said clauses, 23 Dec., pp. 215-6; the Council do not insist on one of their amendments, and insist on others; disagreement with some of the amendments made and insisted on by the Council not insisted on; disagreement with one of the said amendments insisted on, and disagreement with the amendment in clause 27 insisted on but clause omitted, 24 Dec., pp. 220-21; the Council still insist on their amendment disagreed with by the Assembly, and do not insist on their amendment in clause 27, but agree to omit the said clause; disagreement with the amendment made and insisted on by the Council not now insisted on, 24 Dec., pp. 222-3. (*Assented to 4 January, 1910. Act No. 2241.*)

FACTORIES AND SHOPS LAW AMENDMENT (TRAMWAY EMPLOYÉS): Bill to amend the law relating to factories and shops to enable tramway employés to come under its provisions—(*Mr. Hannah*).—Initiated and read a first time, 7 July, 1909, p. 15; order for second reading read, whereupon Mr.

Speaker said, "I am of opinion that this Bill is not in order as it seeks in effect to amend certain Private Acts by an amendment of certain Public Acts. At present the employes of the various Tramway Companies are not included among the persons affected by the provisions of the Factories and Shops Acts, and the terms of their employment are governed by certain Private Acts relating to the companies controlling the various tramways. The Bill before the House, without proposing to bring these employes within the provisions of the Factories and Shops Acts, seeks to give power to appoint a Special Board to determine, in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Factories and Shops Acts, the rates of wages to be paid to the various persons employed on tramway lines and on tramway works. This would, if carried, be really an amendment of several Private Tramways Acts by making certain Public Acts (to a limited extent) apply to them. It is a well recognised parliamentary law that Private Acts may be superseded by a Public Act, as was done in the English Parliament when Public Acts were passed to control Joint Stock Companies, and for the regulation and management of Railway Companies. But there is no such proposal in this Bill, as it only purports to make some provisions of the Factories and Shops Acts apply to certain persons who are not employed in any factory or shop within the meaning of the Acts. Therefore, for the reasons I have given, I rule that the Bill is not in order, as it should have been introduced as a Private Bill"; motion, That in the opinion of this House this Bill is a Public Bill—debated and withdrawn, and order for second reading postponed, 26 Aug., p. 59; order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 23 Dec., p. 214.

FLINDERS VICTUALLER'S LICENCE RENEWAL: Bill to provide for the renewal of a certain victualler's licence in pursuance of a certificate granted by the licensing court for the licensing district of Flinders—(*Mr. Murray for Mr. Watt*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 Aug., 1909, p. 60; order for second reading read, whereupon Mr. Deputy-Speaker said, "In my opinion, this is a Private Bill"; motion (by leave), That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, in accordance with Standing Order No. 131 relating to Private Bills, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill—question resolved in the affirmative; Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 9 Sept., p. 76; the Council's agreement notified, 5 Oct., p. 101. (*Assented to 12 October. Act No. 2198.*)

FORESTS ACT 1907 FURTHER AMENDMENT: Bill to further amend the *Forests Act 1907*—(*Mr. McBride*).—Initiated and read a first time, 7 July, 1909, p. 15; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 22 Dec., p. 212.—Bill not returned from the Council.

GEELONG HARBOR TRUST ACT 1905 AMENDMENT: Bill to amend the *Geelong Harbor Trust Act 1905*—(*Mr. Watt*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Nov., 1909, p. 143; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 20 Dec., p. 204; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified; amendments agreed to, 24 Dec., p. 222. (*Assented to 4 January, 1910. Act No. 2238.*)

GEELONG MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS ACT 1907 AMENDMENT (SEWERING AND CLEANSING): Bill to amend the *Geelong Municipal Waterworks Act 1907* and to provide for sewerage and cleansing of the town of Geelong and district—(*Mr. Watt for Mr. J. Cameron*).—Initiated and read a first time, 13 July, 1909, p. 18; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 15 July, p. 23; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 20 July, p. 30; further considered in Committee, 26 Aug., p. 60.

RATES.—(On motion, by leave) House resolved itself into Committee of the whole to consider the rates which may be made and levied under the Bill; matter considered; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution giving the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust power to make and levy a general sewerage rate, and also, if necessary, an additional rate, upon every seweraged property reported and agreed to, 26 Aug., p. 60.

Bill further considered in Committee and reported with amendments, 26 Aug., p. 61; report considered—amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time with further amendments; further consideration of amendments after third reading postponed, 21 Oct., p. 122; amendments further considered and Bill further amended; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 27 Oct., pp. 126-7; report from the Acting Clerk of a correction made by him in the Bill, 9 Nov., p. 137; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified, 23 Nov., p. 150; amendments considered—some agreed to, and one agreed to with an amendment, 22 Dec., p. 209; the Council's agreement to the amendment on their amendment notified, 24 Dec., p. 221. (*Assented to 4 January, 1910. Act No. 2230.*)

GHERINGHAP TO MAROONA RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION: Bill to authorize the construction by the State of a line of railway from Gheringhap to Maroona—(*Mr. A. A. Billson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 30 Nov., 1909, p. 157; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 7 Dec., p. 179; debate resumed and adjourned, 8 Dec., p. 183; debate continued Bill read a second time and committed, 9 Dec., p. 185.

RAILWAY DEFICIENCY RATE.—(On motion, by leave) House resolved itself into Committee of the whole to consider the advisability of giving power to the Gheringhap to Maroona Railway Construction Trust to make and levy a railway deficiency rate; matter considered; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution giving the Railway Construction Trust power to make and levy a railway deficiency rate reported and agreed to, 9 Dec., p. 186.

Bill considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendment agreed to and Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 9 Dec., p. 186; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Dec., p. 201. (*Assented to 4 January, 1910. Act No. 2220.*)

GOLD BUYERS ACT 1907 AMENDMENT: Bill to amend the *Gold Buyers Act 1907*—(*Mr. McBride*).—Initiated and read a first time, 7 July, 1909, p. 15; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 13 July, p. 18; debate resumed and adjourned, 20 July, p. 30; debate continued—Bill read a second time and

committed; considered in Committee, 21 July, p. 31; further considered in Committee, 27 July, p. 36; 28 July, p. 37; 3 Aug., p. 42; 8 Sept., p. 74; 30 Sept., p. 100; order for further consideration in Committee discharged and Bill withdrawn, 23 Dec., p. 213.

GOLD-MARKING: Bill to provide for the marking of articles of gold and for the warranty of such articles; to regulate the sale and exposing for sale of articles of gold and silver and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto—(*Mr. Watt*).—Initiated and read a first time, 3 Nov., 1909, p. 133; order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 23 Dec., p. 213.

HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND CARTERS' LICENCE FEES APPORTIONMENT: Bill to alter the annual apportionment amongst suburban municipalities of amounts received by the City of Melbourne from residents in those municipalities for hackney carriage licences and carters' licences—(*Mr. Murray*).—Initiated and read a first time, 13 July, 1909, p. 18; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 15 July, p. 26; the Council's agreement notified, 4 Aug., p. 44. (*Assented to 12 August. Act No. 2189.*)

HAMILTON TOWN HALL SITE SALE: Bill to enable the council of the borough of Hamilton to sell the site of the town hall in the said borough and for other purposes—(*Mr. McKenzie*).—Initiated and read a first time, 7 Dec., 1909, p. 178; order for second reading read, whereupon Mr. Speaker said, "In my opinion, this is a Private Bill"; motion (by leave), That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, in accordance with Standing Order No. 131 relating to Private Bills, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill—question resolved in the affirmative; Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 20 Dec., p. 204; report from the Acting Clerk of corrections made by him in the Bill, 22 Dec., p. 212; the Council's agreement to the Bill notified, 24 Dec., p. 221. (*Assented to 4 January, 1910. Act No. 2231.*)

HAMPDEN LAND PURCHASE: Bill to provide for the sale of certain land to the shire of Hampden by a councillor of the said shire—(*Mr. J. Cameron*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 Aug., 1909, p. 60; order for second reading read, whereupon Mr. Deputy-Speaker said, "In my opinion, this is a Private Bill"; motion (by leave), That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, in accordance with Standing Order No. 131 relating to Private Bills, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill—question resolved in the affirmative; Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 9 Sept., p. 76; the Council's agreement notified, 5 Oct., p. 102. (*Assented to 12 October. Act No. 2200.*)

HOMING PIGEONS PROTECTION: Bill for the protection of homing pigeons—(*Mr. Mackinnon*).—Initiated and read a first time, 17 Nov., 1909, p. 145; order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 23 Dec., p. 214.

INCOME TAX: Bill to declare the rates of Income Tax for the year ending on the thirty-first day of December, One thousand nine hundred and ten—(*Mr. Watt*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 30 Nov., 1909, pp. 160-61; the Council's agreement notified, 9 Dec., p. 186. (*Assented to 14 December. Act No. 2213.*)

JEPARIT TO LORQUON RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION: Bill to authorize the construction by the State of a line of railway from Jeparit to Lorquon—(*Mr. A. A. Billson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 7 Dec., 1909, p. 178; read a second time and committed, 17 Dec., p. 201.

RAILWAY DEFICIENCY RATE.—(On motion, by leave) House resolved itself into Committee of the whole to consider the railway deficiency rate to be made and levied by the Railway Construction Trust under the Bill; matter considered; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution giving the Railway Construction Trust power to make and levy a railway deficiency rate reported and agreed to, 17 Dec., p. 202.

Bill considered in Committee and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Dec., p. 202; the Council's agreement notified, 22 Dec., p. 212. (*Assented to 4 January, 1910. Act No. 2224.*)

LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT: Bill to further amend the Land Acts and for other purposes—(*Mr. McKenzie*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Nov., 1909, p. 143; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 17 Dec., p. 202; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 22 Dec., p. 211; report from the Acting Clerk of corrections made by him in the Bill, 23 Dec., p. 213; the Council's agreement to the Bill notified, 24 Dec., p. 221. (*Assented to 4 January, 1910. Act No. 2228.*)

LAND TAX: Bill to provide for a tax on the unimproved value of land and for the assessment of land and other purposes—(*Mr. Watt*).—House resolved itself into a Committee to consider certain duties of land tax for each and every year after the year One thousand nine hundred and ten; matter considered; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution fixing the rates of annual land tax reported and agreed to and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 31 Aug., 1909, pp. 63-4; debate resumed and adjourned, 12 Oct., p. 112; 13 Oct., p. 113; 19 Oct., p. 117; 20 Oct., p. 119; debate continued—Bill read a second time, on division, and committed; considered in Committee, 26 Oct., p. 124; further considered in Committee, 3 Nov., p. 134; 4 Nov., p. 136; 9 Nov., p. 137; 10 Nov., p. 140; 11 Nov., p. 141; 16 and 17 Nov., p. 144; 17 Nov., p. 145; Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 24) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution reported and agreed to; Bill further considered in Committee, 23 Nov., p. 149; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments, 24 and 25 Nov., p. 151; report considered—amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time with further amendments; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 25 Nov., pp. 153-6; report from the Acting Clerk of corrections made by him in the Bill, 30 Nov., p. 157; amendments in the Bill suggested by the Council; suggested amendments, on division, not made, 16 Dec.,

pp. 193-6; amendments again suggested by the Council on consideration of the report of the Committee; suggested amendments, on division, not made, 17 Dec., p. 200.—Bill not returned from the Council.

LANDLORD AND TENANT LAW AMENDMENT: Bill to amend the law of landlord and tenant—(*Mr. McLeod* for *Mr. Mackey*).—Initiated and read a first time, 7 July, 1909, p. 15; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments, 29 July, p. 40; report considered—amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time with further amendments; further consideration of amendments after third reading postponed, 16 Sept., pp. 85-6; amendments further considered and further amendments made; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 16 Sept., p. 86; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified, 7 Dec., p. 178, amendments considered and agreed to, 7 Dec., p. 179. (*Assented to 14 December. Act No. 2211.*)

LICENSING ACTS AMENDMENT: Bill to amend the Licensing Acts with regard to the selling or the drinking of liquor at night—(*Mr. Murray*).—Initiated and read a first time, 14 Dec., 1909, p. 189; order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 23 Dec., p. 213.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1903 AMENDMENT: Bill to amend the *Local Government Act 1903*—(*Mr. Thomson* for *Mr. McGregor*).—Initiated and read a first time, 15 July, 1909, p. 27; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—question, on division, negatived, 9 Sept., p. 75.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1903 AMENDMENT (BILL No. 2): Bill to amend the *Local Government Act 1903*—(*Mr. Mackey* for *Mr. McGregor*).—Initiated and read a first time, 14 Oct., 1909, p. 115; order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 23 Dec., p. 214.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTS AMENDMENT: Bill to amend the Local Government Acts—(*Mr. Watt* for *Mr. Murray*).—Initiated and read a first time, 14 Oct., 1909, p. 115; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 19 Oct., p. 118; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee; Committee counted out, 28 Oct., p. 131; motion for further consideration agreed to, 4 Nov., p. 136; order for further consideration in Committee discharged and Bill withdrawn, 23 Dec., p. 213.

MARRIAGE ACTS AMENDMENT: Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Marriage Acts*"—(*Mr. Murray*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 3 Aug., 1909, p. 42; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 26 Aug., p. 60; further considered in Committee and passed remaining stages without amendment, 31 Aug., p. 64. (*Assented to 15 September. Act No. 2192.*)

MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST LANDS EXCHANGE: Bill to authorize the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners to exchange and transfer certain lands in the City of Melbourne—(*Mr. McKenzie*).—Initiated and read a first time, 8 Dec., 1909, p. 181; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 22 Dec., p. 210; the Council's agreement notified, 24 Dec., p. 221. (*Assented to 4 January, 1910. Act No. 2234.*)

MELBOURNE TRADES HALL AND LITERARY INSTITUTE: Bill to amend the law relating to the appointment of trustees of the Trades Hall and

Literary Institute, Melbourne, and for other purposes—(*Mr. Lenmon*).—Initiated and read a first time, 14 Oct., 1909, p. 115; order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 23 Dec., p. 214.

MELBOURNE TRAMWAYS TRUST INVESTMENTS: Bill to extend the powers of the Melbourne Tramways Trust as regards investments—(*Mr. Watt* for *Sir Henry Weedon*).—On motion, all Standing Orders relating to the introduction and passing of Private Bills, including those relating to the payment of fees, dispensed with, with the view of introducing the Bill; Bill initiated and read a first time, 15 July, 1909, p. 27; order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 23 Dec., p. 214.

MINES ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT: Bill to further amend the Mines Acts—(*Mr. McBride*).—Initiated and read a first time, 7 July, 1909, p. 15; order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 23 Dec., p. 213.

MOTOR CARS: Bill intituled "*An Act to regulate the use of Motor Cars*"—(*Mr. Murray*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 7 Sept., 1909, p. 70; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 14 Sept., p. 80; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed, 16 Sept., p. 86.

FEES.—(On motion, by leave) House resolved itself into Committee of the whole to consider the fees to be charged under the Bill; matter considered; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution fixing the amount of fees chargeable under the Bill reported and agreed to, 16 Sept., p. 87.

Bill considered in Committee, 16 Sept., p. 87; Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 20) recommending an appropriation of fees, fines, forfeitures, and penalties for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution reported and agreed to, 28 Oct., p. 130; Bill further considered in Committee, 3 Nov., p. 134; 3 Dec., p. 175; 22 Dec., p. 209; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council with the Assembly's amendments desired, 22 Dec., p. 210; the Council agree to some and disagree with one of such amendments; amendment to insert new clause B not insisted on, 24 Dec., p. 219. (*Assented to 4 January, 1910. Act No. 2237.*)

NORADJUHA TO TOOLONDO RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION: Bill to authorize the construction by the State of a line of railway from Noradjuha to Toolondo—(*Mr. A. A. Billson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 30 Nov., 1909, p. 157; read a second time and committed, 16 Dec., p. 197.

RAILWAY DEFICIENCY RATE.—(On motion, by leave) House resolved itself into Committee of the whole to consider the railway deficiency rate to be made and levied by the Railway Construction Trust under the Bill; matter considered; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution giving the Railway Construction Trust power to make and levy a railway deficiency rate reported and agreed to, 16 Dec., p. 197.

Bill considered in Committee and reported with amendments; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendments agreed to and Bill read

the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 16 Dec., p. 197; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Dec., p. 201. (*Assented to 4 January, 1910. Act No. 2222.*)

NORTHCOTE RAILWAY STATION: Bill to provide for improving the access to the Northcote Railway Station—(*Mr. A. A. Billson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 13 July, 1909, p. 18; order for second reading read, whereupon Mr. Speaker said, "In my opinion, this is a Private Bill"; motion (by leave), That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, in accordance with Standing Order No. 131 relating to Private Bills, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill—question resolved in the affirmative; Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 15 July, p. 26; the Council's agreement notified, 4 Aug., p. 43. (*Assented to 12 August. Act No. 2190.*)

OLD-AGE PENSIONS LAW AMENDMENT: Bill to amend the law relating to old-age pensions—(*Mr. Watt*).—Initiated and read a first time, 20 Oct., 1909, p. 119; Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 19) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution reported and agreed to, 28 Oct., p. 130; Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 3 Nov., p. 134; the Council's agreement notified, 30 Nov., p. 159. (*Assented to 1 December. Act No. 2209.*)

POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT: Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Poisons Act 1890'*"—(*Mr. Watt*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 28 Sept., 1909, p. 96; read a second time, on division, and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendment agreed to and Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council with the Assembly's amendment desired, 14 Oct., p. 116; the Council's agreement to the amendment notified, 16 Nov., p. 144. (*Assented to 22 November. Act No. 2206.*)

PUBLIC TRUSTEE: Bill for the appointment of a public trustee and for other purposes—(*Mr. Beasley*).—Initiated and read a first time, 7 July, 1909, p. 15; Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 14) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution reported and agreed to, 30 Sept., p. 99; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 30 Sept., p. 100; order for resumption of debate on second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 23 Dec., p. 214.

RAILWAY FUNDS ACT 1907 AMENDMENT: Bill to amend the *Railway Funds Act 1907*—(*Mr. Watt*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 18) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended, resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 27 Oct., p. 128; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 28 Oct., p. 131; an amendment in the Bill sug-

gested by the Council and made by the Assembly, 10 Nov., p. 140; the Council's agreement to the Bill (including the amendment made by the Assembly which was suggested by the Council) notified, 23 Nov., p. 150. (*Assented to 22 November. Act No. 2207.*)

RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION: Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of money available under Loan Acts for railway purposes—(*Mr. Watt*).—Initiated and read a first time, 9 Dec., 1909, p. 185; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 10 Dec., p. 187; further considered in Committee and reported without amendment, 16 Dec., p. 198; read the third time with an amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Dec., p. 202; the Council's agreement notified, 22 Dec., p. 212. (*Assented to 4 January, 1910. Act No. 2225.*)

REFERENDUM AND POPULAR INITIATIVE: Bill to provide for the adoption in legislation of popular initiative and referendum—(*Mr. Outtrim*).—Initiated and read a first time, 7 July, 1909, p. 15; order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 23 Dec., p. 214.

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SHOW GROUNDS: Bill to provide for improving the access to the Royal Agricultural Society's Show Grounds at Flemington—(*Mr. McKenzie*).—Initiated and read a first time, 13 July, 1909, p. 18; order for second reading read, whereupon Mr. Speaker said, "In my opinion, this is a Private Bill"; motion (by leave), That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, in accordance with Standing Order No. 131 relating to Private Bills, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill—question resolved in the affirmative; Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 31 Aug., p. 65; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified; amendments agreed to, 5 Oct., p. 102. (*Assented to 12 October. Act No. 2201.*)

SCAFFOLDING INSPECTION: Bill to provide for the inspection of scaffolding and for other purposes—(*Mr. Elmslie*).—Initiated and read a first time, 7 July, 1909, p. 15; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments, 12 Aug., p. 53; report considered—amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 26 Aug., p. 60.—Bill not returned from the Council.

SETTLED ESTATES AND SETTLED LAND: Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to settled estates and settled land—(*Mr. Mackey*).—Initiated and read a first time, 22 July, 1909, p. 33; read a second time and committed to a Select Committee, 23 Sept., p. 93; Committee appointed and leave granted to print the evidence taken before such Committee, 29 Sept., p. 98; Report presented; Bill, as amended, ordered to be printed, 14 Dec., p. 189; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time with a further amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 20 Dec., p. 204; the Council's agreement notified, 24 Dec., p. 221. (*Assented to 4 January, 1910. Act No. 2235.*)

SHEEP DIPPING: Bill to provide for the compulsory dipping of sheep—(*Mr. Robertson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 7 July, 1909, p. 15; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 30 Sept., p. 99; further considered in Committee and passed remaining

stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 4 Nov., p. 135; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified, 30 Nov., p. 159; amendments considered—some agreed to, and one agreed to with a consequential amendment in clause 3, 10 Dec., p. 188; the consequential amendment made by the Assembly agreed to by the Council, 16 Dec., p. 193. (*Assented to 4 January, 1910. Act No. 2216.*)

SURPLUS REVENUE: Bill relating to the surplus revenue of the financial year ended on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and nine, and to certain unexpended balances under prior Surplus Revenue Acts—(*Mr. Watt*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 21) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended, resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 28 Oct., pp. 130-31; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment, 3 Nov., p. 134; read the third time with amendments; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 16 Nov., p. 144; the Council's agreement notified, 23 Nov., p. 150. (*Assented to 22 November. Act No. 2208.*)

TRADING COMPANIES LAW CONSOLIDATION AND AMENDMENT: Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to trading companies—(*Mr. Mackey*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Sept., 1909, p. 85; order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 23 Dec., p. 214.

TRAMWAY CONNEXION (FLEMINGTON BRIDGE): Bill to provide for the construction of a branch tramway for about four hundred feet near Flemington Bridge in the City of Melbourne—(*Mr. J. Cameron*).—Initiated and read a first time, 7 July, 1909, p. 15; order for second reading read, whereupon Mr. Speaker said, "In my opinion, this is a Private Bill"; motion (by leave), That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, in accordance with Standing Order No. 131 relating to Private Bills, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill—debated and withdrawn, 13 Oct., p. 114; order for second reading read; motion (by leave), That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, in accordance with Standing Order No. 131 relating to Private Bills, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill—debate adjourned, 14 Oct., p. 116; order for resumption of debate discharged and Bill withdrawn, 23 Dec., p. 213.

UNCLAIMED MONEYS ACT 1906 AMENDMENT: Bill to amend the *Unclaimed Moneys Act 1906* and for other purposes—(*Mr. Beazley*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 Aug., 1909, p. 53; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—question, on division, negatived, 7 Oct., p. 109.

UPPER YARRA RIVER (BOAT TRAFFIC): Bill to regulate boat traffic on the Upper Yarra River—(*Mr. J. Cameron*).—Initiated and read a first time, 7 July, 1909, p. 15; read a second time and committed, 13 July, p. 19.

LICENCE FEES.—(On motion, by leave) House resolved itself into Committee of the whole to consider the advisability of giving power to the Governor in Council to make regulations under the Bill; matter considered; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution empowering the Governor in

Council to make regulations under the Bill for (a) the licensing of any boats which are let out for hire or which ply for hire and the charging of fees therefor; (b) the licensing of persons qualified to take charge of such boats as are let out for hire or which ply for hire and the charging of fees therefor, and whether such boats are propelled by oars, wind, steam, electricity, or other mechanical power, reported and agreed to, 13 July, p. 19.

Bill considered in Committee, 13 July, p. 19; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 28 July, p. 38; the Council's agreement to the Bill with an amendment notified, 15 Sept., p. 82; amendment considered and agreed to, 16 Sept., p. 86. (*Assented to 25 September. Act No. 2196.*)

VETERINARY SURGEONS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT: Bill to amend the *Veterinary Surgeons Act 1890*—(*Mr. Graham*).—Initiated and read a first time, 7 Dec., 1909, p. 178; order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 23 Dec., p. 213.

VOTING BY POST ACTS FURTHER CONTINUANCE: Bill to further continue the Voting by Post Acts—(*Mr. Murray*).—Initiated (on motion, by leave) and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 23 Dec., 1909, p. 215; the Council's agreement notified, 24 Dec., p. 222. (*Assented to 4 January, 1910. Act No. 2236.*)

WATER ACT 1905 FURTHER AMENDMENT: Bill to further amend the *Water Act 1905* and for other purposes—(*Mr. Graham*).—Initiated and read a first time, 13 July, 1909, p. 18; Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 22) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution reported and agreed to, 10 Nov., p. 139; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 10 Nov., p. 140; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed, 30 Nov., p. 159.

RATES AND IRRIGATION CHARGES.—(On motion, by leave) House resolved itself into Committee of the whole to consider the advisability of making further provision for the making and levying of rates and irrigation charges for the supply of water under the Water Acts; matter considered; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution making further provision for the making and levying of rates and irrigation charges reported and agreed to, 30 Nov., p. 160.

Bill considered in Committee and reported with an amendment, 30 Nov., p. 160; order for consideration of report discharged and Bill recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 24; further reconsidered in Committee and reported without further amendment; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendment agreed to and Bill read the third time with further amendments; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 2 Dec., pp. 169-70; report from the Acting Clerk of corrections made by him in the Bill, 7 Dec., p. 177; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified, 17 Dec., p. 200; amendments considered and agreed to, 22 Dec., p. 211. (*Assented to 4 January, 1910. Act No. 2226.*)

WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION: Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of money available under Loan Acts for water supply in country districts and for other purposes—(*Mr. Watt*).—Initiated and read a first time, 9 Dec., 1909, p. 185; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 10 Dec., p. 187; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Dec., p. 199. (*Assented to 4 January, 1910. Act No. 2219.*)

WEST MELBOURNE LITERARY INSTITUTE LAND: Bill to authorize the re-vesting in the Crown of certain land in the parish of North Melbourne permanently reserved for the purposes of the West Melbourne Literary Institute and the granting of the same to trustees as a site for the incorporated institution called "The Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital" and for other purposes—(*Mr. Murray*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 August, 1909, p. 60; order for second reading read, whereupon Mr. Speaker said, "In my opinion, this is a Private Bill"; motion (by leave), That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, in accordance with Standing Order No. 131 relating to Private Bills, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill—question resolved in the affirmative; Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 31 Aug., p. 64; the Council's agreement to the Bill with an amendment notified, 15 Sept., p. 82; amendment considered and agreed to, 16 Sept., p. 86. (*Assented to 25 September. Act No. 2197.*)

WIMMERA INLAND FREEZING COMPANY'S: Bill to provide for the registration under Part I. of the *Companies Act 1890* of a company to be called The Wimmera Inland Freezing Company and for other purposes—(*Mr. Watt*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 30) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended, resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 20 Dec., 1909, p. 203; order for second reading read, whereupon Mr. Speaker said, "In my opinion, this is a Private Bill"; motion (by leave), That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, in accordance with Standing Order No. 131 relating to Private Bills, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill—question resolved in the affirmative; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments, and with an amended title, viz.:—"A Bill to provide for the registration under Part I. of the 'Companies Act 1890' of a Company to be called The Wimmera Inland Freezing Company"; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 22 Dec., p. 209; the Council's agreement notified, 24 Dec., p. 221. (*Assented to 4 January, 1910. Act No. 2233.*)

WOMEN'S PROTECTION AND LEGITIMATION OF CHILDREN: Bill for the better protection of women and to legitimize children born out of

wedlock—(*Mr. Solly* for *Mr. McLachlan*).—Initiated and read a first time, 15 July, 1909, p. 27; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—question, on division, negatived, 16 Sept., p. 85.

WOODEND LAND EXCHANGE: Bill to provide for the issue of a Crown grant of certain land in the parish of Newham permanently reserved for water supply purposes in exchange for certain other land transferred to the Woodend Waterworks Trust—(*Mr. McKenzie*).—Initiated and read a first time, 13 July, 1909, p. 18; order for second reading read, whereupon Mr. Speaker said, "In my opinion, this is a Private Bill"; motion (by leave), That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, in accordance with Standing Order No. 131 relating to Private Bills, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill—question resolved in the affirmative; Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 15 July, p. 26; the Council's agreement notified, 4 Aug., p. 43. (*Assented to 12 August. Act No. 2191.*)

WOOLAMAI TO POWLETT COAL-FIELD RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION: Bill to authorize the construction by the State of a line of railway from Woolamai to Powlett Coal-field—(*Mr. A. A. Billson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 8 Dec., 1909, p. 181; read a second time and committed, 16 Dec., p. 196.

RAILWAY LAND PURCHASE AND DEFICIENCY RATES.—(On motion, by leave) House resolved itself into Committee of the whole to consider the railway land purchase rate and the railway deficiency rate to be made and levied by the Nyora to Woolamai Railway Construction Trust under the Bill; matter considered; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution giving the Nyora to Woolamai Railway Construction Trust power to make and levy a railway land purchase rate and a railway deficiency rate reported and agreed to, 16 Dec., p. 197.

Bill considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendment agreed to and Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 16 Dec., p. 197; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Dec., p. 200. (*Assented to 4 January, 1910. Act No. 2221.*)

WORKERS' ACCIDENTS COMPENSATION: Bill to provide for compensation to workers for injuries suffered in the course of their employment—(*Mr. McKissock* for *Mr. McGrath*).—Initiated and read a first time, 7 July, 1909, p. 15; order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 23 Dec., p. 214.

WRONGS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT: Bill to amend the *Wrongs Act 1890*—(*Mr. Mackey*).—Initiated and read a first time, 29 July, 1909, p. 40; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 23 Sept., p. 93.—Bill not returned from the Council.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

SECOND SESSION 1909.

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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

TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

SECOND SESSION (30TH JUNE, 1909, TO 24TH DECEMBER, 1909).

Member.	District.	No. of Electors on Rolls.	No. of Electors who Voted.				Informal.	Votes Polled for Sitting Member.*	Proportion of Electors who Voted.
			Rate-payers.	Non-Rate-payers.	Voters' Certificates.	Total.			
Anstey, Frank, Esquire ...	Brunswick ...	5,460	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Argyle, Reginald Ivon, Esquire ...	Dalhousie ...	3,600	2,156	572	180	2,908	20	1,364 75·77	
Bayles, Norman, Esquire ...	Toorak ...	4,910	1,989	284	137	2,410	8	1,221 46·29	
Beazley, William David, Esquire ...	Abbotsford ...	4,462	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Bent, The Honorable Sir Thomas, K.C.M.G. ¹	Brighton ...	4,165	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Billson, The Honorable Alfred Arthur ²	Ovens ...	2,949	1,448	279	56	1,783	12	1,057 58·56	
Bilson, John William, Esquire ...	Fitzroy ...	4,057	1,921	251	70	2,242	15	1,105 53·53	
Bowser, The Honorable John ³	Wangaratta ...	3,849	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Cameron, The Honorable Ewen Hugh	Evelyn ...	3,717	1,276	89	16	1,381	7	815 36·72	
Cameron, The Honorable James ⁴	Gippsland East	3,172	1,303	232	29	1,564	14	1,075 48·39	
Campbell, Hugh John Munro, Esquire	Glenelg ...	3,633	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Carlisle, John Joseph, Esquire ...	Benalla ...	3,555	1,390	199	42	1,631	7	973 44·69	
Cookson, George Arthur, Esquire ...	Upper Goulburn	3,763	1,863	301	76	2,240	8	1,120 57·50	
Cotter, Edmund John, Esquire ...	Richmond ...	5,230	2,270	465	70	2,805	7	1,812 52·29	
Craven, Albert William, Esquire ⁵	Benambra ...	2,793	1,463	123	28	1,614	7	930 56·78	
Cullen, John, Esquire ...	Gunbower ...	3,104	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Cussen, Martin, Esquire ...	Waranga ...	2,929	1,879	232	90	2,201	16	604 72·07	
Downard, The Honorable Alfred ...	Mornington ...	4,185	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Elmslie, George Alexander, Esquire ⁶	Albert Park ...	5,171	2,419	332	133	2,884	16	1,693 53·20	
Farrer, James Farish, Esquire ...	Barwon ...	3,997	1,811	223	51	2,085	12	805 50·89	
Forrest, Charles Lamond, Esquire ...	Polwarth ...	3,815	1,896	319	80	2,295	7	1,310 58·06	
Glass, Thomas, Esquire ...	Bendigo East	4,013	1,973	269	84	2,326	10	1,230 55·86	
Graham, The Honorable George ⁷	Goulburn Valley	3,273	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Gray, John, Esquire ⁸	Swan Hill ...	3,246	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Hannah, Martin, Esquire ...	Collingwood	4,436	2,222	249	116	2,587	21	984 55·70	
Harris, Albert, Esquire ...	Walhalla ...	2,897	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Holden, George Frederick, Esquire ...	Warrenheip...	2,891	1,544	218	49	1,811	6	947 60·94	
Hutchinson, William, Esquire ⁹	Borong ...	2,948	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed

NOTES.

* The particulars given in the above table relate to the General Election 1908; the date of each Member's election, when noted as "unopposed," being 22 December, 1908, the "day of nomination," and in other cases 29 December, 1908, the "day of polling." Where the Member's name is printed in *italic*, the particulars relate to the election held subsequent to 1908, and the date of such election will be found in the following notes:—

1 The Hon. Sir Thomas Bent, deceased, 17 September, 1909; succeeded by Mr. O. R. Snowball.

2 The Hon. A. A. Billson, Minister of Public Instruction, also Minister of Railways (without salary), and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works, from 8 January, 1909.

3 The Hon. J. Bowser, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A, from 16 February, 1909.

4 The Hon. J. Cameron, appointed a member of the Executive Council, also a member of the Government without office, 8 January, 1909.

5 Mr. A. W. Craven, Chairman of Committees, from 12 July, 1904.

6 Mr. G. A. Elmslie, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A, from 29 September, 1908.

7 The Hon. G. Graham, Minister of Water Supply, also Minister of Agriculture (without salary), from 8 January, 1909.

8 Mr. J. Gray, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A, from 16 February, 1909.

9 Mr. W. Hutchinson, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A, from 16 February, 1909.

Member.	District.	No. of Electors on Rolls.	No. of Electors who Voted.				Informal.	Votes Polled for Sitting Member.*	Proportion of Electors who Voted.
			Rate-payers.	Non-Rate-payers.	Voters' Certificates.	Total.			
Keast, William Stephen, Esquire ...	Dandenong ...	4,365	1,972	150	65	2,187	10	1,197	48·61
Langdon, The Honorable Thomas ...	Korong ...	2,710	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Lawson, Harry Sutherland Wightman, Esquire	Castlemaine and Maldon	3,417	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Lemmon, John, Esquire ...	Williamstown	6,148	2,516	479	241	3,236	9	2,332	48·71
Livingston, Thomas, Esquire ...	Gippsland South	3,898	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Mackey, The Honorable John Emanuel	Gippsland West	3,262	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Mackinnon, The Honorable Donald ...	Prahran ...	4,969	2,222	405	109	2,736	6	1,170	52·86
Madden, The Honorable Frank ¹⁰ ...	Boroondara ...	6,333	2,447	211	109	2,767	11	1,325	41·97
McBride, The Honorable Peter ¹¹ ...	Kara Kara ...	3,288	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
McCutcheon, Robert George, Esquire	St. Kilda ...	5,010	1,656	195	75	1,926	17	1,139	36·94
McGrath, David Charles, Esquire ...	Grenville ...	3,582	1,869	396	176	2,441	28	1,610	63·23
McGregor, The Honorable Robert ...	Ballaarat East	4,153	2,207	266	140	2,613	12	1,291	59·53
McKenzie, The Honorable Hugh ¹² ...	Rodney ...	3,542	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
McKissock, Andrew Nelson, Esquire	Ballaarat West	3,986	2,059	261	133	2,453	5	1,198	58·20
McLachlan, James Weir, Esquire ...	Gippsland North	3,157	1,820	160	51	2,031	19	870	62·75
McLeod, The Honorable Donald ...	Daylesford ...	3,235	1,833	242	65	2,140	12	1,001	64·13
Membrey, John George, Esquire ...	Jika Jika ...	6,039	2,673	209	149	3,031	10	1,569	47·72
Murray, The Honorable John ¹³ ...	Warrnambool	3,217	1,594	246	35	1,875	10	1,238	57·19
Oman, David Swan, Esquire ...	Hampden ...	4,025	1,684	342	28	2,054	9	1,229	50·33
Outtrim, The Honorable Alfred Richard ¹⁴	Maryborough	3,940	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Peacock, The Honorable Sir Alexander James, K.C.M.G.	Allandale ...	3,145	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Plain, William, Esquire ...	Geelong ...	4,486	2,274	273	119	2,666	7	1,406	56·77
Prendergast, George Michael, Esquire	North Melbourne	5,362	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Robertson, The Honorable Andrew Robert	Bulla ...	3,936	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Rogers, Alexander, Esquire ...	Melbourne ...	5,636	1,852	354	14	2,220	14	781	39·14
Sangster, George, Esquire ...	Port Melbourne	5,405	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Smith, David, Esquire ...	Bendigo West	4,321	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Snowball, Oswald Robinson, Esquire ¹⁵	Brighton ...	7,773	2,535	3,071	...	5,606	35	3,362	72·12
Solly, Robert Henry, Esquire ...	Carlton ...	4,222	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Stanley, Robert, Esquire ...	Lowan ...	3,021	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Swinburne, The Honorable George ...	Hawthorn ...	5,999	2,566	290	72	2,928	12	1,425	47·60
Thomson, The Honorable John ¹⁶ ...	Dundas ...	3,234	1,877	292	158	2,327	12	1,122	67·06
Toutcher, Richard Frederick, Esquire	Stawell and Ararat	3,330	1,696	428	147	2,271	8	943	63·78
Tunnecliffe, Thomas, Esquire ...	Eaglehawk ...	3,729	2,182	305	197	2,684	6	1,333	66·69
Wall, Jeremiah, Esquire ...	Port Fairy ...	3,644	2,032	469	81	2,582	21	1,318	68·63
Warde, Edward Coughlan, Esquire ...	Flemington ...	5,444	2,430	329	134	2,893	17	1,439	50·67
Watt, The Honorable William Alexander ¹⁷	Essendon ...	6,200	2,956	281	185	3,422	12	1,469	52·21
Weedon, Sir Henry ...	East Melbourne	4,266	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed *

For note (*) see page lix.

¹⁰ The Hon. F. Madden, Speaker, from 29 June, 1904.

¹¹ The Hon. P. McBride, Minister of Mines, also Minister of Forests (without salary), and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works, from 8 January, 1909.

¹² The Hon. H. McKenzie, President of the Board of Land and Works and Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, from 8 January, 1909.

¹³ The Hon. J. Murray, Chief Secretary (Premier), also Minister of Labour (without salary), from 8 January, 1909.

¹⁴ The Hon. A. R. Outtrim, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A, from 16 February, 1909.

¹⁵ Mr. O. R. Snowball, elected 8 October, 1909, *vice* the Hon. Sir Thomas Bent, K.C.M.G., deceased.

¹⁶ The Hon. J. Thomson, appointed a member of the Executive Council, also a member of the Government without office 8 January, 1909.

¹⁷ The Hon. W. A. Watt, Treasurer, from 8 January, 1909.

OFFICERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 1.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH JUNE, 1909.

- 1. The Legislative Assembly met pursuant to Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the ninth day of June, 1909, which Proclamation was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

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

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency Sir Thomas David Gibson Carmichael, Baronet, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS the Parliament of Victoria stands prorogued until Tuesday, the fifteenth day of June, 1909: Now I, the Governor of the State of Victoria in the Commonwealth of Australia, do by this my Proclamation further prorogue the said Parliament of Victoria until Wednesday, the thirtieth day of June, 1909, and I do hereby fix Wednesday, the thirtieth day of June, 1909, aforesaid, as the time for the commencement and holding of the next Session of the said Parliament of Victoria, for the despatch of business, at the hour of Two o'clock in the afternoon, in the State Parliament Houses, situate in the Carlton Gardens, in the City of Melbourne: And the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Council and the Members of the Legislative Assembly are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

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

(L.S.)

THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. MURRAY.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

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

MR. SPEAKER,

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

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

- 3. EAST GIPPSLAND TO NEW SOUTH WALES BORDER RAILWAY.—Mr. E. H. Cameron, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of developing the East Gippsland country by means of a railway to eventually connect with the New South Wales railway system, and in the meantime open up the Crown lands between Bairnsdale and the New South Wales border to promote settlement and tap the timber and mineral resources of the district, and also the provision of a deficiency rate; together with Appendix, Minutes of Evidence, and Plan.

Ordered to lie on the Table and the Report to be printed.

4. ROYAL COMMISSION ON ACQUISITION OF LANDS—LEAVE GIVEN TO MEMBERS TO ATTEND AS WITNESSES.—Mr. Toucher having informed the House that he had been requested to attend and give evidence before the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into and report on the circumstances connected with the acquisition of certain lands at Maribyrnong and other places—

Mr. Murray moved, That leave be given to the Honorable Member for Stawell and Ararat, Richard Frederick Toucher, Esquire, to attend, if he think fit, as a witness before the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into and report on the circumstances connected with the acquisition of certain lands at Maribyrnong and other places.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Murray moved, That leave be given to the Honorable Member for Essendon, the Honorable William Alexander Watt, to attend, if he think fit, as a witness before the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into and report on the circumstances connected with the acquisition of certain lands at Maribyrnong and other places.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Murray moved, That leave be given to the Honorable Member for Brighton, the Honorable Sir Thomas Bent, K.C.M.G., to attend, if he think fit, as a witness before the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into and report on the circumstances connected with the acquisition of certain lands at Maribyrnong and other places.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE SPECIAL REPORT.—Mr. Speaker presented a Special Report from the Committee of Public Accounts, together with an Appendix and Minutes of Evidence, forwarded to him by Mr. Beazley, Chairman of the Committee, on the 5th May last.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

6. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.—The following Warrant, appointing “The Committee of Elections and Qualifications,” was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker :—

VICTORIA.

Legislative Assembly.

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

Reginald Ivon Argyle, Esquire,
William David Beazley, Esquire,
John Cullen, Esquire,
George Alexander Elmslie, Esquire,
The Honorable Donald Mackinnon,
Robert George McCutcheon, Esquire, and
The Honorable Alfred Richard Outtrim

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

Given under my hand this thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and nine.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

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

VICTORIA.

Legislative Assembly.

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

The Honorable John Bowser,
George Alexander Elmslie, Esquire,
John Gray, Esquire,
William Hutchinson, Esquire, and
The Honorable Alfred Richard Outtrim

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

Given under my hand this thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and nine.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

8. PAPERS.—Mr. A. A. Billson presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Education.—Report of the Minister of Public Instruction for the year 1907-8.

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

Public Service Commissioner.—Report for the year 1908.

Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the year 1908.—Part I.—Blue Book.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Bank Liabilities and Assets.—Summary of Sworn Returns—

For the quarter ended 31st December, 1908.

For the quarter ended 31st March, 1909.

Bradford Inquiry Board.—Additional Expenditure approved.

Fire Brigades Act 1890.—Country Fire Brigades Board.—Report for the year ended 31st December, 1908; together with Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, and Assets and Liabilities, for that period.

Marine Act 1890.—Marine Board of Victoria.—Statements of Receipts and Disbursements on Pilotage Account for the year ended the 31st December, 1908.

Mines Act 1890.—Victorian Mining Accident Relief Fund.—Balance-sheet, 31st December, 1908.

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways.—Eighteenth General Report.

Public Service Acts—

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

Regulations.—Travelling Allowances.—Department of Treasurer.

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

Regulations.—Clause 8, Chapter II., further amended.

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

Regulations.—Travelling Allowances.—Department of Public Instruction (2 papers).

Regulations.—Classification of General Division.—Department of Public Health (2 papers).

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

Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria.—Report of the Trustees for 1908, with a Statement of Income and Expenditure for the financial year 1907-8.

Victorian Railways.—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the quarter ending 31st March, 1909.

9. ASSEMBLY ELECTORAL ROLLS BILL.—Mr. Murray obtained leave, with Mr. Graham, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the Supplementary Lists and Rolls for the Legislative Assembly for the year One thousand nine hundred and nine*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

10. PETITION.—Mr. A. A. Billson presented a Petition from certain mine-owners, miners, and others, residents of Harrierville and Upper Dargo, praying that the House will repeal or amend the *Gold Buyers Act 1907*, or will exempt the districts named from the operation of the Act.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

11. HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had this day attended His Excellency the Governor in the Legislative Council Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of Parliament, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy, as follows :—

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

I have called you together in order to obtain your advice and assistance on matters of importance.

The finances of the State are in a satisfactory condition. The shrinkage in duties of Customs and Excise has compelled My Advisers to resort to economy in expenditure, but it is gratifying to record that the increase in other sources of revenue will enable the accounts of the year to close with a surplus.

I felicitate you on the success with which the Loan of £1,500,000 authorized by Parliament for Railways and Public Works was recently placed on the London Market. The substantial response which the issue evoked indicates the confidence of the British investor in the financial stability of this State.

The copious rains which have recently fallen in Victoria are exercising a widespread and beneficial influence on our great agricultural and pastoral interests. Trade and commerce are active, and I look forward with hope and confidence to a year of progress and prosperity.

During the recess a Conference of Federal and State Ministers was held at Hobart, at which Victoria was represented. The important question of the financial relationship of the Commonwealth and the States was exhaustively discussed, and a scheme for submission to the Federal Government was unanimously adopted.

A subject of grave Imperial and Australian concern has seriously engaged the attention of My Advisers. I refer to the question of strengthening the Navy of the Empire. After due deliberation the Governments of New South Wales and Victoria informed the Imperial Government

that, failing action on the part of the Commonwealth, they were prepared to take the necessary steps to obtain the authority of their respective Parliaments to share the cost of a "Dreadnought" Battleship on a *per capita* basis. In signifying their acceptance of this offer, His Majesty's Ministers expressed appreciation of the sentiment of loyalty which animated the Governments of the contributing States. Since the assumption of office by the present Commonwealth Administration a similar offer has been made on behalf of the people of Australia with the same gratifying result. It is confidently expected that the citizens of Victoria will cheerfully bear their proportion of the cost.

My Advisers recognise the urgency of effecting a fundamental alteration in the incidence of Land Taxation, and a Bill will be submitted for your concurrence, by which means it is believed the settlement and cultivation of the arable lands of the State will be effectually encouraged, and provision also made for the approaching shortage in revenue caused by the expiration of the financial sections of the Commonwealth Constitution. Embodied in this Bill will be found provisions for the assessment and taxation of unimproved land values.

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

The Estimates of Expenditure for the coming financial year will in due course be laid before you. In their preparation ample provision has been made for the maintenance of the public requirements consistent with a wise economy.

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

The necessity for drastic amendment of the Electoral laws has not escaped My Advisers' attention, and proposals to remedy the acknowledged defects will be laid before you.

Your earnest consideration will be asked for a Bill providing for a more satisfactory mode of compulsory acquisition of land, for inaugurating a system of Advances to Crown Tenants, and for the better organization of the machinery for land settlement, and thus establish this important Department of State activity on a liberal and enduring basis.

My Advisers have given searching attention to the pressing problem of Irrigation, and intend to place before you a measure to promote intense culture in irrigable areas, and a sounder policy of supplying water to irrigators. They feel assured by the experience of other countries that by such means alone can the arid lands of Victoria steadily increase in population and productivity.

Your approval will be sought for a Bill to extend the system of State instruction, founded upon the recommendations of the Director of Education, as a result of his observations in Europe and America. The wisdom of preserving continuity of policy, introducing medical inspection of scholars, and making larger provision for technical and higher teaching, is becoming increasingly evident, and it is anticipated that these proposals will bring Victoria abreast of the most advanced Nations in these important respects.

My Advisers recognise the necessity of providing additional accommodation for the Port of Melbourne, to meet the growing demands of our sea-borne commerce, and also for the construction of a modern dock, which will supply the requirements of the Admiralty and the mercantile shipping services. Action is being taken in this direction.

A comprehensive Coal Mines Regulation Bill, which will also provide for the establishment and working of a State Coal Mine in the Powlett River district, where large and valuable deposits have been discovered and tested, will be submitted for your consideration.

It is intended to place before you proposals for the construction of railway lines that will serve areas at present without transport facilities. With the view to supply the wants of sparsely populated districts, consideration is being given to a cheaper and lighter system of railways which will be adequate for their present requirements and to the introduction of a motor rail service, which has been proved in Great Britain, the Continent of Europe, and in America, to be economical and serviceable.

My Advisers have recently availed themselves of the expert services of Dr. Maxwell to report upon the prospects of the Beet Sugar Industry in Victoria, and are hopeful that before long this important branch of agriculture will be placed upon a satisfactory foundation.

A Bill to amend the Gold Buyers Act will be laid before you, larger powers having been found necessary to render the law more effective and to afford facilities to *bonâ fide* prospectors and others.

My Advisers will place before you an Amending Mines Bill, which will contain provisions for greater safety in mine working, for the prevention of the pollution of streams by mining operations, and for the abolition of Mining Boards.

Proposals for the more humane and scientific treatment of the great problem of the prevention and eradication of Tuberculosis will be laid before you. It is believed that the scheme that will be formulated will result in the alleviation of suffering and the protection of the community from the ravages of this disease.

My Advisers are hopeful that their proposals for the effective organization of the Labour Bureau and the establishment of Labour Colonies will minimize the recurring evils of unemployment in the community.

An amendment of the Factories and Shops Act, and a number of resolutions appointing new Special Boards, including one for Mining Engine Drivers, will be submitted for your consideration.

You will be asked to deal with several other measures of importance. Amongst these will be the Geelong Sewerage Bill, an Amending Forests Bill, the Motor Cars Bill, the Yarra River Traffic Bill, the Pea Rifle Bill, and the Dental Bill.

I now leave you to your deliberations, the result of which will, I trust, under the blessing of Divine Providence, conduce to the prosperity and happiness of the people.

THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL.

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

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

Debate ensued.

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Murray moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at four o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 2.

TUESDAY, 6TH JULY, 1909.

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

THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 1.

The Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has caused the undermentioned Act, which was reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon, and which received His Majesty's Assent on the 15th February last, to be proclaimed in the *Victoria Government Gazette*, a copy of which Proclamation is enclosed herewith :—

"An Act to provide for Adult Suffrage."

State Government House,
 Melbourne, 5th April, 1909.

THE ROYAL ASSENT TO A RESERVED BILL ENTITLED "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR ADULT SUFFRAGE."

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency Sir Thomas David Gibson Carmichael, Baronet, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

I, the Governor of the State of Victoria in the Commonwealth of Australia, in pursuance of provisions contained in *An Act for the Government of New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land* (5 and 6 Vict.), also in *An Act for the better Government of Her Majesty's Australian Colonies* (13 and 14 Vict.), and in *The Constitution Statute* (19 Vict.), do by this my Proclamation signify that the Bill, the title whereof is herein set forth, that is to say :—

"An Act to provide for Adult Suffrage,"

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

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

(L.S.)

THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. MURRAY.

GOD SAVE THE KING !

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 15th day of February, 1909.

PRESENT :

The King's Most Excellent Majesty.

Archbishop of York
Lord President
Lord Chamberlain
Lord Sandhurst

Lord Northcote
Mr. Secretary Gladstone
Mr. Harcourt
Sir J. C. Bigham.

WHEREAS the Governor of the State of Victoria (being one of the States constituting the Commonwealth of Australia) has reserved a certain Bill passed by the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of the said State, entitled "An Act to provide for Adult Suffrage" for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon :

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

Now, therefore, His Majesty doth by this present Order, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, declare His assent to the said Bill.

A. W. FITZROY.

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

Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the year 1908—

Part II.—Finance.

Part III.—Population.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Education Act 1890 and Teachers Acts 1905 and 1909.—Regulations V., VII., X., XI., XII., XXI., and XXVIII.—Orders in Council, &c.

Indeterminate Sentences Act 1907.—Regulations.—Order in Council.

Land Act 1901.—Amendment of Regulations.—Part II.—Crown Lands other than Mallee Lands.—Chapter IX., Miscellaneous Licences, Section 145.—Order in Council.

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

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

Debate resumed.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

5. SUPPLY.—Mr. Watt moved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

1909.

VICTORIA.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE, 1909-10.

THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 2.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly an Estimate of Expenditure for the months of July and August in the year 1909-10, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 6th July, 1909.

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

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

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

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £1,117,970 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1909–10, viz. :—

Division No.		£
1.	Legislative Council—Salaries	200
2.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	25
3.	Legislative Assembly—Salaries	1,095
4.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	600
5.	Railways Standing Committee—Salaries	74
6.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	60
7.	Victorian Parliamentary Debates—Salaries	430
8.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	300
9.	The Library—Salaries	110
10.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	45
11.	The Library, State Parliament House—Salaries	115
12.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	110
13.	Refreshment Rooms—Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	300
14.	Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries	1,115
15.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, Miscellaneous Items	600
16.	" " " " General Items	350
17.	" " " " Grants, Gratuities, &c.	6,500
18.	" " " " Grants	1,150
19.	Board for Protection of Aborigines—Salaries	60
20.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	600
21.	Explosives—Salaries	350
22.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	150
23.	Inspector of Factories and Shops—Salaries	1,040
24.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	500
25.	Government Shorthand Writer—Salaries	250
26.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	70
27.	The Governor's Office—Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	100
28.	Inebriates' Institution—Salaries	130
29.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	350
30.	Marine Board—Salaries	435
31.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	200
32.	Mercantile Marine—Salaries	135
33.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	15
34.	Observatory—Salaries	395
35.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, Astrophotographic Catalogues	88
36.	" " " " General Items	300
37.	Premier's Office—Salaries	270
38.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	70
39.	Agent-General—Agent-General, Staff, &c.	900
40.	" " " " Agent-General, Works and Buildings	1,500
41.	Audit Office—Salaries	1,704
42.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	530
43.	Government Statist—Salaries	1,555
44.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	870
45.	Hospitals for Insane—Salaries	13,200
46.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	12,000
47.	Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools—Salaries	1,076
48.	" " " " " Ordinary Expenditure, Maintenance	11,600
49.	" " " " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	735
50.	Penal and Gaols—Salaries	6,032
51.	" " " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	3,968
52.	Police—Salaries	43,250
53.	" " " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	7,500
54.	Public Library, Museum, and National Gallery—Salaries	1,975
55.	" " " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	1,700
56.	" " " " " Ordinary Expenditure, Works and Buildings	5,000

Division No.		£
57.	Public Service Commissioner—Salaries	180
58.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	160
59.	Education, Director, &c.	106,648
60.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	11,606
61.	" " Pensions, &c.	214
62.	" " Works and Buildings	3,600
64.	Supreme Court—Salaries	525
65.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	313
66.	Law Officers—Salaries	1,435
67.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	800
68.	" " Pensions, &c.	35
69.	Crown Solicitor—Salaries	679
70.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	150
71.	Prothonotary—Salaries	256
72.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	10
73.	Master-in-Equity, &c.—Salaries	742
74.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	75
75.	Registrar-General—Salaries	4,709
76.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	750
77.	" " Pensions, Gratuities, &c.	9
78.	Sheriff—Salaries	659
79.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	1,400
80.	Comptroller of Stamps, &c.—Salaries	448
81.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	200
82.	County Courts, &c.—Salaries	1,268
83.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	2,000
84.	Police Magistrates, &c.—Salaries	2,017
85.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	550
86.	Clerks of Courts—Salaries	3,600
87.	Coroners—Salaries	19
88.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	650
89.	" " Pensions, &c.	34
90.	Treasury—Salaries	4,122
91.	" " Ordinary Expenditure	1,000
92.	Transport	700
93.	Unforeseen Expenditure... ..	1,000
95.	Payment to Railway Department for issue of Free Passes to State Governor and Staff, Members of Parliament, &c., Executive Councillors, and Members of Parliaments of other States	834
98.	Treasury—Grants, Charitable Institutions, &c.	10,000
99.	" " Pensions, Compensation, and Gratuities, &c.	180
101.	Advance to Treasurer	200,000
102.	Income Tax—Salaries	1,632
103.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	400
104.	Land Tax—Salaries	47
105.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	190
106.	Curator—Salaries	332
107.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	28
109.	Government Printer—Salaries	7,806
110.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	6,300
111.	Advertising	500
112.	Survey, &c., Crown Lands—Salaries... ..	8,876
113.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	4,460
114.	Public Parks—Salaries	55
115.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	100
116.	" " Grants	1,250
117.	Botanical, &c., Gardens—Salaries	1,000
118.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items... ..	450
119.	Extirpation of Rabbits, &c.—Salaries	87
120.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	4,270
121.	Closer Settlement—Salaries	400
122.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	100
123.	Small Holdings—Salaries... ..	222
124.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	67
125.	Village Settlements, &c.	114
126.	Works and Buildings	730
127.	Road Works	50
129.	" " Exceptional Expenditure	122
130.	Public Works—Salaries	4,100
131.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items... ..	2,990
132.	" " Pensions, Gratuities, &c.	21
133.	Ports and Harbors—Salaries	2,756
134.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	1,500
135.	" " Exceptional Expenditure	100
136.	Public Works—Works and Buildings	67,190
137.	" " Road Works and Bridges	5,000
138.	" " Endowments and Grants	500
139.	" " Exceptional Expenditure	270

Division No.	£
140. Mines—Salaries	3,132
141. „ Furtherance of Mining Industry	4,300
142. „ Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	1,400
143. „ Endowments and Grants	1,350
144. „ Exceptional Expenditure	250
145. Forests—Salaries	1,278
146. „ Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	3,000
147. Water Supply—Salaries	651
148. „ „ Surveys, &c.	150
149. „ „ Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	150
150. „ „ Endowments and Grants	200
151. „ „ Exceptional Expenditure	150
152. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission	15,000
153. Agriculture and Industries—Salaries, &c.	1,564
154. „ „ Ordinary Expenditure, Maffra Beet Sugar Factory	200
155. „ „ Publishing Reports	500
156. „ „ Development of Export Trade	5,000
157. „ „ Travelling Exhibit	50
158. „ „ Doncaster Cool Stores	120
159. „ „ General Items	600
160. „ „ Works and Buildings	2,500
161. Grants	2,000
163. Stock and Dairy Supervision	2,349
164. „ „ Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	1,200
165. Vegetation Diseases	560
166. „ „ Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	1,000
167. Technical Agricultural Education—Salaries	1,000
168. „ „ Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	3,000
169. Viticultural Industry	132
170. „ „ Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	650
171. Public Health—Salaries	1,327
172. „ „ Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	2,043
175. Victorian Railways	436,200
176. Miscellaneous	2,735
177. Chief Engineer for Railway Construction—Working Expenses	855
	1,117,970

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

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

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

Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1909-10 the sum of £1,117,970 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.

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

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

12. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 1).—Mr. Watt then brought up a Bill intitled “*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million one hundred and seventeen thousand nine hundred and seventy pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and nine and One thousand nine hundred and ten*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

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

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

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

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

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

13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow :—
Assembly Electoral Rolls Bill—Second reading.

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 3.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH JULY, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PORT CAMPBELL RAILWAY.—Mr. E. H. Cameron, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of connecting Port Campbell by means of a railway with the existing railway system, and the provision of a deficiency rate; together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Murray presented—
Capital Invested and Receipts from Suburban Railways System.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 18th February, 1909, for a return showing—
 1. The amount of capital invested in the suburban railways up to the 30th June, 1907.
 2. The receipts from all sources upon the suburban system for the year 1907.
 3. The amount of interest paid in 1907 upon the capital invested and the working expenses, each amount to be shown separately, in the suburban system.
 4. The amount of estimated profit upon the suburban system for the year 1907 after all charges have been fairly met.
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—
Fire Brigades Act 1890.—Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board.—Report for the year ending 31st December, 1908; together with Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, and Assets and Liabilities, for that period.
4. DISMANTLING LANCEFIELD TO KILMORE RAILWAY.—Mr. E. H. Cameron moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a copy of the Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of Dismantling the Lancefield to Kilmore Railway.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. PAPER.—Mr. Murray presented—
Dismantling Lancefield to Kilmore Railway.—Return to the foregoing Order.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
6. DAYS OF BUSINESS.—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week during the present Session be the days on which this House shall meet for the despatch of business, and that Four o'clock be the hour of meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday, and half-past Ten o'clock on Thursday; and that no fresh business, except the postponement of business on the Notice-paper, be called on after half-past Ten o'clock on Tuesday and Wednesday, and after Four o'clock on Thursday.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
7. ORDER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That on Tuesday and Wednesday in each week during the present Session Government Business shall take precedence of all other business.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

On one Thursday—

(Until One o'clock.)

Private Bill Business :

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

General Business :

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

(After One o'clock.)

Government Business.

On the alternate Thursday—

(Until One o'clock.)

General Business :

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

Private Bill Business :

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

(After One o'clock.)

Government Business.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members form the Library Committee of the Legislative Assembly during the present Session, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Lawson, and Mr. McBride ; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

11. PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members form the Parliament Buildings Committee of the Legislative Assembly during the present Session, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. E. H. Cameron, Mr. Elmslie, Mr. Lemmon, and Mr. McGregor ; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

13. REFRESHMENT ROOMS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members form the Refreshment Rooms Committee of the Legislative Assembly during the present Session, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council :—Mr. Carlisle, Mr. Cullen, Mr. Forrest, Mr. Warde, and Sir Henry Weedon ; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

14. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members form the Committee of Public Accounts during the present Session :—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Campbell, Mr. McCutcheon, Mr. Membrey, Mr. Swinburne, and Mr. Toutcher ; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; three to be the quorum.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

15. ELECTORAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Murray obtained leave, with Mr. Watt, to bring in a Bill intitled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections and for other purposes*" ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

16. GOLD BUYERS ACT 1907 AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. McBride obtained leave, with Mr. Thomson, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Gold Buyers Act 1907'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
17. FORESTS ACT 1907 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. McBride obtained leave, with Mr. Graham, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to further amend the 'Forests Act 1907'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
18. COAL MINES REGULATION BILL.—Mr. McBride obtained leave, with Mr. Thomson, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Regulation of Coal Mines*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
19. MINES ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. McBride obtained leave, with Mr. Graham, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to further amend the Mines Acts*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
20. UPPER YARRA RIVER (BOAT TRAFFIC) BILL.—Mr. J. Cameron obtained leave, with Mr. Graham, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to regulate Boat Traffic on the Upper Yarra River*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
21. TRAMWAY CONNEXION (FLEMINGTON BRIDGE) BILL.—Mr. J. Cameron obtained leave, with Mr. Graham, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the construction of a Branch Tramway for about four hundred feet near Flemington Bridge in the City of Melbourne*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
22. AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Gray obtained leave, with Mr. Cullen, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Agricultural Colleges Act 1890'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 15th July instant.
23. SCAFFOLDING INSPECTION BILL.—Mr. Elmslie obtained leave, with Mr. Hannah, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Inspection of Scaffolding and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 15th July instant.
24. LANDLORD AND TENANT LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Mackey, pursuant to notice moved on his behalf by Mr. McLeod, obtained leave, with Mr. McLeod, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law of Landlord and Tenant*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 29th July instant.
25. REFERENDUM AND POPULAR INITIATIVE BILL.—Mr. Outtrim obtained leave, with Mr. Anstey, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Adoption in Legislation of Popular Initiative and Referendum*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 29th July instant.
26. CREDIT FONCIER SYSTEM EXTENSION BILL.—Mr. Hannah obtained leave, with Mr. Plain, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to extend the Credit Foncier System*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 12th August next.
27. COURTS OF MINES AND COUNTY COURTS BILL.—Mr. Outtrim obtained leave, with Mr. McKissock, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to empower the Courts of Mines and County Courts in the Country to deal with Special Cases stated by a Warden and Orders to Review under the Justices Acts*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 29th July instant.
28. FACTORIES AND SHOPS LAW AMENDMENT (TRAMWAY EMPLOYÉS) BILL.—Mr. Hannah obtained leave, with Mr. McKissock, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Factories and Shops to enable Tramway Employés to come under its provisions*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 26th August next.
29. SHEEP DIPPING BILL.—Mr. Robertson obtained leave, with Mr. McLeod, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Compulsory Dipping of Sheep*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 26th August next.
30. PUBLIC TRUSTEE BILL.—Mr. Beazley obtained leave, with Mr. Cotter, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill for the appointment of a Public Trustee and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 29th July instant.
31. DAYLIGHT SAVING BILL.—Mr. Outtrim obtained leave, with Mr. Swinburne, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to promote the earlier Use of Daylight in certain Months yearly and for other purposes relating thereto*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 26th August next.
32. WORKERS' ACCIDENTS COMPENSATION BILL.—Mr. McGrath, pursuant to notice moved on his behalf by Mr. McKissock, obtained leave, with Mr. Lemmon and Mr. McKissock, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for Compensation to Workers for Injuries suffered in the course of their Employment*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 9th September next.
33. ASSEMBLY ELECTORAL ROLLS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Murray moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

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

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

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million one hundred and seventern thousand nine hundred and seventy pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and nine and One thousand nine hundred and ten*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 7th July, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

35. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow :—

Supply—To be further considered in Committee.

Ways and Means—To be further considered in Committee.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 4.

TUESDAY, 13TH JULY, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—Mr. Speaker reported that he had, that day, waited upon His Excellency the Governor, and had presented to him the Address of the Legislative Assembly, agreed to on the 6th July instant, in reply to His Excellency's Speech on the opening of Parliament, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply :—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

I thank you in the name and on behalf of the King for the Address you have just presented to me expressing your loyalty and attachment to the throne and person of our Most Gracious Sovereign.

I confidently rely on your wisdom in considering the measures to be submitted to you, and I fervently trust that the outcome of your deliberations may result in the advancement and permanent prosperity of the State of Victoria.

THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL.

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

THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 3.

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

“ An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One Million one hundred and seventeen thousand nine hundred and seventy pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and nine and One thousand nine hundred and ten.”

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 8th July, 1909.

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

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SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1908-9.

THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 4.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1908-9, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 12th July, 1909.

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

5. PUBLIC SERVANTS RECEIVING £300 AND OVER PER ANNUM.—Mr. Prendergast moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Anstey, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of Public Servants receiving—

1. £300 and under £500 per annum.
2. £500 and under £750 per annum.
3. £750 and under £1,000 per annum.
4. £1,000 and over per annum.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. PAPERS.—Mr. Murray presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Small Improved Holdings Act 1906.—Report of the Sub-Committee of the Cabinet on the Administration of the *Small Improved Holdings Act 1906* (No. 2053).

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

Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Return showing particulars of Materials purchased and Prices paid for Goods obtained outside the Commonwealth by the Law Department during the financial year 1908–9.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Stamps Act 1890.—Rules and Regulations.—Order in Council.

Water Act 1905.—Declarations of the Minister of Water Supply under section 155 of the Act, with reference to the constitution of the following Waterworks Districts, together with Plans showing the areas :—

- Nyah Waterworks District.
- White Cliffs Waterworks District.

7. NORTHCOTE RAILWAY STATION BILL.—Mr. A. A. Billson obtained leave, with Mr. Graham, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to provide for improving the Access to the Northcote Railway Station*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
8. CLOSER SETTLEMENT AND SMALL IMPROVED HOLDINGS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. McKenzie obtained leave, with Mr. Graham, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Closer Settlement and Small Improved Holdings and for other purposes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
9. WOODEND LAND EXCHANGE BILL.—Mr. McKenzie obtained leave, with Mr. A. A. Billson, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to provide for the issue of a Crown Grant of certain Land in the Parish of Newham permanently reserved for Water Supply purposes in exchange for certain other Land transferred to the Woodend Waterworks Trust*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
10. ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SHOW GROUNDS BILL.—Mr. McKenzie obtained leave, with Mr. A. A. Billson, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to provide for improving the Access to the Royal Agricultural Society's Show Grounds at Flemington*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
11. HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND CARTERS' LICENCE FEES APPORTIONMENT BILL.—Mr. Murray obtained leave, with Mr. Watt, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to alter the Annual Apportionment amongst Suburban Municipalities of amounts received by the City of Melbourne from residents in those Municipalities for Hackney Carriage Licences and Carters' Licences*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
12. GEELONG MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS ACT 1907 AMENDMENT (SEWERING AND CLEANSING) BILL.—Mr. J. Cameron, pursuant to notice moved on his behalf by Mr. Watt, obtained leave, with Mr. Watt, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the 'Geelong Municipal Waterworks Act 1907' and to provide for Sewering and Cleansing of the Town of Geelong and District*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
13. WATER ACT 1905 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Graham obtained leave, with Mr. Watt, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to further amend the 'Water Act 1905' and for other purposes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
14. ELECTORAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Murray moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Prendergast moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
15. GOLD BUYERS ACT 1907 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. McBride moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Prendergast moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
And, after debate—
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

16. UPPER YARRA RIVER (BOAT TRAFFIC) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. J. Cameron moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Ordered—That the Bill be considered in Committee this day.
17. UPPER YARRA RIVER (BOAT TRAFFIC) BILL.—LICENCE FEES.—Mr. J. Cameron moved, by leave, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the advisability of giving power to the Governor in Council to make regulations under the Upper Yarra River (Boat Traffic) Bill, providing for the licensing of boats let out for hire and for the licensing of persons qualified to take charge of such boats and the charging of fees for such licences.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
Mr. Craven reported from a Committee of the whole House the following resolution :—
Resolved—That it is expedient that the Governor in Council may make regulations under the Upper Yarra River (Boat Traffic) Bill for—
(a) the licensing of any boats which are let out for hire or which ply for hire and the charging of fees therefor ;
(b) the licensing of persons qualified to take charge of such boats as are let out for hire or which ply for hire and the charging of fees therefor and whether such boats are propelled by oars, wind, steam, electricity, or other mechanical power.
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
18. UPPER YARRA RIVER (BOAT TRAFFIC) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
19. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 4 to 9 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
20. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Murray moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 5.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH JULY, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. NAMES OF RAILWAY STATIONS ALTERED.—Mr. Outtrim moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing the railway stations in Victoria the names of which have been altered since the 1st January, 1903, specifying—
 1. The old name of the station.
 2. The altered designation.
 3. The date of the alteration.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. J. Cameron presented, pursuant to a resolution of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 17th October, 1905—

Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Return showing particulars of Materials purchased and Prices paid for Goods obtained outside the Commonwealth by the Public Health Department during the financial year 1908-9.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Public Service Act 1890—
 Regulations.—Classification of General Division.—Department of Public Works.
 Regulations.—Classification of General Division.—Department of Treasurer.
4. EDUCATION LAW FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. A. A. Billson obtained leave, with Mr. Watt, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to further amend the Law relating to Education and to Officers and Teachers of the Education Department*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
5. BURRUMBEET AND BREWSTER LAND RESERVE CANCELLATION BILL.—Mr. McKenzie obtained leave, with Mr. Graham, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to cancel the Crown Grant of certain Land in the Parishes of Burrumbeet and Brewster permanently reserved as a Site for Public Park and Recreation*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
6. CAULFIELD LAND RESERVE REVOCATION BILL.—Mr. McKenzie obtained leave, with Mr. Graham, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to revoke the Permanent Reservation for Watering Purposes of certain Land in the Town of Caulfield*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
7. ESSENDON LAND RESERVE REVOCATION BILL.—Mr. McKenzie obtained leave, with Mr. Watt, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to revoke the Permanent Reservation of certain Land in the Municipal District of Essendon reserved as a Site for Conservation of Water*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
8. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution.
 Ordered—That the Report be received to-morrow.
 Mr. Craven also acquainted the House that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
 Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 14 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

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

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 6.

THURSDAY, 15TH JULY, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. NETHERBY AND YANAC-A-YANAC RAILWAY.—Mr. E. H. Cameron, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of connecting Netherby and Yanac-a-Yanac by means of a railway with the existing railway system, and the provision of a deficiency rate; together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
3. PURE FOOD ACT REGULATIONS—EDIBLE OILS.—Mr. Elmslie moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Prendergast, That there be laid before this House a copy of all the papers and correspondence in connexion with the formulation of the Pure Food Act Regulations relating to Olive Oil, Salad Oil, Cotton Seed Oil, and any other edible oils produced in or imported into this State, together with all resolutions and regulations of the Food Standards Committee in connexion therewith.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. ELWOOD SWAMP RECLAMATION WORKS EMPLOYÉS.—Mr. Elmslie moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Prendergast, That there be laid before this House a return showing the names of the men employed on the reclamation works at Elwood Swamp and foreshore, from beginning of year 1906, embracing—
 1. Name of each employé.
 2. Date of first employment and date of subsequent re-employment.
 3. Length of time on the works.
 4. Wages paid to each employé.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. PUBLIC SERVANTS OF RETIRING AGE.—Mr. Warde moved, pursuant to *amended* notice given by Mr. Anstey, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The number of Public Servants who have reached the retiring age of sixty-five.
 2. Their names and ages.
 3. The Department in which employed and positions held.
 4. Salary paid to each.
 Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Gray moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
And the debate not being concluded by one o'clock—
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Thursday next
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 2 be postponed until Thursday, 12th August next; and the Notices of Motion, General Business, until this day.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until after No. 3.
9. GEELONG MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS ACT 1907 AMENDMENT (SEWERING AND CLEANSING) BILL.—
The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. J. Cameron moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Elmslie moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
And, after debate—
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

VI.—COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY.		£	£
Division No.			
111.	Survey, Land Settlement, and Management of Crown Lands—Salaries	...	54
112.	Survey, Land Settlement, and Management of Crown Lands—Ordinary Expenditure, Improvement to Crown Lands	...	6,416
127.	Works and Buildings	...	1,092
128A.	Endowments and Grants	...	630
129.	Non-recurring	...	1,711
			<hr/> 9,903
VII.—COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS.			
130.	Public Works—Salaries	...	41
131.	“ “ Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	...	1,856
134.	Ports and Harbors, Immigration, and Fisheries—Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	...	100
135.	“ “ “ “ “ Non-recurring	...	172
136.	Public Works—Works and Buildings	...	45,234
138.	“ “ Endowments and Grants, Municipalities, &c.	...	520
139.	“ “ Non-recurring	...	15
			<hr/> 47,938
VIII.—MINISTER OF MINES AND FORESTS.			
142B.	Mines—Grant	...	650
143.	“ Non-recurring	...	752
144.	State Forests—Salaries	...	25
145.	“ “ Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	...	600
			<hr/> 2,027
IX.—MINISTER OF WATER SUPPLY.			
146.	Water Supply Department—Salaries	...	1
149.	“ “ “ Non-recurring	...	153
			<hr/> 154
X.—MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.			
151.	Agriculture and Industries—Salaries	...	122
152.	“ “ “ Ordinary Expenditure, Maffra Beet Sugar Factory	...	125
156.	“ “ “ “ “ General Items	...	571
157.	“ “ “ Grants	...	1,050
158.	“ “ “ Non-recurring	...	5,736
161.	Vegetation Diseases—Salaries	...	11
164.	Technical Agricultural Education, Experimental Stations, &c.—Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	...	2,250
			<hr/> 9,865
XI.—MINISTER OF HEALTH.			
167.	Public Health—Salaries	...	28
168.	“ “ Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	...	100
168B.	“ “ Non-recurring	...	500
			<hr/> 628
XII.—MINISTER OF RAILWAYS.			
169.	Victorian Railways—Working Expenses of all Lines during the year 1908-9	97,186	
170.	“ “ Pensions, Gratuities, Compensation, &c.	7,593	
171.	“ “ Construction Branch	50	
			<hr/> 104,829
			<hr/> 218,948

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

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

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

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

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

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

Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1908-9 the sum of £218,948 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.

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

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

13. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 2).—Mr. Watt then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Two hundred and eighteen thousand nine hundred and forty-eight pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and eight and One thousand nine hundred and nine*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
Mr. Watt moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Watt, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 and 5 be postponed until after No. 6.
15. NORTHCOTE RAILWAY STATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Speaker said—"In my opinion, this is a Private Bill."
Mr. A. A. Billson moved, by leave, That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, in accordance with Standing Order No. 131 relating to Private Bills, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. A. A. Billson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. A. A. Billson, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
16. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 and 5 and Nos. 7 and 8 be postponed until after No. 9.
17. HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND CARTERS' LICENCE FEES APPORTIONMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Murray moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Murray, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
18. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 and 5 be postponed until after No. 7.
19. WOODEND LAND EXCHANGE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Speaker said—"In my opinion, this is a Private Bill."
Mr. McKenzie moved, by leave, That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, in accordance with Standing Order No. 131 relating to Private Bills, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. McKenzie moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. McKenzie, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
20. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 and 5, No. 8, and Nos. 10 to 15 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

21. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1903 AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. McGregor, pursuant to notice moved on his behalf by Mr. Thomson, obtained leave, with Mr. Livingston, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Local Government Act 1903'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 12th August next.
22. WOMEN'S PROTECTION AND LEGITIMATION OF CHILDREN BILL.—Mr. McLachlan, pursuant to notice moved on his behalf by Mr. Solly, obtained leave, with Mr. Warde, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill for the better protection of Women and to Legitimise Children born out of Wedlock*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 12th August next.
23. CHAFF-CUTTERS (PROTECTION OF WORKMEN) BILL.—Mr. McGregor, pursuant to notice moved on his behalf by Mr. Swinburne, obtained leave, with Mr. Swinburne, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to protect Employés engaged in Chaff-cutting*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 9th September next.
24. MELBOURNE TRAMWAYS TRUST INVESTMENTS BILL.—SUSPENSION OF PRIVATE BILL STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Watt moved, pursuant to notice given by Sir Henry Weedon, That all Standing Orders relating to the introduction and passing of Private Bills, including those relating to the payment of fees, be dispensed with, with the view of introducing a Bill to extend the Powers of the Melbourne Tramways Trust as regards Investments.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Sir Henry Weedon, pursuant to notice moved on his behalf by Mr. Watt, obtained leave, with Mr. Swinburne, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to extend the Powers of the Melbourne Tramways Trust as regards Investments*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 12th August next.
25. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Murray moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 7.

TUESDAY, 20TH JULY, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. NORADJUHA TO TOOLONDO RAILWAY.—Mr. E. H. Cameron, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of the construction of a 5ft. 3in. railway from Noradjuha to Toolondo ; together with Book of Reference and Plan.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. McBride presented, pursuant to a resolution of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 17th October, 1905—
Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—
Return showing a List of Material manufactured outside the Commonwealth and supplied to the Diamond Drill Store for the Department of Mines during the financial year 1908-9.

Mr. J. Cameron presented—

Pure Food Act Regulations—Edible Oils.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 15th July, 1909, for a copy of all the papers and correspondence in connexion with the formulation of the Pure Food Act Regulations relating to Olive Oil, Salad Oil, Cotton Seed Oil, and any other edible oils produced in or imported into this State, together with all resolutions and regulations of the Food Standards Committee in connexion therewith.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

- Factories, Work-rooms, and Shops.—Report of the Chief Inspector of, for the year ended 31st December, 1908.
- Melbourne Harbor Trust Act 1890.—Report of the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners for the year 1908.
- Teachers Act 1909.—Regulation No. XXXI.—Classified Roll.—Qualifications of Female Teachers.—Order in Council.

4. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—SPECIAL BOARDS TO FIX LOWEST RATES OF WAGES.—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed in the process, trade, or business of—
 - (a) making moulders' blacking, moulders' plumbago preparations, blacklead, boot blacking, boot paste, boot polish, washing blue, harness dressing, harness compounds, ebonite shine, stove polish, knife polish, metal polish :
 - (b) grinding charcoal or coal dust.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed in the process, trade, or business of a builder of pipe organs.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons—

- (a) employed either inside or outside a factory or work-room in the process, trade, or business of chaff-cutting, corn-crushing, or compressing fodder :
- (b) wheresoever employed in carting or driving or assisting in carting or driving in connexion with the trade or business of chaff-cutting, corn-crushing, or compressing fodder :
- (c) wheresoever employed in the business of a hay, corn, or chaff dealer :
- (d) wheresoever employed in carting or driving or assisting in carting or driving in connexion with the business of a hay, corn, or chaff dealer :
- (e) wheresoever employed in any business or occupation connected with the preparation of firewood for sale or connected with the sale or distribution of wood, coal, or coke.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons, wheresoever employed, in carting or driving or assisting in carting or driving, other than persons carting or driving or assisting in carting or driving in connexion with a trade, business, or occupation which may be or is the subject of a Determination of any one of the following Special Boards :—

Butchers Board.
Bread Carters Board.
Grocers Board.
Hay, Chaff, Wood and Coal Board.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

5. GEELONG MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS ACT 1907 AMENDMENT (SEWERING AND CLEANSING) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—

Debate resumed.

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

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

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Supplementary Lists and Rolls for the Legislative Assembly for the year One thousand nine hundred and nine*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 20th July, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until after No. 3.

8. GOLD BUYERS ACT 1907 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Glass addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day No. 2 and Nos. 4 to 17 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Murray moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 8.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST JULY, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Murray presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Penal Establishments and Gaols.—Report of the Inspector-General for the year 1908.
Mr. Murray presented—
Names of Railway Stations Altered.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 14th July, 1909, for a return showing the railway stations in Victoria the names of which have been altered since the 1st January, 1903, specifying—
 1. The old name of the station.
 2. The altered designation.
 3. The date of the alteration.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Hannah rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The question of the unemployed." Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve members approved of the proposed discussion—Mr. Hannah moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
4. GOLD BUYERS ACT 1907 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
Debate resumed.
Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 17 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Murray moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 9.

THURSDAY, 22ND JULY, 1909.

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

2. PAPER.—Mr. McBride presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—

Mines.—Annual Report of the Secretary for Mines, to the Honorable P. McBride, M.P., Minister of Mines and Forests for Victoria; including Statistics, Reports on Geological Survey, Sludge Abatement, Inspection of Mines, Dredging, Progress of Mining, Boring Operations, &c., for the year 1908.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

3. MINING COMPANIES—CALLS AND DIVIDENDS.—Mr. McKissock moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—

1. The number of registered mining companies in each of the several mining divisions of the State in 1908.
2. The total value of the gold won for the year in each division by the registered companies.
3. The total calls actually paid by the shareholders in the several mining companies during 1908 in each mining division, and the total amount paid out in dividends by the several mining companies in each division during 1908.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. PUBLIC SERVANTS AS SECRETARIES OF FRIENDLY SOCIETIES AND TRADES UNIONS.—Mr. J. W. Billson moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of Public Servants acting in the capacity of secretaries to Friendly Societies and Trades Unions, and the salaries received for such services.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. GOVERNMENT SERVANTS WORKING SEVEN DAYS PER WEEK.—Mr. Membrey moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—

1. The number of Government servants, including Railway servants, working seven days per week.
2. The nature of the service they perform.
3. The extra pay (if any) paid for such service.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. ALDERMEN ABOLITION BILL.—Mr. Prendergast obtained leave, with Mr. Plain and Mr. Warde, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to the Corporations of the City of Melbourne and the Town of Geelong by abolishing the office of Alderman and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.

7. CONTRACTS OF INFANTS BILL.—Mr. Mackey obtained leave, with Mr. Robertson, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law as to Contracts of Infants*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 2nd September next.

8. EVIDENCE ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Mackey obtained leave, with Mr. Downward, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Evidence Act 1890'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 2nd September next.

9. SETTLED ESTATES AND SETTLED LAND BILL.—Mr. Mackey obtained leave, with Mr. McLeod and Mr. Downward, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Settled Estates and Settled Land*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 23rd September next.

10. EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS AS WITNESSES—ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE.—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to notice, That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will cause to be placed before this House a copy of the request made to His Excellency by the Royal Commission on the Acquisition of certain Lands at Maribyrnong and other places that His Excellency would be pleased to grant consent to certain members of the Executive Council to give evidence before the Commission concerning certain matters of public interest which appear to have, at various times, been the subject of Cabinet consideration; also a copy of His Excellency's reply to the Royal Commission's request.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
11. AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
Debate resumed.
Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cussen,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Wait.
Mr. Gray,	
Mr. Harris,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Membrey.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. McGrath,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. McKissock,	
Mr. McLachlan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Plain,	Mr. Elmslie.

And the numbers being equal, Mr. Speaker said—"It now becomes my duty as Speaker to say how I shall vote in order that the subject may be further considered. If I voted with the Noes the subject would be concluded so far as this Session of Parliament is concerned. If I vote with the Ayes the Bill will go into Committee, and the House will have further opportunities of discussing the measure, and if on the third reading, or at any future stage, they desire to reject it, Honorable Members have the right to vote as they please. Therefore I shall give my vote with the Ayes."

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

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

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

12. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—Mr. Murray moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
13. ELECTORAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Membrey moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 17 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
15. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Murray moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.
 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
 OF THE
 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 10.

TUESDAY, 27TH JULY, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. DEATH OF SIR FREDERICK WILLIAM HOLDER.—Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that upon the announcement of the death of the Honorable Sir Frederick William Holder, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, he had, on Saturday last, transmitted the following telegram to Lady Holder, at Adelaide :—

On behalf of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, I beg to offer to you and to your family our deepest sympathy, and to add our tribute of sincere respect to the memory of one who has served Australia with such faithfulness and devotion to duty.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Mr. Murray moved, That this House desires to place on record its deep sense of the loss which the Commonwealth has sustained by the death of the Honorable Sir Frederick William Holder, K.C.M.G., the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and its appreciation of his eminent services to Australia, as well as of the high character and devotion to duty which distinguished him throughout his upright and honorable career.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Clerk be directed to enter on the Journals of the House that the foregoing resolution was passed unanimously.

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

JOHN MADDEN,

Lieutenant-Governor, as Deputy for His Excellency the Governor.

Message No. 5.

The Deputy-Governor transmits, in compliance with the request contained in the Address from the Honorable the Legislative Assembly, a copy of the request made to His Excellency the Governor by the Royal Commission on the Acquisition of certain Lands at Maribyrnong and other places, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to grant consent to certain members of the Executive Council to give evidence before the Commission concerning certain matters of public interest which appear to have, at various times, been the subject of Cabinet consideration ; also a copy of His Excellency's reply to the Royal Commission's request.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 26th July, 1909.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

JOHN MADDEN,

Lieutenant-Governor, as Deputy for His Excellency the Governor.

Message No. 6.

The Deputy-Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly the Report of the Royal Commission on the Acquisition of certain Estates by Sir Thomas Bent, as a Minister of the Crown.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 26th July, 1909.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

5. PAPER.—Mr. Murray presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, the following Paper transmitted with His Excellency's Message No. 6—

Royal Commission on the Acquisition of certain Estates by Sir Thomas Bent, as a Minister of the Crown.—Report on Maribyrnong, Mont Park, Thornbury, Pender's Grove, and Werribee ; also, Sir Thomas Bent's interest in certain Lands adjacent to the St. Kilda-Brighton Electric Street Tramway ; with Findings and Minutes of Evidence.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

JOHN MADDEN,

Lieutenant-Governor, as Deputy for His Excellency the Governor.

Message No. 7.

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

“An Act relating to the Supplementary Lists and Rolls for the Legislative Assembly for the year One thousand nine hundred and nine.”

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 26th July, 1909.

7. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS.—SPECIAL BOARD TO FIX LOWEST RATES OF WAGES.—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed in the process, trade, or business of a number of kinds of all kinds (including blotting paper), cardboard, strawboard, millboard, carpet felt, or any of the products.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

Public Service Acts.—Regulations and Appendix, 1st July, 1909.

Pure Food Act 1905—

Regulations prohibiting the use of Measure Bags and Sacks for the Conveyance of Articles of Food.

Regulations prescribing the Methods of Labelling of Vessels containing Skimmed Milk or Separated Milk.

Further Regulations to secure the Cleanness and Freedom from Contamination and Adulteration of Milk.

Regulations for the Protection of Meat from Contamination by Dust and Flies.

Vegetation Diseases Act 1903—

Regulations authorizing Inspectors to Charge Fees and Expenses for Examining Fruits, Onions, Potatoes, and other Vegetables in Sacks or Bags.—Order in Council.

Regulations providing for the Inspection and Treatment of Nursery Stock, Trees, Plants, and Vegetables.—Order in Council.

Regulations authorizing Inspectors to Charge Fees and Expenses for Fumigation or Treatment of Nursery Stock, Trees, Plants, Vegetables, and Packages or Cases containing or intended to contain same.—Order in Council.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Farrer rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, “the question of connecting the Powlett coal-fields with the existing railway system, and the early and extensive development of these coal-fields.”

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

10. CLOSER SETTLEMENT AND SMALL IMPROVED HOEDINGS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. McKenzie moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

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

12. GOLD BUYERS ACT 1907 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 4 to 17 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 11.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH JULY, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. CONTINUATION AND AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOLS.—Mr. Tunnecliffe moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. How many pupils entered the Continuation Schools each year.
 2. How many entered (a) as teachers, (b) as scholarship holders, (c) as neither.
 3. How many continued for a third, fourth, or fifth year.
 4. How many became teachers each year.
 5. How many still continue as teachers.
 6. How many have been admitted after the first term.
 7. What have these schools cost (a) in establishing, (b) in annual upkeep—salaries, maintenance, interest.
 8. Annual cost per pupil.
 9. What do the annual fees come to.
 10. Cost per pupil in senior public examinations.
 11. How many Agricultural High Schools are there.
 12. In how many have the regulations been complied with—(a) as to half the cost, (b) as to the number of pupils, (c) as to provision of land.
 13. How many pupils attend them, (a) as agricultural students, (b) as teachers, (c) others.
 14. What was their first cost.
 15. What is their annual cost.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. EDUCATION LAW FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. A. A. Billson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Prendergast moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Wednesday, 11th August next.
4. GOLD BUYERS ACT 1907 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 and 4 be postponed until to-morrow.

6. UPPER YARRA RIVER (BOAT TRAFFIC) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—

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

Debate ensued.

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

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

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 6 to 16 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Murray moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 12.

THURSDAY, 29TH JULY, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—ACCOMMODATION FOR ASSEMBLY MEMBERS.—Mr. Speaker said—
 “Certain Honorable Members have complained to me that, in seeking to obtain accommodation in the galleries of the Federal House of Representatives, they found that the seats which were supposed to be reserved for them under the Agreement were occupied, and that they could not get in to hear the debates. I therefore wrote to the Speaker on the subject, and he graciously replied. I will ask the Clerk to read the correspondence.”

The correspondence was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

State Parliament House,
 Melbourne, 21st July, 1909.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER,

I have been asked by Members of the Legislative Assembly to mention to you that the reservation of seats in the Speaker's gallery of the House of Representatives, as provided for in Clause 12 of the Agreement for the Occupancy of the Parliament House, Melbourne, by the Parliament of the Commonwealth, is frequently overlooked.

Members of the State Parliament like to be able to exercise their rights in this regard when they are specially interested in debates on matters which are before your Chamber. I feel I have only to mention the matter to you to insure arrangements being made which will meet the wishes of the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

I am, dear Mr. Speaker,
 Very faithfully yours,

FRANK MADDEN,
 Speaker.

The Honorable Sir Frederick W. Holder, K.C.M.G.,
 The Speaker, House of Representatives, Melbourne.

Parliament House,
 Melbourne, 22nd July, 1909.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER,

I much regret if your Members have been inconvenienced, as stated in your letter of yesterday's date, through any omission to give effect to the Agreement in regard to the reservation of seats for them in the Speaker's gallery in the House of Representatives.

On some occasions the attendance of visitors, especially of ladies, has been so great recently that some difficulty may have arisen at times in keeping the whole of one row of seats vacant for the arranged time.

I am under the impression that possibly your Members are not aware that seats are supposed to be reserved for only half-an-hour after the time of the meeting of the House, and that their arrival at a later hour has sometimes occasioned disappointment, because accommodation was not then available.

My instructions are that, at whatever time your Members arrive, every effort shall be made to find room for them.

I have now given directions that, however great the pressure on our accommodation, the front seat is to be reserved for the full time fixed in the Agreement, and I trust that your Members will find their wishes fully complied with in the future.

I am, dear Mr. Speaker,
 Very faithfully yours,

F. W. HOLDER,
 Speaker.

The Honorable F. Madden,
 Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

3. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Education Act 1890.—Regulation No. XXXII.—Victorian State Schools Decoration and Equipment Society.—Order in Council.
4. INCOME TAX OFFICERS' TRANSFER.—Mr. Elmslie moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a copy of all papers in connexion with the recent transfer of certain officers from the Income Tax Office to other Departments of the State Service.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. LANDLORD AND TENANT LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Mackey moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments.
Ordered—That the Bill, as amended, be printed and taken into consideration on Thursday next.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 2 be postponed until Thursday, 26th August next.
7. COURTS OF MINES AND COUNTY COURTS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Outtrim moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, on Thursday, 26th August next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, No. 4 be postponed until Thursday, 26th August next, No. 5 until Thursday, 19th August next, and No. 6 until Thursday next.
9. WRONGS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Mackey obtained leave, with Mr. Campbell, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Wrongs Act 1890'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.
10. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Anstey rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The cruel treatment of employés by the Melbourne Tramway Company."
Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve members approved of the proposed discussion—
Mr. Anstey moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
11. ELECTORAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
Debate resumed.
Mr. McLeod moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 14 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

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

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 13.

TUESDAY, 3RD AUGUST, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ILLNESS OF THE CLERK OF THE ASSEMBLY.—Mr. Speaker having announced that the Clerk of the Assembly was unable through illness to attend the meetings of the Assembly—
Mr. Murray moved, by leave, That the Clerk-Assistant do perform the duties of the Clerk of the Assembly during his absence, and do take his chair at the Table.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. DOOKIE AND BENALLA CONNECTING RAILWAY.—Mr. E. H. Cameron, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of connecting the Dookie and Katamatite and the Benalla and Yarrawonga lines by means of a railway, and the provision of a deficiency rate; together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan.
Ordered to lie on the Table and the Report to be printed.
4. MINING DEVELOPMENT ACTS—ADVANCES IN BENDIGO DISTRICT.—Mr. Smith moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The number of mining companies operating in the Bendigo district that applied for assistance under the Mining Development Acts during the year ending 30th June, 1909.
 2. The number of co-operative parties operating in the Bendigo district that applied for assistance under the Mining Development Acts during the year ending 30th June, 1909.
 3. The names of companies so applying, and the amount asked for in each instance.
 4. The names of co-operative parties so applying, and the amount asked for in each instance.
 5. The names of companies whose applications were granted, and the amount allotted in each instance.
 6. The names of co-operative parties whose applications were granted, and the amount allotted in each instance.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. PAPERS.—Mr. Murray presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Inter-State Conference.—Report of the Resolutions, Proceedings, and Debates of the Inter-State Conference held at Hobart, March, 1909; together with an Appendix.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Acting Clerk :—
Electric Light and Power Act 1896.—Report respecting Applications and Proceedings under, for the year 1908.
Fisheries Act 1890—
Notice of Proclamation.—Taking Oysters in Western Port.
Notice of Proclamation.—Close Season for Flounders.
Notice of Proclamation.—Area closed against Netting, Portland.
Notice of Proclamation.—*Re* Salt Creek, Portland.
Land Act 1901.—Addition to Regulations.—Part I.—General.—Chapter II., Crown Grants and Treasurer's Receipts.—Order in Council.

6. UPPER MURRAY DISTRICT CONNECTING RAILWAY.—Mr. A. A. Billson moved, pursuant to notice, That the question of connecting the Upper Murray district at Corryong, Towong, or Tintaldra by means of a railway with the existing railway system, and the provision of a deficiency rate, be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—EXTENSION OF POWERS OF WAGES BOARD.—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That it is expedient that the Governor in Council be authorized to extend the powers of the Cycle Trade Board, under the Factories and Shops Acts, so that it may fix the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed in the process, trade, or business of a maker of any part or parts (other than tyres) of a bicycle, tricycle, or motor cycle.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

8. GOLD BUYERS ACT 1907 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

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

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 3rd August, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

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

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Murray moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 14.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH AUGUST, 1909.

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

2. PAPERS.—Mr. McBride presented—

Mining Development Acts—Advances in Bendigo District.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 3rd August, 1909, for a return showing—

1. The number of mining companies operating in the Bendigo district that applied for assistance under the Mining Development Acts during the year ending 30th June, 1909.
2. The number of co-operative parties operating in the Bendigo district that applied for assistance under the Mining Development Acts during the year ending 30th June, 1909.
3. The names of companies so applying, and the amount asked for in each instance.
4. The names of co-operative parties so applying, and the amount asked for in each instance.
5. The names of companies whose applications were granted, and the amount allotted in each instance.
6. The names of co-operative parties whose applications were granted, and the amount allotted in each instance.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

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

Murray Waters Commission.

Commission on Acquisition of certain Estates by Sir Thomas Bent as a Minister of the Crown.

3. ELECTORAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
Debate resumed.

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

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

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for improving the Access to the Northcote Railway Station*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 4th August, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the issue of a Crown Grant of certain Land in the Parish of Newham permanently reserved for Water Supply purposes in exchange for certain other Land transferred to the Woodend Waterworks Trust*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 4th August, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to alter the Annual Apportionment amongst Suburban Municipalities of amounts received by the City of Melbourne from residents in those Municipalities for Hackney Carriage Licences and Carters' Licences*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 4th August, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 16 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Murray moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 15.

THURSDAY, 5TH AUGUST, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Acting Clerk :—
Closer Settlement Act 1904.—Regulations for the Disposal of Lands acquired under the Closer Settlement Acts.—Order in Council.
3. APPRENTICESHIP CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATION.—Mr. Lemmon moved, pursuant to notice, That, in view of the unsatisfactory conditions of industrial education, of child labour throughout the State, and the urgent necessity for a proper system of apprenticeship in the various industries, this House is of opinion that the unanimous recommendation of the Apprenticeship Conference necessitates action on the part of the Government during the present Session of Parliament.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. WAGES OF STATE AND PRIVATE EMPLOYÉS.—Mr. Swinburne moved, pursuant to notice, That this House is of the opinion that all Departments of the State, including the Commissioners of the Railways, should pay their employés for the same kind and class of work at not less than the same rate of wages for the same hours of employment as Parliament has by Statute and also by Determinations of Wages Boards under the Factories Acts made legal and compulsory for all private employers, and that locomotive and other engine-drivers and firemen employed on the railways who are required to work on Sundays should be paid at the same extra rate as engine-drivers and firemen required to work on Sundays in accordance with section 3 of the Act No. 2184.
Debate ensued.
Mr. A. A. Billson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
And, after debate—
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Thursday, 2nd September next.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 1 and 3 be postponed until Thursday next, and No. 2 until Thursday, 2nd September next.
6. ELECTORAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 16 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watt moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 16.

TUESDAY, 10TH AUGUST, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. DEATH OF SIR FREDERICK WILLIAM HOLDER.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received the following letter from Lady Holder :—

Wavertree,
Kent Town, 5th August, 1909.

To the Speaker,
F. Madden, Esq.

My Dear Sir,

The resolution passed by the Legislative Assembly of Victoria and forwarded by you reached me yesterday. I had previously written to the Premier thanking him for the various kindnesses done to honour my late husband and to help soften our sorrow.

Will you convey to the Legislative Assembly the sincere thanks of myself and family for the kind words of appreciation of my late husband's character and service to his country. The universal testimony to his worth is a great solace to us in our great sorrow.

Again thanking you,

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours truly,
J. M. HOLDER.

3. SWINBURNE *v.* SYME AND COMPANY.—Mr. Speaker announced that a subpoena had this day been served on the Acting Clerk requiring him to produce at the Supreme Court, Melbourne, on Monday, the 16th day of August, 1909, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the following documents :—Murray River Waters Bill 1907, Murray River Waters Bill 1908, and Murray River Waters Bill 1908 (No. 2) ; and also to give evidence on behalf of the defendants in the cause.

Mr. Murray moved, That leave be given the Acting Clerk, or such other officer of the Legislative Assembly as he may direct, to attend the Supreme Court and produce the documents required by the said subpoena, and also to give evidence in the cause.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. PAPERS.—Mr. Murray presented—

Public Servants receiving £300 and over per Annum.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 13th July, 1909, for a return showing the number of Public Servants receiving—

1. £300 and under £500 per annum.
2. £500 and under £750 per annum.
3. £750 and under £1,000 per annum.
4. £1,000 and over per annum.

Public Servants of Retiring Age.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 15th July, 1909, for a return showing—

1. The number of Public Servants who have reached the retiring age of sixty-five.
2. Their names and ages.
3. The Department in which employed and positions held.
4. Salary paid to each.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

(500 copies.)

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

Explosives Act 1890.—Report of the Chief Inspector of Explosives to the Honorable the Chief Secretary, on the Working of the Explosives Act during the year 1908.

Public Service Acts and Lunacy Act 1903—

Copies of Papers in connexion with the promotion of Herrmann Charles Just from the Third to the Second Class in the Department of Chief Secretary.

Copies of Papers in connexion with the promotion of Frederick William Langenbacher from the Fourth to the Third Class in the Department of Chief Secretary.

Copies of Papers in connexion with the promotion of James Frederick Hill from the Fourth to the Third Class in the Department of Chief Secretary.

Wire Netting Act 1909.—Regulations.—Order in Council.

5. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—Mr. Murray moved, by leave, That a chair be provided on the floor of the House for the Honorable Newton James Moore, C.M.G., M.L.A., Premier and Treasurer of Western Australia.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. ROYAL COMMISSION ON ACQUISITION OF LANDS.—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That a further sum of £725, in addition to £100 already approved by the Governor in Council, be allowed to the Royal Commission appointed by Order in Council of the 8th April, 1909, to inquire into and report on the acquisition of certain estates on behalf of the State by Sir Thomas Bent as a Minister of the Crown, making the maximum expenditure to be incurred by such Commission £825 for the purposes of their inquiry and report.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Outtrim moved, as an amendment, That the sum of “£725” be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the sum of “£724.”

And, after debate—

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Debate on the main question continued.

Mr. Lemmon moved, as a further amendment, That the words “and this House regrets that the charges made in the manifesto issued to the country by the Honorable John Murray, to the effect that Sir Thomas Bent was guilty of corrupt conduct and subordinated public interest to private ends, were not attempted to be substantiated by the present Government” be added to the motion.

And, after debate—

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Sangster,
Sir Thomas Bent,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. McGrath,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. McKissock,	
Mr. McLachlan,	
Mr. Outtrim,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Plain,	Mr. Elmslie,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Hannah.

Noes, 34.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Cussen,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Farrer,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Tutchner,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Keast,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Carlisle.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question—That a further sum of £725, in addition to £100 already approved by the Governor in Council, be allowed to the Royal Commission appointed by Order in Council of the 8th April, 1909, to inquire into and report on the acquisition of certain estates on behalf of the State by Sir Thomas Bent as a Minister of the Crown, making the maximum expenditure to be incurred by such Commission £825 for the purposes of their inquiry and report—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—SPECIAL BOARD TO FIX LOWEST RATES OF WAGES.—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons, wheresoever employed, in the process, trade, or business of quarrying, not including agriculture.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

8. ELTHAM TO HURST'S BRIDGE (DIAMOND CREEK) RAILWAY.—Mr. A. A. Billson moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to construct a 5ft. 3in. line of railway from Eltham to Hurst's Bridge (Diamond Creek).

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. ELECTORAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 16 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Murray moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 17.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH AUGUST, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MORNINGTON AND GREAT SOUTHERN LINES CONNECTING RAILWAY.—Mr. E. H. Cameron, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of connecting the Mornington and Great Southern railways by means of a railway, and the provision of a deficiency rate; together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan.
Ordered to lie on the Table and the Report to be printed.
3. SWINBURNE *v.* SYME AND COMPANY.—Mr. Murray moved, by leave, That leave be given to the Reporting Staff of the Victorian Parliamentary Debates to attend the Supreme Court in the case of Swinburne *v.* Syme and Company, to give evidence and to produce their shorthand notes and transcripts of certain questions asked and speeches made in the Legislative Assembly of Victoria during the Sessions 1907 and 1908.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. POLISHERS, NEWPORT WORKSHOPS.—Mr. Warde moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a copy of all the papers furnished to the Honorable the Minister of Railways by the Railways Commissioners in connexion with the alleged sweating of polishers employed on the butty-gang system of car polishing at the Newport workshops.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. PAPER.—Mr. A. A. Billson presented—
Polishers, Newport Workshops.—Return to the foregoing Order.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That the House, at its rising to-morrow, adjourn until Wednesday, 25th August instant.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cullen,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Cussen,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Harris,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Keast,
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Livingston.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. McLachlan,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Outtrim,	
Mr. Plain,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Rogers,	Mr. Hannah.
Mr. Sangster,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. **ELECTORAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
8. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 17 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
9. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Murray moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 18.

THURSDAY, 12TH AUGUST, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 1 be postponed until Thursday, 2nd September next.
3. SCAFFOLDING INSPECTION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Elmslie moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments.
Ordered—That the Bill, as amended, be printed and taken into consideration on Thursday, 26th August instant.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, No. 3 be postponed until Thursday, 9th September next, Nos. 4 and 6 until Thursday, 16th September next, No. 5 until Thursday, 2nd September next, and No. 7 until Thursday, 23rd September next.
5. UNCLAIMED MONEYS ACT 1906 AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Beazley obtained leave, with Mr. Hannah, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Unclaimed Moneys Act 1906' and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 9th September next.
6. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Acting Clerk:—
Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools Department.—Report of the Secretary and Inspector for the year 1908.
7. NORADJUHA TO TOOLONDO RAILWAY.—Mr. A. A. Billson moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to construct a 5ft. 3in. line of railway from Noradjuha to Toolondo.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
8. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—Mr. Watt moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Question—put and negatived.
Resolved—That this House will, on Wednesday, 25th August instant, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
9. ELECTORAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, on Wednesday, 25th August instant, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 17 inclusive be postponed until Wednesday, 25th August instant.
11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Murray moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes past four o'clock, adjourned until Wednesday, 25th August instant.

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 19.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH AUGUST, 1909.

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

T. CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 8.

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

“ An Act to alter the annual apportionment amongst suburban municipalities of amounts received by the City of Melbourne from residents in those municipalities for hackney carriage licences and carters’ licences.”

“ An Act to provide for improving the Access to the Northcote Railway Station.”

“ An Act to provide for the issue of a Crown Grant of certain land in the parish of Newham, permanently reserved for water supply purposes in exchange for certain other land transferred to the Woodend Waterworks Trust.”

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 12th August, 1909.

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

THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 9.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to amend the Law relating to Closer Settlement and Small Improved Holdings and for other purposes.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 25th August, 1909.

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

4. CLOSER SETTLEMENT AND SMALL IMPROVED HOLDINGS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor’s Message, No. 9, having been read—On the motion of Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to amend the Law relating to Closer Settlement and Small Improved Holdings and for other purposes.

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

5. PETITION.—Mr. McLeod (for Mr. Speaker) presented a Petition from F. Barker, styling himself Acting Chairman, and W. Shortell, styling himself Honorary Secretary, on behalf of a meeting of unemployed workers of Melbourne and suburbs, held on the 24th August instant, praying that the House will take into its earnest consideration their grave and unfortunate position.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

6. AGREEMENT ON COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.—Mr. Murray moved, by leave, That there be laid before this House a signed copy of the Agreement on Commonwealth and State Finance arrived at by the Prime Minister of Australia and the Premiers of the several States at the Inter-State Conference of Premiers and Ministers recently held in Melbourne.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. PAPER.—Mr. Murray presented—

Agreement on Commonwealth and State Finance.—Return to the foregoing Order.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the year 1908.—Part IV.—Accumulation.

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

Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Return showing particulars of Machinery, Goods, and Material manufactured or produced outside the Commonwealth purchased for the service of the Treasurer's Department during the year 1908-9.

Mr. Watt presented—

Income Tax Officers' Transfer.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 29th July, 1909, for a copy of all papers in connexion with the recent transfer of certain officers from the Income Tax Office to other Departments of the State Service.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Friendly Societies Act 1890.—Report of the Registrar of Friendly Societies for the year 1908.
Land Act 1901.—Resumption of Land in the County of Moira for the purpose of preventing the spread of Flood Waters of the River Goulburn.—Certificate of Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, with Plan attached.

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

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

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

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

That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed in the process, trade, or business of—

(a) making moulders' blacking, moulders' plumbago preparations, blacklead, boot blacking, boot paste, boot polish, washing blue, harness dressing, harness compounds, ebonite shine, stove polish, knife polish, metal polish :

(b) grinding charcoal or coal dust.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 25th August, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

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

That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed in the process, trade, or business of a builder of pipe organs.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 25th August, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

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

That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons—

- (a) employed either inside or outside a factory or work-room in the process, trade, or business of chaff-cutting, corn-crushing, or compressing fodder :
- (b) wheresoever employed in carting or driving or assisting in carting or driving in connexion with the trade or business of chaff-cutting, corn-crushing, or compressing fodder :
- (c) wheresoever employed in the business of a hay, corn, or chaff dealer :
- (d) wheresoever employed in carting or driving or assisting in carting or driving in connexion with the business of a hay, corn, or chaff dealer :
- (e) wheresoever employed in any business or occupation connected with the preparation of firewood for sale or connected with the sale or distribution of wood, coal, or coke.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 25th August, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

11. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered, after debate—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 17 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

12. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Murray moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 20.

THURSDAY, 26TH AUGUST, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Acting Clerk :—
Geelong Harbor Trust Act 1905.—Third Report of the Geelong Harbor Trust Commissioners, for the year ending 31st December, 1908.
3. FACTORIES AND SHOPS LAW AMENDMENT (TRAMWAY EMPLOYÉS) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Speaker said—
“ I am of opinion that this Bill is not in order as it seeks in effect to amend certain Private Acts by an amendment of certain Public Acts. At present the employés of the various Tramway Companies are not included among the persons affected by the provisions of the Factories and Shops Acts, and the terms of their employment are governed by certain Private Acts relating to the companies controlling the various tramways. The Bill before the House, without proposing to bring these employés within the provisions of the Factories and Shops Acts, seeks to give power to appoint a Special Board to determine, in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Factories and Shops Acts, the rates of wages to be paid to the various persons employed on tramway lines and on tramway works. This would, if carried, be really an amendment of several Private Tramways Acts by making certain Public Acts (to a limited extent) apply to them. It is a well recognised parliamentary law that Private Acts may be superseded by a Public Act, as was done in the English Parliament when Public Acts were passed to control Joint Stock Companies, and for the regulation and management of Railway Companies. But there is no such proposal in this Bill, as it only purports to make some provisions of the Factories and Shops Acts apply to certain persons who are not employed in any factory or shop within the meaning of the Acts. Therefore, for the reasons I have given, I rule that the Bill is not in order, as it should have been introduced as a Private Bill.”
Mr. Prendergast moved, That, in the opinion of this House, this Bill is a Public Bill.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
Ordered—That this Order of the Day be postponed until Thursday, 9th September next.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 2 be postponed until Thursday, 23rd September next.
5. DAYLIGHT SAVING BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Outtrim moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Ordered—That the Bill be considered in Committee on Thursday, 7th October next.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 4 be postponed until Thursday, 7th October next.
7. COURTS OF MINES AND COUNTY COURTS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, on Thursday, 7th October next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 6 be postponed until Thursday, 16th September next.
9. **SCAFFOLDING INSPECTION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report having been read—Mr. Elmslie moved, That the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Elmslie, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 8 be postponed until Thursday, 16th September next.
11. **FLINDERS VICTUALLER'S LICENCE RENEWAL BILL.**—Mr. Watt, pursuant to notice moved on his behalf by Mr. Murray, obtained leave, with Mr. A. A. Billson, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the renewal of a certain Victualler's Licence in pursuance of a certificate granted by the Licensing Court for the Licensing District of Flinders*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
12. **WEST MELBOURNE LITERARY INSTITUTE LAND BILL.**—Mr. Murray obtained leave, with Mr. McKenzie, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the re-vesting in the Crown of certain Land in the Parish of North Melbourne permanently reserved for the purposes of the West Melbourne Literary Institute and the granting of the same to Trustees as a site for the incorporated institution called 'The Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital' and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
13. **HAMPDEN LAND PURCHASE BILL.**—Mr. J. Cameron obtained leave, with Mr. Graham, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Sale of certain Land to the Shire of Hampden by a Councillor of the said Shire*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
14. **MARRIAGE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Murray moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
15. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 7 inclusive be postponed until after No. 8.
16. **GEELONG MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS ACT 1907 AMENDMENT (SEWERING AND CLEANSING) BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
17. **GEELONG MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS ACT 1907 AMENDMENT (SEWERING AND CLEANSING) BILL—RATES.**—Mr. J. Cameron moved, by leave, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the rates which may be made and levied under the Geelong Municipal Waterworks Act 1907 Amendment (Sewering and Cleansing) Bill.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution:—
Resolved—(1) That the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust may in respect of the year make and levy a rate upon every sewered property to be called the "General Sewerage Rate" not exceeding in any year One shilling and sixpence in the pound of the net annual value of such property and which shall be calculated as for all the purposes to which the General Fund is applicable.
(2) That the Trust if it deems it necessary so to do in order to meet its obligations may also from time to time but not oftener than once in every year make and levy an additional rate—
Up to the full amount of One shilling in the pound of the net annual value of all properties within the drainage area which are sewered; and
Up to the amount of Sixpence but not less than Twopence in the pound of the net annual value of all properties within the drainage area which are not sewered.
(3) That the Trust shall adopt as the net annual value of properties the valuation in force at the time of making the rate in the municipalities within which the properties are respectively situate.

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

18. GEELONG MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS ACT 1907 AMENDMENT (SEWERING AND CLEANSING) BILL.—
The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Ordered—That the Bill, as amended, be printed and taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

19. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 7 inclusive, and Nos. 9 to 17 inclusive, be postponed until Tuesday next.

Ordered—That the following Order of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until Tuesday next:—

Marriage Acts Amendment Bill—To be further considered in Committee.

20. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Murray moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 21.

TUESDAY, 31ST AUGUST, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Acting Clerk:—
- Forests Act 1907.—Copy of proposed Order in Council recommending the excision of certain areas for the purposes of Settlement from State Forests in the following Counties:—
Bendigo, Buln Buln, Croajingolong, Delatite, Evelyn, Gladstone, Grant, Kara Kara, Moira, Normanby, Talbot, Tambo, and Tatchera.
- Supreme Court Act 1900.—Supreme Court of Victoria.—Probate and Administration Rules 20 and 21 repealed and New Rule 21 made.
3. LAND TAX.—Mr. Watt moved, pursuant to notice, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider certain duties of land tax.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
- Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution:—

Resolved—That there shall in the case of each owner of land be charged levied ^{Rates of} collected and paid for the use of His Majesty in aid of the Consolidated Revenue for ^{land tax.} each and every year after the year One thousand and nine hundred and ten a duty of land tax upon land for every pound sterling of the unimproved value thereof at such rate as is hereinafter set forth (that is to say):—

Where the total unimproved value of all land of any owner		The Rate of annual Land Tax payable thereon shall be—
is more than	and is not more than	On every pound sterling of its unimproved value.
Pounds sterling.	Pounds sterling.	
500	2,500	Eight-sixteenths of a penny.
2,500	5,000	Twelve-sixteenths of a penny.
5,000	10,000	One penny.
10,000	15,000	One penny and two-sixteenths of a penny.
15,000	20,000	One penny and four-sixteenths of a penny.
20,000	25,000	One penny and six-sixteenths of a penny.
25,000	30,000	One penny and eight-sixteenths of a penny.
30,000	35,000	One penny and ten-sixteenths of a penny.
35,000	40,000	One penny and twelve-sixteenths of a penny.
40,000	45,000	One penny and fourteen-sixteenths of a penny.
45,000	50,000	Two pence.
50,000	60,000	Two pence and four-sixteenths of a penny.
60,000	70,000	Two pence and eight-sixteenths of a penny.
70,000	80,000	Two pence and twelve-sixteenths of a penny.
80,000	...	Three pence.

Provided—

- (a) that the minimum amount of land tax payable in any year by any taxpayer assessed shall be Two shillings and sixpence ; and
- (b) that the rate of land tax payable by an absentee shall be greater by fifty per centum than the rate as hereinbefore set forth ; and
- (c) that no land tax under the *Land Tax Act 1890* shall be payable in respect of any land for any period after the year for which land tax on such land is so charged levied collected and payable as hereinbefore set forth.

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

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

4. **LAND TAX BILL.**—Mr. Watt then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to provide for a Tax on the Unimproved Value of Land and for the Assessment of Land and other purposes*” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
Mr. Watt moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Carlisle moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
And, after debate—
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 14th September next.
5. **MARRIAGE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Murray, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the same without amendment.
6. **BURRUMBEET AND BREWSTER LAND RESERVE CANCELLATION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. McKenzie moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. McKenzie, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
7. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 16 inclusive be postponed until after No. 17.
8. **WEST MELBOURNE LITERARY INSTITUTE LAND BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, Mr. Speaker said—“*In my opinion, this is a Private Bill.*”
Mr. Murray moved, by leave, That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, in accordance with Standing Order No. 131 relating to Private Bills, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Murray moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Murray, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
9. **CAULFIELD LAND RESERVE REVOCATION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. McKenzie moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. McKenzie, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 4 and 5 be postponed until after No. 6.
11. **ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SHOW GROUNDS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Speaker said—“In my opinion, this is a Private Bill.”
Mr. McKenzie moved, by leave, That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, in accordance with Standing Order No. 131 relating to Private Bills, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. McKenzie moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. McKenzie, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
12. **ESSENDON LAND RESERVE REVOCATION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. McKenzie moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House were agreed to.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. McKenzie, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
13. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day No. 5, Nos. 7 to 16 inclusive, and Nos. 18 to 20 inclusive, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 22.

WEDNESDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Murray presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Inter-State Conference.—Report of the Agreement, Resolutions, Proceedings, and Debates of the Inter-State Conference held at Melbourne, August, 1909; together with Appendix.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Acting Clerk :—
Closer Settlement Act 1904.—Report of the Lands Purchase and Management Board for the year ended 30th June, 1909.
3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Langdon rose in his place and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The question of the supervision and control of our rivers." Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—Mr. Langdon moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.
Mr. Hannah moved, as an amendment, That the word "Tuesday" be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the word "Friday."
Debate ensued.
Question—That the word "Tuesday" proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Cussen,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Holden,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Langdon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Livingston.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. McKissock,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. McLachlan,	
Mr. Outtrim,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Plain,	Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. McGrath.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. DAYLIGHT SAVING COMMITTEE.—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the question of the Saving of Daylight, such Committee to consist of Mr. Beazley, Mr. Mackey, Mr. Membrey, Mr. Outtrim, and Mr. Swinburne, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, to move from place to place, to sit on days on which the House does not meet, and to report the minutes of evidence from time to time; three to be the quorum.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 14 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Murray moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,

Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,

Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 23

TUESDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. McKenzie presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Land Acts.—Report for the year ended 31st December, 1908.
Mr. Graham presented, pursuant to a resolution of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 17th October, 1905—
Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Return showing particulars of Importations of Goods, Material, or Machinery by the Department of Agriculture during the financial year ended 30th June, 1909, together with the amount of duty paid thereon.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Watt, and the same was read :—
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VICTORIA.
ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE, 1909-10.
THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 10.*
The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly an Estimate of Expenditure for the month of September in the year 1909-10, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.
Government Offices,
Melbourne, 7th September, 1909.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimate, to be referred to the Committee of Supply.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 12 inclusive be postponed until after No. 13.
5. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
6. ELECTORAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House were agreed to.
Mr. Smith moved, as an amendment, That the words "provided that any such person desiring to obtain a vote may enrol as a voter" be inserted after the word "hospital," in line 31 of paragraph (a) of clause 12.
Debate ensued.
Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.
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The House divided.

Ayes, 23.		Noes, 26	
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Rogers,	Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Sangster,	Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Solly,	Mr. Cussen,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Toutcher,	Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Wall,	Mr. Graham,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. McGrath,	Mr. Warde.	Mr. Gray,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. McGregor,		Mr. Holden,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. McKissock,		Mr. Hutchinson,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. McLachlan,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Livingston,	
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Mackey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Flain,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.	Mr. McBride,	Mr. Argyle,
		Mr. McCutcheon,	Mr. Carlisle.

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Murray, by leave, offered the following new clause to be added to the Bill, to follow clause 42 :—

A. Any elector for the division may object to the enrolment of any such elector.

Mr. Murray moved, That new clause A be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Clause read a second time and added to the Bill.

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

Ordered—That the consideration of amendments after third reading be postponed until to-morrow.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council transmit to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled "*An Act to regulate the use of Motor Cars,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 7th September, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

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

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 7th September, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

10. DENTISTS BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Murray, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 12 inclusive and No. 14, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Murray moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 24.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. RAILWAY SIDINGS.—Mr. Argyle moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. (a) The number of private railway sidings ; (b) by whom owned ; (c) the revenue from each for year ending 31st December, 1908.
 2. The number of other railway sidings, and revenue from each for year ending 31st December, 1908.
 3. The cost of maintenance of each siding per annum.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. BENDIGO GAOL LAND REVOCATION BILL.—Mr. McKenzie obtained leave, with Mr. Graham, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to revoke the Permanent Reservation of certain Land reserved as a Site for Gaol Purposes in the Parish of Sandhurst and to authorize the Reservation of such Land as a Site for the purposes of the Bendigo Continuation School*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
4. CASTLEMAINE LAND RESERVATION BILL.—Mr. McKenzie obtained leave, with Mr. Graham, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the closing of portions of certain streets in the Borough of Castlemaine and to authorize the Permanent Reservation of such portions and the granting thereof as a Site for Public Recreation*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
5. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day. Mr. Craven also acquainted the House that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again. Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
6. SUPPLY.—Mr. Craven reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution :—
Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £447,258 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1909–10, viz. :—

Division No.		£
1.	Legislative Council—Salaries	100
3.	Legislative Assembly—Salaries	548
4.	Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	160
5.	Railways Standing Committee—Salaries	38
6.	Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	30
7.	Victorian Parliamentary Debates—Salaries	215
8.	Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	135
9.	The Library—Salaries	52
10.	Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	20
11.	The Library, State Parliament House—Salaries	56
12.	Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	185
13.	Refreshment Rooms—Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	200
14.	Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries	555
15.	Ordinary Expenditure, Miscellaneous Items	500
16.	" General Items	120
17.	Pensions, Gratuities, &c.	4,500
18.	Grants	100

Division No.	£
98. Treasury—Grants, Charitable Institutions, &c.	20,000
99. " " Pensions, Compensation, and Gratuities, &c.	79
102. Income Tax—Salaries	842
103. " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	200
104. Land Tax—Salaries	25
105. " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	100
106. Curator—Salaries	166
107. " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	14
109. Government Printer—Salaries	5,164
110. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	748
112. Survey, &c., Crown Lands—Salaries	4,435
113. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	2,230
114. Public Parks—Salaries	27
115. " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	46
116. " Grants	723
117. Botanical, &c., Gardens—Salaries	501
118. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	223
119. Extirpation of Rabbits, &c.—Salaries	47
120. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	2,092
121. Closer Settlement—Salaries	200
122. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	55
123. Small Holdings—Salaries	107
124. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	35
125. Village Settlements, &c.	57
126. Works and Buildings	500
127. Road Works	25
130. Public Works—Salaries	2,490
131. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	2,000
132. " " Pensions, Gratuities, &c.	11
133. Ports and Harbors—Salaries	1,343
134. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	1,500
135. " " Exceptional Expenditure	100
136. Public Works—Works and Buildings	15,560
140. Mines—Salaries	1,537
141. " Furtherance of Mining Industry	3,000
142. " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	700
144. " Exceptional Expenditure	125
145. Forests—Salaries	640
146. " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	1,500
147. Water Supply—Salaries	326
148. " " Surveys, &c.	75
149. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	75
150. " " Endowments and Grants	100
151. " " Exceptional Expenditure	50
152. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission	5,875
153. Agriculture and Industries—Salaries, &c.	696
156. " " Development of Export Trade	2,000
158. " " Doncaster Cool Stores	60
159. " " General Items	350
160. " " Works and Buildings	1,300
163. Stock and Dairy Supervision	1,060
164. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	500
165. Vegetation Diseases	267
166. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	500
167. Technical Agricultural Education—Salaries	465
168. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	2,500
169. Viticultural Industry	65
170. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	325
171. Public Health—Salaries	670
172. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	1,550
175. Victorian Railways	208,000
176. Miscellaneous	1,365
177. Chief Engineer for Railway Construction—Working Expenses	250
	447,258

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

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

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

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

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

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

Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1909–10 the sum of £447,258 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.

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

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

9. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 3).**—Mr. Watt then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Four hundred and forty-seven thousand two hundred and fifty-eight pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and nine and One thousand nine hundred and ten*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

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

Debate ensued.

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

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

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

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

10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 3 be postponed until to-morrow.

11. **GOLD BUYERS ACT 1907 AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

12. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 to 16 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 25.

THURSDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. SMALL HOLDINGS ACT—ADMINISTRATION OF.—Mr. Mackey moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a copy of the reply of the Manager of the Small Holdings Branch of the Lands Department (Mr. Malcolm) to the Report of the Sub-Committee of the Cabinet on the Administration of the Small Holdings Act.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. PAPER.—Mr. Graham presented, pursuant to a resolution of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 17th October, 1905—
Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Return showing particulars of Machinery, Goods, and Material manufactured or produced outside the Commonwealth purchased or contracted for by the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission during the financial year 1908-9.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, after debate—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 1 be postponed until Thursday, 23rd September instant, and that Order of the Day, General Business, No. 2 be postponed until Thursday, 7th October next.
5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1903 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. McGregor moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Anstey,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. McGrath,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. McGregor,	
Mr. McKissock,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McLachlan,	Mr. Elmslie,
Mr. Membrey,	Mr. Lemmon.

Noes, 26.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Cussen,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. Livingston,	
Mr. Mackey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Carlisle.

And so it passed in the negative.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 4 to 11 inclusive be postponed until Thursday next, and Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 and 2 until after No. 3.

7. **HAMPDEN LAND PURCHASE BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Deputy-Speaker said—“In my opinion, this is a Private Bill.”

Mr. Murray moved, by leave, That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, in accordance with Standing Order No. 131 relating to Private Bills, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

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

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

8. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until after No. 2.

9. **FLINDERS VICTUALLER'S LICENCE RENEWAL BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Deputy-Speaker said—“In my opinion, this is a Private Bill.”

Mr. Watt moved, by leave, That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, in accordance with Standing Order No. 131 relating to Private Bills, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Debate ensued.

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

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

Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—

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

Debate ensued.

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

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

10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 and Nos. 4 and 5 be postponed until after No. 6.

11. **ELECTORAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of amendments after third reading of this Bill having been read—

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

Clause 4, page 3, lines 14 and 15, omit the words and figures “Part IV.—Preferential Voting at Elections for the Assembly, ss. 85-94.”

Clause 43, sub-section (1), paragraph (a), line 11, omit the word “and.”

“ ” paragraph (b), omit this paragraph and insert the following new paragraphs :—

“(b) keep every such claim for inspection by any person interested therein and exhibit particulars thereof outside his office for seven days; and

(c) then forthwith forward to the inspector for the division particulars of every claim not objected to by any elector.”

Clause 44, sub-section (1), line 28, omit the word “he” and insert the words “or if any elector has an objection to the enrolment of the claimant such inspector or elector (as the case may be).”

“ ” line 29, after the word “objection” insert the words “and in the case of an objection made by any elector such elector shall forward a copy of such notice of objection to the registrar of the division.”

“ ” sub-section (2), line 33, omit the word “inspector” and insert the word “objector.”

“ ” line 34, omit the word “inspector” and insert the word “objector.”

Clause 45, sub-section (1), line 37, omit the word “inspector” and insert the word “objector.”

“ ” line 39, omit the word “inspector” and insert the word “objector.”

“ ” line 42, omit the word “inspector” and insert the word “objector.”

“ ” sub-section (2), page 19, line 5, omit the word “inspector” and insert the word “objector.”

“ ” line 8, omit the word “inspector” and insert the word “objector.”

“ ” sub-section (4), at the end of the sub-section add the words “or if the objector fails to appear in support of his objection the justice shall direct the registrar to enrol the claimant.”

- Clause 51, sub-section (1), lines 27 and 28, omit the words "and every municipal clerk."
 " " line 29, after the word "occupies" insert the words "or comes to reside in."
 " sub-section (2), lines 32 and 33, omit the words "and every municipal clerk."
 Clause 52, sub-section (1), lines 40 and 41, omit the words "in the months of January, April, July, and October in each year" and insert the words "forthwith after the registration by him of the death of any person of the age of twenty-one years and upwards."
 " " line 42, omit the words "each division" and insert the words "such division as the case may require."
 " " page 21, line 1, omit the words "list containing full information" and insert the word "notice."
 " " line 4, after the word "every" insert the word "such."
 " " lines 4 to 6, omit the words "of the age of twenty-one years and upwards whose death has been registered with him during the three months immediately preceding the month in which the list is so forwarded."
 " sub-section (2), line 7, omit the word "list" and insert the word "notice."
 " " line 10, omit the words "list of deaths" and insert the word "notice."
 " sub-section (3), line 11, omit the word "list" and insert the word "notice."

Mr. Lemmon moved, as a further amendment, That the words "a day being thirty days," in sub-section (2), paragraph (i.), line 8 of clause 61 be omitted.

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Cussen,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Livingston,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Lawson.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Wall.
Mr. McGregor,	
Mr. McKissock,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McLachlan,	Mr. McGrath,
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. Warde.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Lemmon moved, as a further amendment, That the words "or dissolution," in sub-section (2), paragraph (i.), line 9 of clause 61 be omitted.

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Cussen,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Livingston.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. McKissock,	
Mr. McLachlan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. McGrath,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. McGregor.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Clause 68, sub-section (3), page 27, at the end of the sub-section add the following words :—
 "unless he makes and signs before the returning officer or deputy a declaration in the prescribed form."

Clause 83, at the end of the clause add the following new proviso :—

"Notwithstanding anything in this section where any candidate who has made application for a recount of votes has been reported by the Committee to have been duly elected, the deposit made by such candidate shall be returned to him in full."

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

Clause 100, sub-section (1), line 4, omit the word "posted" and insert the word "issued."

line 5, omit the word "posting" and insert the word "issue."

Mr. Murray moved, as a further amendment, That the following new sub-sections be inserted after sub-section (1) of clause 102:—

(2) It shall not be lawful for any authorized witness to visit any elector—

(a) for the purpose of witnessing such elector's signature to his postal ballot-paper; or

(b) to witness such elector's signature in any place other than the ordinary place of living or business of the authorized witness.

(3) Provided that if any elector has received a postal ballot-paper and is unable on account of ill-health or infirmity to present himself before an authorized witness any member of the police force when so requested by any such elector in writing may visit such elector for the purpose of witnessing his signature to such postal ballot-paper.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Tunnecliffe moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by inserting the words "or other authorized witness" after the words "police force," in lines 2 and 3 of sub-section (3).

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

Question—That the proposed amendment as amended be agreed to—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Clause 103, line 17, omit the words "a surname if" and the words "as spelled sounds the same."

line 18, omit the words "as that" and the word "or."

Third Schedule, page 44, under the headline "Instructions to Authorized Witness," after paragraph (c), insert the following new paragraphs:—

"It shall not be lawful for any authorized witness to visit any elector—

(a) for the purpose of witnessing such elector's signature to his postal ballot-paper; or

(b) to witness such elector's signature in any place other than the ordinary place of living or business of the authorized witness.

Provided that if any elector has received a postal ballot-paper, and is unable on account of ill-health or infirmity to present himself before an authorized witness any member of the police force or other authorized witness when so requested by any such elector in writing may visit such elector for the purpose of witnessing his signature to such postal ballot-paper."

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

12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Government Business, No. 1, Nos. 4 and 5, and Nos. 7 to 16 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 26.

TUESDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. COUSENS' CORNER AND NEWBRIDGE RAILWAY.—Mr. E. H. Cameron, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of connecting Cousens' Corner and Newbridge by means of a railway with the existing railway system, and the provision of a deficiency rate; together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
3. ELECTORAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—ACTING CLERK'S CORRECTIONS.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Report from the Acting Clerk notifying that he had made the following corrections in this Bill, viz.:—
In clause 4, division of Act, consequent on the insertion of a new clause and the omission of several clauses, the sectional figures from 46 to 120 have been omitted and the figures 47 to 111 inserted
In clause 6, sub-section (1), line 24, the word "*Elections*" has been omitted and the word "*Election*" inserted.
4. PETITIONS.—Sir Henry Weedon presented a Petition from H. L. Melbourne, Metropolitan, on behalf of the Standing Committee appointed by and representing the Provincial Synod of the State of Victoria, in which is included the archdiocese of Melbourne and the bishoprics of Ballarat, Bendigo, Wangaratta, and Gippsland, praying that the House will include in the Education Law further Amendment Bill the system adopted in the primary schools of New South Wales for the religious education of the children.
On the motion of Sir Henry Weedon, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Petition to be read.
The Petition was read by the Acting Clerk.
Mr. McCutcheon presented a Petition from R. O. Blackwood, styling himself President, Hugh M. Strachan, W. N. Pratt, and Walter H. Haigh, styling themselves Vice-Presidents, and Robt. S. Walpole, styling himself Secretary, executive officers of the Victorian Employers' Federation, under the common seal of the said federation, praying that the House will not pass the Closer Settlement and Small Improved Holdings Law Amendment Bill in its present form.
On the motion of Mr. McCutcheon, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Petition to be read.
The Petition was read by the Acting Clerk.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
5. PAPERS.—Mr. McKenzie presented—
Small Holdings Act—Administration of.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 9th September, 1909, for a copy of the Reply of the Manager of the Small Holdings Branch of the Lands Department (Mr. Malcolm) to the Report of the Sub-Committee of the Cabinet on the Administration of the Small Holdings Act.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Acting Clerk :—
Bank Liabilities and Assets.—Summary of Sworn Returns for the quarter ended 30th June, 1909.
Constitution Statute.—Statement of Expenditure under Schedule D to Act 18 & 19 Vict., Cap. 55, during the year 1908-9.
Indeterminate Sentences Act 1907.—Regulations.—Order in Council.
6. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—SPECIAL BOARDS TO FIX LOWEST RATES OF WAGES.—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed in the process, trade, or business of a ham and bacon curer.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them with the foregoing resolution, and desiring their concurrence therein.

Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed in the process, trade, or business of—

- (a) Electro-plating,
- (b) Metal polishing,
- (c) Enamelling or japanning metals,

other than persons subject to the Determination of any one of the following Boards :—

Bedstead-makers Board,
Brassworkers Board,
Jewellers Board,
Ovenmakers Board,
Tinsmiths Board.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

7. CLOSER SETTLEMENT AND SMALL IMPROVED HOLDINGS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—

Debate resumed.

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

And, after debate—

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

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

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

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 14th September, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

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

That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons, wheresoever employed, in carting or driving or assisting in carting or driving, other than persons carting or driving or assisting in carting or driving in connexion with a trade, business, or occupation which may be or is the subject of a Determination of any one of the following Special Boards :—

Butchers Board,
Breadcarters Board,
Grocers Board,
Hay, Chaff, Wood and Coal Board,

with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 14th September, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 7 inclusive be postponed until after No. 8.

11. MOTOR CARS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—

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

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

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

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

12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 7 inclusive and Nos. 9 to 16 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 27.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER, 1909.

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

2. PAPERS.—Mr. J. Cameron presented—

Elwood Swamp Reclamation Works Employés.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 15th July, 1909, for a return showing the names of the men employed on the reclamation works at Elwood Swamp and foreshore, from beginning of year 1906, embracing—

1. Name of each employé.
2. Date of first employment and date of subsequent re-employment.
3. Length of time on the works.
4. Wages paid to each employé.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Old-age Pensions Act 1901—Section 35.—Statement for the financial year 1908-9.

Public Service Acts—

Regulations.—Classification of Professional Division.—Department of Lands and Survey.

Regulations.—Travelling Allowances.—Department of Agriculture.

Regulations.—Classification of General Division.—General.

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

Regulations.—Attendance and Conduct of Officers.—Chapter XIII.—Special Attendances.

Regulations.—Classification of General Division.—Department of Public Works.

Regulations.—Classification of Professional Division.—Department of Public Health.

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

Regulations.—Classification of General Division.—Department of Treasurer, Government Printing Office.

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

Regulations.—Additional Class, D¹.

Regulations.—Classification of Professional Division.—Department of Law.

3. MURRAY WATERS COMMISSION.—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That, in addition to the sum of £100 already approved by His Excellency the Governor in Council, the further sum of £300 be allowed to the Royal Commission appointed for the purpose of making inquiry and submitting a report concerning the flow of the Murray River and other matters connected therewith.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. MARNOC AND WAUBRA CONNECTING RAILWAY.—Mr. A. A. Billson moved, pursuant to notice, That the question of connecting Marnoc and the district to the south with the existing railway between Ararat and Maryborough, or with the existing railway between Maryborough and Donald, with a further connexion to Waubra by a direct line of railway, and the provision of a deficiency rate, be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. CLOSER SETTLEMENT AND SMALL IMPROVED HOLDINGS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Mackey addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to cancel the Crown Grant of certain Land in the Parishes of Burrumbeet and Brewster permanently reserved as a Site for Public Park and Recreation*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 15th September, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to revoke the Permanent Reservation of certain Land in the Municipal District of Essendon reserved as a Site for Conservation of Water*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 15th September, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the re-vesting in the Crown of certain Land in the Parish of North Melbourne permanently reserved for the purposes of the West Melbourne Literary Institute and the granting of the same to Trustees as a site for the incorporated institution called 'The Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital' and for other purposes,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with an amendment, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 15th September, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Ordered—That the said amendment be taken into consideration to-morrow.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to regulate Boat Traffic on the Upper Yarra River,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with an amendment, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 14th September, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Ordered—That the said amendment be taken into consideration to-morrow.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

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

That it is expedient that the Governor in Council be authorized to extend the powers of the Cycle Trade Board under the Factories and Shops Acts, so that it may fix the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed in the process, trade, or business of a maker of any part or parts (other than tyres) of a bicycle, tricycle, or motor cycle.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 15th September, 1909,

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

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

That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons, wheresoever employed, in the process, trade, or business of quarrying, not including agriculture, with an amendment, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 15th September, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 17 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 28.

THURSDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. TRADING COMPANIES LAW CONSOLIDATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Mackey obtained leave, with Mr. Outtrim, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Trading Companies*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 21st October next.
3. WOMEN'S PROTECTION AND LEGITIMATION OF CHILDREN BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. McLachlan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. McGrath,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. McKissock,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. McLachlan,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. Membrey,	
Mr. Outtrim,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Plain,	Mr. Elmslie,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Lemmon.

Noes, 25.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Cullen,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Langdon,	
Mr. Livingston,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. McGregor.
Mr. McBride,	

And so it passed in the negative.

4. LANDLORD AND TENANT LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report having been read—Mr. Mackey moved, That the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

- Clause 4, paragraph (c), line 5, after the word "whatsoever" insert the words "not being the immediate tenant of the superior landlord."
- " paragraph (c), lines 6 and 7, omit the words "in respect of which the rent is in arrear" and insert the words "between them."
- " line 9, after the word "aforesaid" insert the words "or his agent."
- " line 12, after the word "person" insert the words "or agent."
- " line 12, after the word "forth" insert the words "that the declarant is a lodger under tenant or other person or agent aforesaid."
- " line 19, omit the words "(if any)."
- " line 19, after the word "due" insert the words "or that no rent is then due."
- " line 24, after the word "levied" insert the words "and the charges of making the distress."
- " line 26, after the word "person" insert the words "or agent."
- " line 28, after the word "person" insert the words "or agent."

Clause 5, line 45, after the word "goods" insert the words "if not sold, or if sold the value thereof."

Clause 6, at the end of the clause add the words "or may recover the amount deducted from the tenant for whose rent the distress is levied as money paid to his use."

Clause 7, paragraph (c), line 37, after the word "given" insert the words "after distress has been levied and."

Mr. Mackey moved, as a further amendment, That the words "for a period of not less than three months" be inserted after the word "created," in line 6 of clause 8.

Debate ensued.

And the debate not being concluded by one o'clock—

Ordered—That the further consideration of amendments after third reading be postponed until Thursday, 21st October next.

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

6. **ORDER OF THE HOUSE RESCINDED.**—Mr. Murray moved, by leave, That the Order of the House making the further consideration of amendments after third reading of the Landlord and Tenant Law Amendment Bill an Order of the Day for Thursday, 21st October next, be read and rescinded, and that it be made an Order of the Day for this day.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until this day.

8. **LANDLORD AND TENANT LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of amendments after third reading of this Bill having been read—

Mr. Mackey, by leave, withdrew his amendment in clause 8.

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

Clause 8, line 5, after the word "where" insert the words "to his knowledge."

Clause 9, line 11, after the word "any" insert the word "under."

„ line 16, after the word "and" insert the words "to such notice there shall be annexed a statutory declaration made by such superior landlord verifying the statement in the notice as to the amount of arrears of rent and setting forth that the declarant is such superior landlord."

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

9. **UPPER YARRA RIVER (BOAT TRAFFIC) BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendment was read and is as follows :—

Clause 6, line 15, omit "Ports and Harbors" and insert "Public Works."

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

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

10. **WEST MELBOURNE LITERARY INSTITUTE LAND BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendment was read and is as follows :—

Clause 6, line 44, after "conditions" insert "exceptions."

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

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

11. **CLOSER SETTLEMENT AND SMALL IMPROVED HOLDINGS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—

Debate resumed.

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

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

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

12. **MOTOR CARS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—

Debate resumed.

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

Ordered—That the Bill be considered in Committee this day.

13. MOTOR CARS—FEES.—Mr. Murray moved, by leave, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the fees to be charged under the Motor Cars Bill.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

Resolved—That the following fees be chargeable under the Motor Cars Bill :—

Registration fee for every motor car, Twenty shillings per annum.

Registration fee for every motor cycle, Two shillings and sixpence per annum.

Licence fee for every driver of motor car, Two shillings and sixpence per annum.

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

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

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

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

15. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 to 20 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

16. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Murray moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 29.

 TUESDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ADJOURNMENT—DEATH OF MEMBER.—Mr. Speaker having announced to the House the death, on Friday, 17th September instant, of the Honorable Sir Thomas Bent, K.C.M.G. (the Honorable Member for Brighton)—
Mr. Murray moved, That the House do now adjourn.
And other Honorable Members having addressed the House in support of the motion—
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 30.

 WEDNESDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Beazley, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Committee of Public Accounts ; together with Minutes of Evidence.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Graham presented—

Public Servants as Secretaries of Friendly Societies and Trades Unions.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 22nd July, 1909, for a return showing the number of Public Servants acting in the capacity of secretaries to Friendly Societies and Trades Unions, and the salaries received for such services.

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

Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Return showing particulars of Goods, other than manufactured in the Commonwealth, obtained for the use of the Victorian Water Supply Department during the year ended 30th June, 1909.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

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ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1909-10.

THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 11.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the Year 1909-10, in lieu of the Estimate of Expenditure for the first three months of the Year 1909-10, transmitted on the 6th July, 1909, and the 7th September, 1909, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 22nd September, 1909.

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

5. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
6. FLINDERS-STREET STATION WORKS.—Mr. Watt moved, by leave, That there be laid before this House a copy of the Report of Messrs. Brennan and Sims, who were appointed by the Railways Commissioners to inquire into and report to them on the question of the expenditure required to complete the Flinders-street Station Works being in excess of the approved estimate ; together with the Minutes of Evidence taken at the inquiry.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
7. PAPER.—Mr. Watt presented—
Flinders-street Station Works.—Return to the foregoing Order.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

8. CLOSER SETTLEMENT AND SMALL IMPROVED HOLDINGS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 18 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 31.

THURSDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. SETTLED ESTATES AND SETTLED LAND BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Mackey moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Murray moved, That this Bill be committed to a Select Committee.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. WRONGS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Mackey moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Mackey, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 3 to 14 inclusive be postponed until Thursday next.
5. JEPARIT TO LORQUON RAILWAY.—Mr. A. A. Billson, in accordance with the requirements of the Railways Standing Committee Acts, moved, pursuant to notice, That the construction of a 5ft. 3in. railway from Jeparit to Lorquon be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—Mr. Murray moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Prendergast moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the words "all persons over twenty-one years of age employed in any section of the State or Railway services shall be paid at the least at the rate of £110 per annum."
And, after debate—
Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Debate continued.
Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and negatived.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

7. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 18 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
8. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Murray moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 32.

TUESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ISSUE OF WRIT.—Mr. Speaker announced that, on Friday, the 24th September instant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of Brighton, in the place of the Honorable Sir Thomas Bent, K.C.M.G., deceased.
3. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were presented by Mr. Murray, and the same were read :—

THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 12.

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

“An Act to amend the Marriage Acts.”

“An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Four hundred and forty-seven thousand two hundred and fifty-eight pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and nine and One thousand nine hundred and ten.”

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 15th September, 1909.

THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 13.

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

“An Act to cancel the Crown Grant of certain Land in the Parishes of Burrumbeet and Brewster permanently reserved as a Site for Public Park and Recreation.”

“An Act to revoke the Permanent Reservation of certain Land in the Municipal District of Essendon reserved as a Site for Conservation of Water.”

“An Act to regulate Boat Traffic on the Upper Yarra River.”

“An Act to authorize the re-vesting in the Crown of certain Land in the Parish of North Melbourne permanently reserved for the purposes of the West Melbourne Literary Institute and the granting of the same to Trustees as a site for the incorporated institution called ‘The Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital’ and for other purposes.”

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 25th September, 1909.

4. PAPERS.—Mr. Murray presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the year 1908.—Part V.—Municipal Statistics.

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

Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—
Statement of Articles obtained outside the Commonwealth for the service of the Department of Public Works during the financial year 1908-9.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Hospitals for the Insane.—Report of the Inspector-General of the Insane for the year ended 31st December, 1908.

Victorian Railways.—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the financial year ending 30th June, 1909.

5. CLOSER SETTLEMENT AND SMALL IMPROVED HOLDINGS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again. Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

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

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 21st September, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council transmit to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Name Style or Title of Companies,'*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 21st September, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 18 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Graham moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 33.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. SERVICES OF THE LATE SIR THOMAS BENT, K.C.M.G.—Mr. Murray moved, by leave, That this House desires to express its deep sorrow at the death of the Honorable Sir Thomas Bent, K.C.M.G., and to place on record its sense of the services rendered to Victoria by him in the many responsible positions he held since first elected a Member of this House, on the 16th March, 1871; and its appreciation of the force of character, ability, and kindness of heart which marked his long and distinguished career.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Murray moved, by leave, That the Acting Clerk do enter on the Journals of the House that the foregoing resolution was carried unanimously.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. JEPARIT TO LORQUON RAILWAY.—Mr. E. H. Cameron, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the construction of a 5ft. 3in. railway from Jeparit to Lorquon; together with Book of Reference and Plan.
Ordered to lie on the Table and the Report to be printed.
4. HOTELS NOT ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION.—Mr. Saugster moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The number of hotels within the State of Victoria the owners and occupiers of which are not entitled to compensation in the event of such hotels being closed, notwithstanding that they are contributing to the Compensation Fund in terms of the *Licensing Act 1906*.
 2. The electorates within which such hotels are situated, and the number of hotels in each.
 3. The total amount contributed to the Compensation Fund in respect of such hotels.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. McGrath rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The question of boarding out neglected children."
Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—
Mr. McGrath moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
6. PAPERS.—Mr. A. A. Billson presented—
Continuation and Agricultural High Schools.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 28th July, 1909, for a return showing—
 1. How many pupils entered the Continuation Schools each year.
 2. How many entered (a) as teachers, (b) as scholarship holders, (c) as neither.
 3. How many continued for a third, fourth, or fifth year.
 4. How many became teachers each year.
 5. How many still continue as teachers.
 6. How many have been admitted after the first term.
 7. What have these schools cost (a) in establishing, (b) in annual upkeep—salaries, maintenance, interest.
 8. Annual cost per pupil.
 9. What do the annual fees come to.
 10. Cost per pupil in senior public examinations.
 11. How many Agricultural High Schools are there.
 12. In how many have the regulations been complied with—(a) as to half the cost, (b) as to the number of pupils, (c) as to provision of land.
 13. How many pupils attend them, (a) as agricultural students, (b) as teachers, (c) others.
 14. What was their first cost.
 15. What is their annual cost.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

State Rivers and Water Supply Commission.—Fourth Annual Report, 1908–9.

7. SETTLED ESTATES AND SETTLED LAND BILL COMMITTEE.—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That the Select Committee to which the Settled Estates and Settled Land Bill be referred consist of Mr. Elmslie, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Mackey, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. McGrath, Mr. McLeod, and Mr. Plain, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, to move from place to place, to sit on days on which the House does not meet, and to report the Minutes of Evidence from time to time ; three to be the quorum.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
8. CLOSER SETTLEMENT AND SMALL IMPROVED HOLDINGS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again. Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Nos. 2 to 20 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 34.

THURSDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—Mr. Murray moved, by leave, That leave of absence until the 10th November next be granted to Norman Bayles, Esq., the Honorable Member for Toorak.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Watt, and the same was read :—
THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 14.*
In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill for the Appointment of a Public Trustee and for other purposes.
Government Offices,
Melbourne, 29th September, 1909.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.
4. PUBLIC TRUSTEE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 14, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Watt, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—
Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill for the Appointment of a Public Trustee and for other purposes.
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
5. REVENUE FROM MINING COMPANIES IN BALLARAT MINING DISTRICT.—Mr. Stanley moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. McGregor, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total amount contributed to the State revenue by the various mining companies and holders of mining tenements in the Ballarat mining district; also the amount for each year for the last five years, ending 30th June, 1909.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. CRIMES ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. McLachlan obtained leave, with Mr. Solly, to bring in a Bill intitled "*A Bill to amend the Crimes Acts and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 28th October next.
7. SHEEP DIPPING BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Robertson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, on Thursday, 4th November next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 2 be postponed until Thursday next.
9. **PUBLIC TRUSTEE BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Beazley moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
And not having concluded his speech by one o'clock, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.
10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, No. 4 be postponed until Thursday, 21st October next, Nos. 5, 6, 9, 11, and 12 until Thursday next, Nos. 7 and 8 until Thursday, 14th October next, No. 10 until Thursday, 11th November next, and Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 and 2 until Tuesday next.
11. **GOLD BUYERS ACT 1907 AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Outtrim reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
12. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 and 5 be postponed until Tuesday next.
13. **FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—SPECIAL BOARD TO FIX LOWEST RATES OF WAGES.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Message of the Legislative Council desiring the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly with the amendments in the following resolution, viz. :—
That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons, wheresoever employed, in carting or driving or assisting in carting or driving, other than persons carting or driving or assisting in carting or driving in connexion with a trade, business, or occupation which may be or is the subject of a Determination of any one of the following Special Boards :—
Butchers Board,
Bread Carters Board,
Grocers Board,
Hay, Chaff, Wood and Coal Board,
having been read—the said amendments were read and are as follow :—
1. Line 2 of the Resolution, omit “wheresoever.”
2. Line 3 of the Resolution, after “driving,” where it last occurs, insert “in connexion with or incidental to some trade or business carried on within the area in which the *Factories and Shops Act* 1905 has effect.”
On the motion of Mr. Murray, amendment No. 1 was, after debate, read a second time, and agreed to by the House.
Mr. Murray moved, That amendment No. 2 be read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
On the motion of Mr. Murray, the amendment was agreed to with the following amendments :—
Line 2, omit the word “or.”
Lines 2 and 3, omit all words after the word “business” and insert the words “or occupation.”
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to one of the said amendments, and have agreed to the other or the said amendments with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.
14. **FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—SPECIAL BOARD TO FIX LOWEST RATES OF WAGES.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Message of the Legislative Council desiring the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly with an amendment in the following resolution, viz. :—That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons, wheresoever employed, in the process, trade, or business of quarrying, not including agriculture—having been read—the said amendment was read and is as follows :—
In line 3 of the Resolution, omit “wheresoever.”
On the motion of Mr. Murray, the said amendment was read a second time, and, after debate, agreed to by the House.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendment.
15. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 8 to 20 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 35.

TUESDAY, 5TH OCTOBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. FISHERIES INQUIRY BOARD.—Mr. J. Cameron moved, by leave, That there be laid before this House a copy of the Report and Minutes of Evidence of the Fisheries Inquiry Board.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. PAPER.—Mr. J. Cameron presented—
Fisheries Inquiry Board.—Report and Minutes of Evidence.—Return to the foregoing Order.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
4. POWLETT COAL-FIELD RAILWAY.—Mr. A. A. Billson moved, pursuant to notice, That the question of connecting the Powlett coal-field with the existing railway system and with the proposed ports at Inverloch and Western Port Bay be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. RUSHWORTH CONNECTING RAILWAY.—Mr. A. A. Billson moved, pursuant to notice, That the question of connecting Rushworth and district to the south-west, including Colbinabbin, with the existing railway between Kilmore and Bendigo by a 5ft. 3in. gauge railway, and the provision of a deficiency rate, be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Acting Clerk :—
Savings Banks.—Statements and Returns for the year ended 30th June, 1909.
7. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

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

That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed in the process, trade, or business of—

- (a) Electro-plating,
- (b) Metal polishing,
- (c) Enamelling or japanning metals,

other than persons subject to the Determination of any one of the following Boards :—

- Bedstead-makers Board,
- Brassworkers Board,
- Jewellers Board,
- Ovenmakers Board,
- Tinsmiths Board.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 5th October, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the renewal of a certain Victualler's Licence in pursuance of a certificate granted by the Licensing Court for the Licensing District of Flinders*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 5th October, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for Improving the Access to the Royal Agricultural Society's Show Grounds at Flemington,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 5th October, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

In the Schedule—

1st line, omit "Town" and insert "City."

3rd line, omit "Town" and insert "City."

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

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

9. CLOSER SETTLEMENT AND SMALL IMPROVED HOLDINGS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments.

Ordered—That the Bill, as amended, be printed and taken into consideration to-morrow.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 18 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to revoke the permanent reservation for Watering Purposes of certain Land in the Town of Caulfield*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 5th October, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Sale of certain Land to the Shire of Hampden by a Councillor of the said Shire*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 5th October, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 36.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH OCTOBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. STATE EMPLOYÉS RECEIVING LESS THAN £110 PER ANNUM.—Mr. Prendergast moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return of all employés, male or female, in the State service (including Railways) who are receiving less than £110 per annum in salary or wages, showing—
1. Name.
 2. Age.
 3. Actual salary or wages.
 4. Nature and value of allowances.
 5. Total salary or wages.
 6. Length of service.
 7. Whether permanent or casual.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. CARRIAGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Murray, pursuant to notice moved on his behalf by Mr. Watt, obtained leave, with Mr. Watt, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the ‘Carriages Act 1890’*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
4. CLOSER SETTLEMENT AND SMALL IMPROVED HOLDINGS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report having been read—Mr. McKenzie moved, That the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. McKenzie, read a third time.
- Mr. McLachlan moved, as an amendment, That the word “five,” in line 7 of sub-section (3) of clause 5, page 3, be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the word “three.”
- Debate ensued.
- Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.
- The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Harris,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Langdon,	
Mr. Mackey,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	
Mr. McBride,	

Tellers.

Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Robertson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Plain,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. McGrath,	
Mr. McKissock,	
Mr. McLachlan,	
Mr. Outtrim,	

Tellers.

Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Tunnecliffe.

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

- Clause 16, sub-section (3), at the end of the sub-section add the words “and shall be invested or applied as the Master-in-Lunacy or the Supreme Court may direct.”
- Clause 19, sub-section (1), line 16, before the word “direct” insert the words “within three months.”

Mr. McKenzie moved, as a further amendment, That after the word “pounds,” in line 18 of sub-section (1) of clause 23, the words “if the improvements thereon are not worth more than Two thousand pounds, and a further area of land to a value not exceeding Five hundred pounds for each additional One thousand pounds worth of improvements thereon, but in no case shall the maximum value of the land retained exceed Ten thousand pounds” be inserted.

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Forrest,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. Langdon,	
Mr. Mackey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Robertson.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. McGrath,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. McKissock,	
Mr. McLachlan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. Hannah,
Mr. Plain,	Mr. Lemmon.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

- Clause 23, sub-section (5), at the end of the sub-section add the words “on receipt of which by the Board within the time specified the owner shall be entitled to select and retain land as provided in the preceding sub-sections of this section.”

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

- Clause 26, sub-section (2), line 28, after the word “proposal” insert the words “of the Board.”

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

- Clause 70, sub-section (1), line 31, after the word “lease” insert the words “or permissive occupancy.”
- Clause 75, lines 7 to 9, omit the words “or of any applicant for a lease of any such allotment who has lodged with his application the amount required by the Board.”
- “ line 9, after the word “lessee” omit the words “or applicant.”

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

- Clause 81, sub-section (2), line 14, omit the word “ten” and insert the word “fifteen.”
- Clause 87, sub-section (1), after paragraph (d) insert the following new paragraphs :—
- “(e) the intervals at which meetings of the Board shall be held, the order of business and method of procedure thereat, also the times when the minutes thereof shall be submitted to the Minister ;”
- “(f) the yearly inspection of the estates subdivided, and the apportionment of duties amongst the members of the Board.”

Mr. Robertson moved, as a further amendment, That the following new paragraph be added to sub-section (1) of clause 87 :—

- “(g) prescribing what works shall be improvements for the purposes of the Act.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Robertson moved, as a further amendment, That the following new paragraph be added to sub-section (1) of clause 87 :—

- “(g) what works effected by lessees and licensees shall be improvements upon which advances may be made under this Act.”

Debate ensued.

Question—That the proposed new paragraph be added to the clause—put and negatived.

Mr. McLachlan offered the following new clause to be added to the Bill :—

- H. All owners of first and second class freehold land which, in the opinion of the Board, is fit for cultivation, and is within seven miles of a railway, shall be compelled every second year to cultivate one-fourth of their land.

Mr. McLachlan moved, That new clause H be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Beazley, Mr. Rogers,
 Mr. J. W. Billson, Mr. Sangster,
 Mr. Cotter, Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Glass, Mr. Toutcher,
 Mr. Hannah, Mr. Tunnecliffe,
 Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. Wall,
 Mr. McGrath, Mr. Warde.
 Mr. McGregor,
 Mr. McKissock,
 Mr. McLachlan,
 Mr. Outtrim,
 Mr. Plain,

Tellers.

Mr. Elmslie,
 Mr. Lemmon.

Noes, 27.

Mr. A. A. Billson, Mr. McCutcheon,
 Mr. E. H. Cameron, Mr. McKenzie,
 Mr. J. Cameron, Mr. McLeod,
 Mr. Cookson, Mr. Membrey,
 Mr. Downward, Mr. Oman,
 Mr. Farrer, Sir Alexander Peacock,
 Mr. Forrest, Mr. Stanley,
 Mr. Graham, Mr. Thomson,
 Mr. Gray, Mr. Watt,
 Mr. Harris, Sir Henry Weedon.
 Mr. Hutchinson,
 Mr. Langdon,
 Mr. Livingston,
 Mr. Mackey,
 Mr. McBride,

Tellers.

Mr. Carlisle,
 Mr. Robertson.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

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

6. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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

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

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

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

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £857,041 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1909–10, viz.:—

Division No.		£
1.	Legislative Council—Salaries	192
3.	Legislative Assembly—Salaries	1,095
4.	Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	320
5.	Railways Standing Committee—Salaries	76
6.	Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	60
7.	Victorian Parliamentary Debates—Salaries	425
8.	Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	270
9.	The Library—Salaries	104
10.	Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	40
11.	The Library, State Parliament House—Salaries	111
12.	Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	65
13.	Refreshment Rooms—Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	300
14.	Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries	1,084
15.	Ordinary Expenditure, Miscellaneous Items	220
16.	General Items	250
17.	Pensions, Gratuities, &c.	5,000
18.	Grants	1,150
19.	Board for Protection of Aborigines—Salaries	54
20.	Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	700
21.	Explosives—Salaries	317
22.	Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	150
23.	Inspector of Factories and Shops—Salaries	1,032
24.	Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	650
25.	Government Shorthand Writer—Salaries	250
26.	Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	20
27.	The Governor's Office—Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	125
28.	Inebriates' Institution—Salaries	130
29.	Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	270
30.	Marine Board—Salaries	430
31.	Ordinary Expenditure, General Items... ..	190
32.	Mercantile Marine—Salaries	134
33.	Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	12
34.	Observatory—Salaries	394
35.	Ordinary Expenditure, Astrophotographic Catalogues	67
36.	General Items	225
37.	Premier's Office—Salaries	270
38.	Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	58
39.	Agent-General—Agent-General, Staff, &c.	328

Division No.	£
120. Extirpation of Rabbits, &c.—Ordinary Expenditure, General Items ...	3,200
121. Closer Settlement—Salaries	400
122. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	80
123. Small Holdings—Salaries... ..	213
124. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	65
125. Village Settlements, &c.	100
126. Works and Buildings	700
127. Road Works	50
130. Public Works—Salaries	4,530
131. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	2,298
132. " " Pensions, Gratuities, &c.	21
133. Ports and Harbors—Salaries	2,684
134. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	4,000
136. Public Works—Works and Buildings	50,470
137. " " Road Works and Bridges	5,000
139. " " Exceptional Expenditure	150
140. Mines—Salaries	3,084
141. " Furtherance of Mining Industry	5,000
142. " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	1,050
145. Forests—Salaries	1,282
146. " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	3,000
147. Water Supply—Salaries	659
148. " " Surveys, &c.	150
149. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	140
150. " " Endowments and Grants	200
151. " " Exceptional Expenditure	120
152. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission	13,750
153. Agriculture and Industries—Salaries, &c.	1,320
155. " " Publishing Reports	1,500
156. " " Development of Export Trade	5,440
158. " " Doncaster Cool Stores	133
159. " " General Items	788
160. " " Works and Buildings	459
161. Grants	449
163. Stock and Dairy Supervision	1,952
164. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	926
165. Vegetation Diseases	608
166. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	980
167. Technical Agricultural Education—Salaries	885
168. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items... ..	867
169. Viticultural Industry	126
170. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	659
171. Public Health—Salaries	1,360
172. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	4,190
175. Victorian Railways	413,282
176. Miscellaneous	2,763
177. Chief Engineer for Railway Construction—Working Expenses	628
	857,041

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

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 4 to 18 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 37.

THURSDAY, 7TH OCTOBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Acting Clerk :—
Pure Food Act 1905.—Regulations for Securing the Cleanliness and Freedom from Contamination of Bread.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until Thursday, 4th November next.
4. COURTS OF MINES AND COUNTY COURTS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, on Thursday, 4th November next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, after debate—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 4 and 6 be postponed until Thursday, 4th November next, and No. 5 until Thursday, 28th October instant.
6. UNCLAIMED MONEYS ACT 1906 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Beazley moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. McGrath,	
Mr. McKissock,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McLachlan,	
Mr. Plain,	Mr. Elmslie,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Lemmon.

Noes, 20.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Livingston,	
Mr. Mackey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. McCutcheon,	Mr. Farrer.

And so it passed in the negative.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 8 to 11 inclusive be postponed until Thursday next.
8. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Murray obtained leave, with Mr. Watt, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Factories and Shops Acts*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

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

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

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

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

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

Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1909–10 the sum of £857,041 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.

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

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

11. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 4).—Mr. Watt then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Eight hundred and fifty-seven thousand and forty-one pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and nine and One thousand nine hundred and ten*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

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

Debate ensued.

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

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

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

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

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

13. CASTLEMAINE LAND RESERVATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. McKenzie moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

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

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

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

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

15. BENDIGO GAOL LAND REVOCATION BILL.—The Order for the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. McKenzie moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

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

“A Bill to revoke the Permanent Reservation of certain Land reserved as a Site for Gaol purposes in the Parish of Sandhurst and to authorize the Reservation of part of such Land as a Site for the purposes of the Bendigo Continuation School.”

And the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House were agreed to.

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

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

16. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 and Nos. 5 to 18 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 38.

TUESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. RETURN TO WRIT.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had yesterday received the return to the Writ issued for the election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Brighton, by which it appeared that Oswald Robinson Snowball, of Boxshall-street, Brighton, solicitor, had been duly elected in pursuance of the said Writ.
3. MEMBER SWORN.—Oswald Robinson Snowball, Esq., was then introduced, and took and subscribed the Oath required by law.
4. CLOSER SETTLEMENT AND SMALL IMPROVED HOLDINGS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—ACTING CLERK'S CORRECTIONS.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Report from the Acting Clerk notifying that he had made the following corrections in this Bill, viz.:—

In clause 91, sub-section (1), at the end of paragraph (c) the word "and" has been omitted.

" sub-section (1), paragraph (d) has been made paragraph (f).

" sub-section (1), paragraphs (e) and (f) have been made paragraphs (d) and (e), and have been transposed to follow paragraph (c), and the word "and" has been inserted at the end of paragraph (e).
5. POLICE SERVICE PROMOTIONS.—Mr. Lemmon moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. With regard to Superintendents of Police.—
 - (a) The names of the present Superintendents of Police.
 - (b) The date of their joining the Police Service.
 - (c) The date of promotion to senior constable, to sergeant (2nd class), to sergeant (1st class), to sub-inspector, and to superintendent during the first thirty years of their service.
 - (d) The amount of pay and salary received by each in the like period of service.
 - (e) The amount of salary (if any) drawn by each of the officers as licensing inspectors.
 2. With regard to the same number of sergeants (eleven), viz., 2930, 2950, 2974, 2985, 2989, 2996, 3011, 3054, 3061, 3063, 3064, who have just completed thirty years' service—
 - (a) Date of joining service.
 - (b) Date of promotion to senior constable, to sergeant (2nd class), to sergeant (1st class), during the first thirty years of their service.
 - (c) The amount of pay received by each in the like period of their service.
 - (d) The average amount of salary (if any) received by each as licensing inspectors.
 - (e) If all or any of the sergeants mentioned are eligible for promotion to the rank of sub-inspector, and, if so, the reason they have not been promoted.
 3. The average length of service of the last ten constables promoted to the rank of senior constable.
 4. The number of constables now in the Force with over twenty years' service.
 5. The average number of constables promoted to senior constables each year for the past five years.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Carlisle rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The question of the decision of the Commissioners of Railways to give 'more or less' receipts for grain loaded on the railways."

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

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

Observatory.—Forty-second Report of the Board of Visitors to the Observatory; together with the Report of the Government Astronomer for the period from 1st May, 1908, to 31st May, 1909.

Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the year 1908.—Part VI.—Vital Statistics, &c.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Forests Act 1907.—Report of the Department of State Forests for the year ended 30th June, 1909.

Water Supply of the Metropolitan Area Investigation Board.—Appointment of Board and fixing Expenditure.

8. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—SPECIAL BOARDS TO FIX LOWEST RATES OF WAGES.—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons wheresoever employed in the process, trade, or business of a carpenter or joiner (including labouring work in connexion therewith) engaged in connexion with the erecting or repairing of buildings.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons—

(a) Employed either inside or outside a factory or work-room in the process, trade, or business of a plumber or gasfitter;

(b) Wheresoever employed in any plumbing work (including electrical or gas fittings) in connexion with the erecting or repairing of buildings.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons wheresoever employed in a process, trade, or business connected with—

(a) Painting of buildings (including renovations);

(b) Paperhanging (including renovations).

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

9. LAND TAX BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—

Debate resumed.

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

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

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

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

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 12th October, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 17 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 39.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH OCTOBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Murray presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the year 1908—
Part VII.—Social Condition.
Part VIII.—Law, Crime, &c.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Acting Clerk :—
Land Act 1901.—Addition to Regulations.—Part II.—Crown Lands other than Mallee Lands.—Chapter IX., Miscellaneous Licences.—Order in Council.
3. LAND TAX BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Bowser moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
And, after debate—
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
4. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were presented by Mr. Watt, and the same were read:—

THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 15.

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

“An Act to provide for the renewal of a certain Victualler's Licence in pursuance of a certificate granted by the Licensing Court for the Licensing District of Flinders.”

“An Act to revoke the permanent reservation for Watering Purposes of certain Land in the Town of Caulfield.”

“An Act to provide for the Sale of certain Land to the Shire of Hampden by a Councillor of the said Shire.”

“An Act to provide for Improving the Access to the Royal Agricultural Society's Show Grounds at Flemington.”

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 12th October, 1909.

THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL,

Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 16.

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

“An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Eight hundred and fifty-seven thousand and forty-one pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and nine and One thousand nine hundred and ten.”

State Government House,
Melbourne, 13th October, 1909.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until to-morrow.
6. TRAMWAY CONNEXION (FLEMINGTON BRIDGE) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Speaker said—“In my opinion, this is a Private Bill.”
Mr. Watt moved, by leave, That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, in accordance with Standing Order No. 131 relating to Private Bills, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
Ordered—That this Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 5 to 17 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 40.

THURSDAY, 14TH OCTOBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. WESTERN DISTRICT CONNECTING RAILWAY.—Mr. E. H. Cameron, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of constructing a line of railway from the Ararat and Hamilton line, to connect with either the Ballarat and Geelong line, or the Geelong and Colac line; together with Appendix, Minutes of Evidence, and Plan.
Ordered to lie on the Table and the Report to be printed.
3. MATERIAL OBTAINED BY RAILWAYS COMMISSIONERS.—Mr. Prendergast moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount of material of all descriptions ordered or obtained by the Railways Commissioners during the twelve months ended the 30th June, 1909, specifying—
 1. Name of article.
 2. Where manufactured.
 3. If such article could be manufactured in Victoria or in Australia.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. MELBOURNE TRADES HALL AND LITERARY INSTITUTE BILL.—Mr. Lemmon obtained leave, with Mr. Solly, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to the Appointment of Trustees of the Trades Hall and Literary Institute, Melbourne, and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 11th November next.
5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1903 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2).—Mr. McGregor, pursuant to notice moved on his behalf by Mr. Mackey, obtained leave, with Mr. Downward, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Local Government Act 1903'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.
6. CONTRACTS OF INFANTS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Mackey moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments.
Ordered—That the Bill, as amended, be printed and taken into consideration on Thursday next.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, No. 2 be postponed until Thursday, 18th November next, and Nos. 3 to 6 inclusive until Thursday next.
8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Murray, pursuant to notice moved on his behalf by Mr. Watt, obtained leave, with Mr. Watt, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Local Government Acts*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
9. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—
Mr. Watt moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Question—put and negatived.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 4 inclusive be postponed until after No. 5.
11. **COMPANIES NAMES BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Watt moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Watt, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the same without amendment.
12. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 4 inclusive and Nos. 6 to 8 inclusive be postponed until after No. 9.
13. **POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Watt moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Plain,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Cussen,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Graham,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Langdon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. McCutcheon,	Mr. Livingston.

Noes, 14.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. McKissock,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. McLachlan,	
Mr. McLeod,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Lemmon.

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

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

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

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

14. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until Tuesday next.
15. **TRAMWAY CONNEXION (FLEMINGTON BRIDGE) BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, and Mr. Speaker having ruled this Bill to be a Private Bill—
Mr. Watt moved, by leave, That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, in accordance with Standing Order No. 131 relating to Private Bills, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Prendergast moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
16. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 6 to 8 inclusive, and Nos. 10 to 16 inclusive, be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 41.

TUESDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—The following Returns were presented, pursuant to a resolution of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 17th October, 1905—
- Mr. Murray presented—
- Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Return showing Articles manufactured or produced outside the Commonwealth, purchased for use in the Chief Secretary's Department during the financial year ended 30th June, 1909.
- Mr. A. A. Billson presented—
- Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Return showing Machinery, Goods, and Materials manufactured or produced outside the Commonwealth, obtained or contracted for by the Railway Department during the financial year ending 30th June, 1909.
- Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
- The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Acting Clerk :—
- Agricultural Education.—Accounts of the Trustees of Agricultural Colleges and the Council of Agricultural Education, from 1st January, 1908, to 30th June, 1908.
3. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—SPECIAL BOARD TO FIX LOWEST RATES OF WAGES.—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons wheresoever employed in the trade or business of a tuckpointer.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them with the foregoing resolution, and desiring their concurrence therein.
4. WATER SUPPLY OF THE METROPOLITAN AREA INVESTIGATION BOARD—FURTHER EXPENDITURE.—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That, in addition to the sum of £50 approved by His Excellency the Governor in Council in connexion with the Board appointed to investigate and report upon the Water Supply of the Metropolitan Area, the further sum of £150 be allowed, making the total expenditure £200.
- Debate ensued.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. LAND TAX BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
- Debate resumed.
- Mr. McLeod moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
- And, after debate—
- Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 7 inclusive be postponed until after No. 8.

7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Murray moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Elmslie addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 7 inclusive and Nos. 9 to 16 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 42.

 WEDNESDAY, 20TH OCTOBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Acting Clerk :—
 Marine Act 1890—
 Amendment of Regulations relating to the Examination of Engineers (2 Papers).
 Amended Regulation in substitution of Section 12 of "The Pilot Regulations 1904."
3. OLD-AGE PENSIONS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Watt obtained leave, with Mr. Murray, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Old-age Pensions*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
4. BLACK ROCK AND BEAUMARIS CONNECTING RAILWAY.—Mr. A. A. Billson moved, pursuant to notice, That the question of connecting the suburban districts of Black Rock and Beaumaris with the existing railway system by means of an electric or steam railway, and the provision of a deficiency rate, be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. GHERINGHAP TO MAROONA RAILWAY.—Mr. A. A. Billson, in accordance with the requirements of the Railways Standing Committee Acts, moved, pursuant to notice, That the construction of a 5ft. 3in. gauge railway from Gheringhap to Maroona, and the provision of a deficiency rate, be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. LAND TAX BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
 Debate resumed.
 Mr. McLachlan addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
 Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 16 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 43.

THURSDAY, 21ST OCTOBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Acting Clerk :—
 - Public Service Acts and Lunacy Act 1903—
 - Regulations.—Classification of Professional Division.—Department of Public Health.
 - Regulations.—Classification of General Division.—Department of State Forests (2 Papers).
 - Regulations.—Classification of General Division.—Department of Public Works.
 - Regulations.—Travelling Allowances.—Department of Treasurer.
 - Alteration of Regulations.—Classification of General Division.—Lunacy Department.
 - Regulations.—Classification of Professional Division.—Department of Agriculture.
 - Regulations.—Travelling Allowances.—Department of Lands and Survey.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 1 be postponed until Thursday, 18th November next.
4. ALDERMEN ABOLITION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—
5. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions, praying that the House will not pass into law the Aldermen Abolition Bill, were presented :—
 - By Sir Henry Weedon—
 - From the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, Councillors, and Citizens of the City of Melbourne, under the common seal of the said city.

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

The Petition was read by the Acting Clerk.

 - By Mr. Plain—
 - From the Mayor, Aldermen, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Town of Geelong, under the common seal of the said town.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
6. ALDERMEN ABOLITION BILL.—Mr. Prendergast moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Sir Henry Weedon moved, That the debate be now adjourned. Debate ensued. Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and negatived. Debate on the main question ensued. Sir Henry Weedon, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech by one o'clock, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed. Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday next.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 3, 5, 7, and 8 be postponed until Thursday next, No. 4 until Thursday, 4th November next, and No. 6 until Thursday, 25th November next.

8. DISMANTLING LANCEFIELD TO KILMORE RAILWAY.—Mr. A. A. Billson moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that the railway from Lancefield to Kilmore should be dismantled.

Debate ensued.

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

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

9. GEELONG MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS ACT 1907 AMENDMENT (SEWERING AND CLEANSING) BILL.—

The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report having been read—Mr. J. Cameron moved, That the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

Clause 2, line 12, omit the word "September" and insert the word "December."

„ page 2, paragraph (c), line 9, omit the word "nine" and insert the word "five."

„ page 2, paragraph (c), lines 10 and 11, omit the words "and such number may be increased to ten."

Clause 3, sub-section (1), lines 13 and 14, omit the words "provided in the Principal Act" and insert the words "hereinafter provided."

„ sub-section (2), line 15, omit the word "nine" and insert the word "five."

„ sub-section (2), line 16, omit the word "Four" and insert the word "Two."

„ sub-section (2), line 17, omit the word "two" and insert the word "one."

„ sub-section (2), line 18, omit the word "two" and insert the word "one."

„ sub-section (2), line 21, omit the words "Two Commissioners" and insert the words "One Commissioner."

„ sub-section (2), line 22, omit the words "one of whom" and insert the word "who."

„ sub-section (2), lines 24 to 26, omit the words "and one of whom shall retire on the last day of September One thousand nine hundred and twelve."

„ sub-section (2), line 27, omit the words "Two Commissioners" and insert the words "One Commissioner."

„ sub-section (2), lines 28 to 30, omit the words "one of whom shall retire on the last day of September One thousand nine hundred and eleven and one of whom" and insert the word "who."

„ sub-section (2), line 32, omit the words "Two Commissioners" and insert the words "One Commissioner."

„ sub-section (2), lines 34 to 36, omit the words "one of whom shall retire on the last day of September One thousand nine hundred and eleven and one of whom" and insert the word "who."

„ at end of the clause add the following new sub-sections :—

"(3) Of the two Commissioners elected by the ratepayers of the town of Geelong as aforesaid the Commissioner who may at the election have received the lowest number of votes shall first so retire. And in case of an equality of votes or of no polling having taken place at an election it shall be decided by lot amongst themselves which Commissioner shall first so retire.

"(4) The Governor in Council may make regulations prescribing the times places and manner of nominating and electing Commissioners by ratepayers at periodical elections and by any council or councils at other elections in pursuance of the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Acts and prescribing all things necessary or convenient to be prescribed with respect to such elections."

Mr. J. Cameron moved, as a further amendment, That the following new sub-section be added to clause 3 of this Bill :—

"(5) At every election of Commissioners by ratepayers every person shall be entitled to vote who would be entitled to vote if such election were an election of councillors, but every such person may record only one vote for the candidate or each of the candidates to be elected at any such election."

Mr. Farrer, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate on the further consideration of amendments after third reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 17 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 44.

TUESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. GHERINGHAP TO MAROONA RAILWAY.—Mr. E. H. Cameron, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the construction of a 5ft. 3in. gauge railway from Gheringhap to Maroona, and the provision of a deficiency rate; together with Book of Reference and Plan.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
3. PETITION.—Mr. McGregor presented a Petition from Peter Rodger, of 83 Railway-crescent, Williamstown, contractor, praying that the House will take into consideration the treatment suffered by him in connexion with his contract with the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the erection of the Flinders-street new station buildings, and that the House will be pleased to take the matter into consideration and inquiry, and grant him such relief and redress as to it may seem fit.
On the motion of Mr. McGregor, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Petition to be read.
The Petition was read by the Acting Clerk.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. PAPERS.—Mr. Murray presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Report of the Council of Judges under Section 33 of the *Supreme Court Act* 1890.
Mr. Murray presented—
Police Service Promotions.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 12th October, 1909, for a return showing—
 1. With regard to Superintendents of Police—
 - (a) The names of the present Superintendents of Police.
 - (b) The date of their joining the Police Service.
 - (c) The date of promotion to senior constable, to sergeant (2nd class), to sergeant (1st class), to sub-inspector, and to superintendent during the first thirty years of their service.
 - (d) The amount of pay and salary received by each in the like period of service.
 - (e) The amount of salary (if any) drawn by each of the officers as licensing inspectors.
 2. With regard to the same number of sergeants (eleven), viz., 2930, 2950, 2974, 2985, 2989, 2996, 3011, 3054, 3061, 3063, 3064, who have just completed thirty years' service—
 - (a) Date of joining service.
 - (b) Date of promotion to senior constable, to sergeant (2nd class), to sergeant (1st class), during the first thirty years of their service.
 - (c) The amount of pay received by each in the like period of their service.
 - (d) The average amount of salary (if any) received by each as licensing inspectors.
 - (e) If all or any of the sergeants mentioned are eligible for promotion to the rank of sub-inspector, and, if so, the reason they have not been promoted.
 3. The average length of service of the last ten constables promoted to the rank of senior constable.
 4. The number of constables now in the Force with over twenty years' service.
 5. The average number of constables promoted to senior constables each year for the past five years.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Forests Act 1907.—Copy of proposed Order in Council recommending the excision of certain areas for the purposes of Water Supply from State Forests in the County of Evelyn.

5. LAND TAX BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—

Debate resumed.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 46.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. McKissock,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McLachlan,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Cookson,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Plain,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Mackinnon,	
Mr. McBride,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Elmslie,
Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. McGrath.

Noes, 14.

Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Forrest,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. Langdon,	
Mr. Mackey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McCutcheon,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. McLeod,	Mr. Carlisle.

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

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

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

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 18 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Murray moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 45.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH OCTOBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Cullen presented a Petition from the Bendigo and Country Districts Trustees and Executors Company Limited, praying that the House will dispense with Nos. 10 and 26 of the Standing Orders relating to Private Bills so far as such Orders refer to a Bill to confer powers upon the said company; and will give leave to the Petitioner to introduce the said Bill in the present Session of Parliament.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. HOURS OF MEETING AND OF LIMITATION OF FRESH BUSINESS ALTERED—AMENDMENT OF SESSIONAL ORDER.—Mr. Watt moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Murray, That the Sessional Order fixing the hours of meeting and of calling on fresh business be amended, and that during the remainder of the Session two o'clock be the hour of meeting on Wednesday, and fresh business may be called on until half-past eight o'clock on Thursday.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. McBride, and the same was read:—
THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 17.*
In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to provide for the Regulation of Coal Mines.
Government Offices,
12th October, 1909.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in committee of the whole House this day.
5. COAL MINES REGULATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 17, having been read—On the motion of Mr. McBride, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution:—
Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to provide for the Regulation of Coal Mines.
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
6. COAL MINES REGULATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. McBride moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Prendergast moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

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

That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed in the process, trade, or business of a ham and bacon curer.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 27th October, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

8. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 3 be postponed until after No. 4.
10. GEELONG MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS ACT 1907 AMENDMENT (SEWERING AND CLEANSING) BILL.—
The Order of the Day for the further consideration of amendments after the third reading of this Bill having been read—
Debate resumed on Mr. J. Cameron's further amendment to add the following new sub-section to clause 3 of this Bill :—
“(5) At every election of Commissioners by ratepayers every person shall be entitled to vote who would be entitled to vote if such election were an election of councillors, but every such person may record only one vote for the candidate or each of the candidates to be elected at any such election.”
Mr. J. Cameron moved, That the amendment be amended by omitting the words “record only one vote,” in line 3, with a view to insert in place thereof the words “vote only in one municipal district or ward or riding, and shall not record more than three votes.”
Debate ensued.
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed new sub-section—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. McKissock,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. McLachlan,	
Mr. Outtrim,	
Sir Alexander Peacock,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Plain,	Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. McGrath.

Noes, 20.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Gray,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Livingston.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the proposed new sub-section be added to clause 3—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Clause 4, sub-section (1), line 41, omit the word “three” and insert the word “two.”

„ sub-section (2), omit this sub-section and insert the following new sub-section, namely :—

“(2) A Commissioner vacating his office of Commissioner shall if qualified be eligible for re-election.”

Clause 4, page 3, sub-section (3), line 3, omit the word “same” and insert the word “several.”

„ page 3, sub-section (4), omit this sub-section.

Clause 6, line 25, after the words “declared to” insert the words “constitute or to be added to and.”

„ lines 39 and 40, omit the words “public or private.”

Clause 8, page 5, line 3, after the word “shall” insert the words “constitute the drainage area or.”

Clause 9, lines 7 and 8, omit the words “public and private.”

Clause 10, page 6, sub-section (2), paragraph (c), omit this paragraph.

Clause 11, sub-section (1), line 26, after the word “or” insert the words “with the consent of the Governor in Council.”

„ sub-section (1), line 31, omit the word “are” and insert the word “is.”

Clause 15, sub-section (1), line 35, after the word “authority” insert the words “or in pursuance.”

„ sub-section (2), line 47, omit the word “clarified.”

- Clause 20, sub-section (1), lines 41 and 42, omit the words "or telegraph wires or posts."
- Clause 28, sub-section (2), lines 36 and 37, omit the words "its opinion" and insert the words "the opinion of the Board of Public Health."
- Clause 29, line 40, after the word "Commissioners" insert the words "or the Geelong Harbor Trust Commissioners or Municipal Officers."
- " line 43, after the word "Commissioners" insert the words "or the Geelong Harbor Trust Commissioners or Municipal Officers."
- Clause 32, sub-section (2), line 40, after the word "sections" insert the words "under the same heading."
- " sub-section (2), lines 42 and 43, omit the words "or officer of the Commonwealth."
- Clause 39, page 16, sub-section (6), paragraph (b), line 36, before the word "satisfaction" insert the word "the."
- Clause 40, sub-section (1), line 31, after the word "use" insert the words "whether established before or after the commencement of this Act."
- " at end of the clause add the following new sub-section, namely:—
- "(3) No owner or occupier of a property in respect of which a general sewerage rate is made shall in respect of such property also be liable to a rate or charge for pan service or soil or fittings."
- Clause 43, at end of the clause add the following new sub-section, namely:—
- "(4) This section shall not apply to any area the natural level of which is lower than the level of the main sewers."
- Clause 45, line 4, omit the word "house" and insert the word "premises."
- Clause 49, sub-section (2), line 13, after the word "thereafter" insert the word "may."
- " sub-section (5), at end of sub-section add the words "if such contract between owner and occupier or between landlord and tenant makes express reference to this section and either to the payment of rates made or to be made or (as the case may be) to the costs and expenses of any works executed or to be executed in pursuance of this Act."
- Clause AA, sub-section (1), line 19, omit the words "Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage."
- " sub-section (1), line 20, omit the word "the" and insert the word "every."
- " sub-section (1), line 20, before the word "sewered" insert the word "rateable."
- " sub-section (2), line 29, before the word "properties" insert the word "rateable."
- " sub-section (2), line 32, before the word "properties" insert the word "rateable."
- " sub-section (3), omit this sub-section and insert the following new sub-sections, namely:—
- "(3) If any property which is unsewered at the time of the making of an additional rate becomes during the year for which the rate is made a sewered property, there shall be levied upon such property a proportionate part of the rate for unsewered properties for the portion of the year it remained an unsewered property and also a proportionate part of the "General Rate" for the portion of the year after it has become a sewered property and such property shall be deemed to have been lawfully rated accordingly.
- "(4) Notwithstanding anything in this Act contained the Trust shall not have power or authority to make levy receive or recover any rates charges costs or expenses whatever on or in respect of houses lands or premises the property of His Majesty whether unoccupied or used for public purposes or houses lands or premises in the occupation of the Crown or of the Government of Victoria or of the Board of Land and Works or the Victorian Railways Commissioners or of the Minister of Public Instruction or of the Geelong Harbor Trust Commissioners or Municipal Officers."
- Clause 60, line 26, omit all words after "If any person" to end of the clause and insert the words "fails to pay any rate due from him for the space of fourteen days after demand thereof in writing served on him by the Trust or its collector duly appointed in that behalf such Trust or collector (as the case may be) may recover the same from such occupier or owner so making default in any court of petty sessions or in any other court of competent jurisdiction."
- Clause 61, page 25, paragraph (b), lines 1 and 2, omit the words "in the opinion of the Trust."
- Clause 63, sub-section (3), line 32, before the word "commencement" insert the word "the."
- Clause 65, line 45, after the word "hundred" insert the words "and fifty."
- Clause 66, sub-section (4), line 27, omit the word "Board" and insert the word "Trust."
- Clause 69, omit this clause.
- Clause 74, line 43, omit the word "Board" and insert the word "Trust."
- " at end of the clause add the words "and a copy of any proposed regulations shall be posted to each Member of Parliament at least fourteen days before such regulations are approved by the Governor in Council."
- Clause 87, lines 26 and 27, omit the words "or into the River Barwon or any creek or gully contiguous or leading thereto."
- Clause 97, line 3, omit the word "Act," and insert the word "Acts."

Mr. J. Cameron offered the following new clause to be added to the Bill:—

J. In the Principal Act—

- (a) Section seven, section eight, section eleven, and sub-sections (1) (2) (3) and (5) of section twelve are hereby repealed.
- (b) In section nine, after the words "council or councils" in sub-section (1) there shall be inserted the words "of the municipality or municipalities the ratepayers of."
- (c) In sub-section (4) of section twelve, for the words "liable to be rated under this Act" there shall be substituted the words "entitled to vote at any election of councillors as a ratepayer."

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

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

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

THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 18.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the *Railway Funds Act 1907*.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 21st October, 1909.

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

- 12 RAILWAY FUNDS ACT 1907 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 18, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Watt, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the *Railway Funds Act 1907*.

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

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

Mr. Watt then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Railway Funds Act 1907'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day No. 3 and Nos. 5 to 18 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 46.

THURSDAY, 28TH OCTOBER, 1909.

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

2. PAPER.—Mr. McKenzie presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—

Land Act 1901 (Part III).—Report of Proceedings taken under the Provisions of Part III., Land Act 1901, relating to Village Settlements, during the financial year ended 30th June, 1909.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

3. BENDIGO AND COUNTRY DISTRICTS TRUSTEES AND EXECUTORS COMPANY LIMITED BILL.—Mr. Cullen moved, pursuant to notice, That compliance with Standing Orders Nos. 10 and 26 relating to the introduction of Private Bills be dispensed with, with a view of introducing a Bill to confer Powers upon the Bendigo and Country Districts Trustees and Executors Company Limited.

The Report of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, indorsed on the Petition, was read by the Acting Clerk, and is as follows :—

“ We hereby certify that we have examined into the compliance by the Petitioner for this Bill with the Standing Orders relating to the introduction of Private Bills, and have the honour to report to your Honorable House as follows :—

“ 1. That the Petitioner has complied with all the Standing Orders relating to the introduction of Private Bills, except as to the time when advertisements should have been inserted, notices given, and documents deposited.

“ 2. We are of opinion that full compliance with these Orders may be dispensed with.

“ A. W. CRAVEN, }
“ H. H. NEWTON, } Examiners.”

Legislative Assembly Chambers,
Melbourne, 27th October, 1909.

Question—That Standing Orders Nos. 10 and 26 relating to the introduction of Private Bills be dispensed with, with the view of introducing a Bill to confer Powers upon the Bendigo and Country Districts Trustees and Executors Company Limited—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. BENDIGO AND COUNTRY DISTRICTS TRUSTEES AND EXECUTORS COMPANY BILL.—Mr. Cullen obtained leave, with Mr. Glass, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to confer Powers upon the Bendigo and Country Districts Trustees and Executors Company Limited* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time.

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

Debate ensued.

Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

And, after debate—

Mr. Gray, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech by one o'clock, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 18th November next.

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

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
8. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Watt, and the same was read :—

THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 19.

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

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 28th October, 1909.

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

9. OLD-AGE PENSIONS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 19, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Watt, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

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

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

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

THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 20.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made of fees, fines, forfeitures, and penalties for the purposes of the Bill to regulate the use of Motor Cars.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 28th October, 1909.

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

11. MOTOR CARS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 20, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Murray, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made of fees, fines, forfeitures, and penalties for the purposes of the Bill to regulate the use of Motor Cars.

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

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

THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 21.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to the Surplus Revenue of the Financial Year ended on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and nine and to certain unexpended balances under prior Surplus Revenue Acts.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 21st October, 1909.

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

13. SURPLUS REVENUE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 21, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Watt, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to the Surplus Revenue of the Financial Year ended on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and nine, and to certain unexpended balances under prior Surplus Revenue Acts.

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

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

Mr. Watt then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill relating to the Surplus Revenue of the Financial Year ended on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and nine and to certain unexpended balances under prior Surplus Revenue Acts*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

14. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until after No. 2.
15. **RAILWAY FUNDS ACT 1907 AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Watt moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Watt, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
16. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 and Nos. 2 to 9 inclusive be postponed until after No. 10.
17. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
Debate resumed.
Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that a quorum of Members was not present in the Committee; whereupon Mr. Speaker counted the House, and a quorum of Members being present—
18. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Murray moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 47.

 WEDNESDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER, 1909.

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

2. PAPERS.—Mr. McKenzie presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—

Small Improved Holdings Act 1906.—Report for the financial year ended 30th June, 1909.

Mr. McBride presented—

Revenue from Mining Companies in Ballarat Mining District.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 30th September, 1909, for a return showing the total amount contributed to the State revenue by the various mining companies and holders of mining tenements in the Ballarat mining district; also the amount for each year for the last five years, ending 30th June, 1909.

Mining Companies—Calls and Dividends.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 22nd July, 1909, for a return showing—

1. The number of registered mining companies in each of the several mining divisions of the State in 1908.
2. The total value of the gold won for the year in each division by the registered companies.
3. The total calls actually paid by the shareholders in the several mining companies during 1908 in each mining division, and the total amount paid out in dividends by the several mining companies in each division during 1908.

Mr. A. A. Billson presented—

Railway Sidings.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 8th September, 1909, for a return showing—

1. (a) The number of private railway sidings; (b) by whom owned; (c) the revenue from each for year ending 31st December, 1908.
2. The number of other railway sidings, and revenue from each for year ending 31st December, 1908.
3. The cost of maintenance of each siding per annum.

Mr. McBride presented—

Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Return showing Machinery, Goods, and Material manufactured or produced outside the Commonwealth and purchased by the Departments of Mines and Forests during the financial year ended 30th June, 1909.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

3. BAIRNSDALE TO ORBOST RAILWAY.—Mr. A. A. Billson, in accordance with the requirements of the Railways Standing Committee Acts, moved, pursuant to notice, That the construction of a 5ft. 3in. gauge railway from Bairnsdale to Orbost be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. GOLD-MARKING BILL.—Mr. Watt obtained leave, with Mr. Murray, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Marking of Articles of Gold and for the Warranty of such articles; to regulate the Sale and Exposing for Sale of Articles of Gold and Silver and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

5. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until after Nos. 3 to 5 inclusive.
6. **OLD-AGE PENSIONS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Watt moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
 Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Outtrim reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
 Mr. Deputy-Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Watt, read a third time.
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
7. **SURPLUS REVENUE BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Watt moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Outtrim reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
 Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
8. **MOTOR CARS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Outtrim reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
 Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
9. **LAND TAX BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Outtrim reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
 Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day No 2 and Nos. 6 to 17 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
11. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Murray moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 48.

THURSDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. SHEEP DIPPING BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Robertson, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until Thursday, 18th November instant, Nos. 4 and 6 until Thursday, 2nd December next, and No. 5 until Thursday next.
4. CONTRACTS OF INFANTS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report having been read—Mr. Mackey moved, That the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Mackey, read a third time.
On the motion of Mr. Mackey, the House agreed to the following amendment in this Bill:—
Clause A, line 6, after the word "contracted" insert the words "a loan."
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 8 be postponed until Thursday, 18th November instant.
6. ALDERMEN ABOLITION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—
That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
Debate resumed.
Sir Henry Weedon addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech by one o'clock, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 25th November instant.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 10 to 13 inclusive be postponed until Thursday next.
8. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—Mr. Watt moved, That Mr. Deputy-Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

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

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

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

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 17 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

11. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Murray moved, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to further consider the Local Government Acts Amendment Bill.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Murray moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 49.

TUESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. GEELONG MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS ACT 1907 AMENDMENT (SEWERING AND CLEANSING) BILL—ACTING CLERK'S CORRECTION.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a report from the Acting Clerk notifying that he had made the following correction in this Bill, viz. :—
In clause 41, page 17, sub-section (7), line 40, the word "*fifty-nine*" has been omitted and the word "*ninety-four*" has been inserted.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Acting Clerk :—
Education Act 1890—
Clause 8 of Regulation XXI. rescinded.—New Clause made.—Scholarships.—Order in Council.
Addition to Regulations.—Regulation XXII.—Exhibitions.—Order in Council.
Clauses rescinded.—Regulation made.—Regulation XXII.—Exhibitions.—Order in Council.
Amendment of Regulations.—Regulation XXII.—Exhibitions.—Order in Council.
Exhibition Trustees.—Report of Proceedings and Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 30th June, 1909.
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works.—Statements of Accounts and Balance-sheet, together with Schedule of Contracts, for year ended 30th June, 1909.
Supreme Court Act 1900.—Rules of the Supreme Court of Victoria.—Rules repealed and New Rules made.
4. LAND TAX BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
5. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

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

That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons wheresoever employed in the process, trade, or business of a carpenter or joiner (including labouring work in connexion therewith) engaged in connexion with the erecting or repairing of buildings.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 9th November, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

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

That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons—

- (a) Employed either inside or outside a factory or work-room in the process, trade, or business of a plumber or gasfitter ;
- (b) Wheresoever employed in any plumbing work (including electrical or gas fittings) in connexion with the erecting or repairing of buildings.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 9th November, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

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

That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons wheresoever employed in a process, trade, or business connected with—

- (a) Painting of buildings (including renovations) ;
- (b) Paperhanging (including renovations).

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 9th November, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have disagreed with the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly on one of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the following resolution received from the Legislative Assembly, viz. :—

That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons, wheresoever employed, in carting or driving or assisting in carting or driving, other than persons carting or driving or assisting in carting or driving in connexion with a trade, business, or occupation which may be or is the subject of a Determination of any one of the following Special Boards :—

Butchers Board,
Bread Carters Board,
Grocers Board,
Hay, Chaff, Wood and Coal Board.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 9th November, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 18 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 50.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

- 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Acting Clerk:—
Companies Act 1890.—Summary of Statements for the year 1908 made by the Companies transacting Life Assurance Business in Victoria.

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

THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL, Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 22.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to further amend the Water Act 1905 and for other purposes.

Government Offices, Melbourne, 3rd November, 1909.

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

- 4. WATER ACT 1905 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 22, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Graham, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to further amend the Water Act 1905 and for other purposes.

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

- 5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until after No. 3.

- 6. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—SPECIAL BOARD TO FIX LOWEST RATES OF WAGES.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Message of the Legislative Council disagreeing with the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly on one of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the following resolution, viz.:—That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons, wheresoever employed, in carting or driving or assisting in carting or driving, other than persons carting or driving or assisting in carting or driving in connexion with a trade, business, or occupation which may be or is the subject of a Determination of any one of the following Special Boards:—

- Butchers Board, Bread Carters Board, Grocers Board, Hay, Chaff, Wood and Coal Board—

having been read—the said amendment was read and is as follows:—

Amendment made by the Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

Line 6, after "driving," in the second place, insert "in connexion with or incidental to some trade or business carried on within the area in which the Factories and Shops Act 1905 has effect."

Agreed to by Assembly with the following amendments, viz.:— After "trade" omit "or." Omit all words after "business" and insert "or occupation."

Disagreed with by Council.

Mr. Murray moved, That this House do not insist on their amendments on the amendment made by the Legislative Council, and which were disagreed with by the Council, but make the following consequential amendment :—After “business,” in lines 3 and 4, insert “(except drivers of cabs and vehicles connected with the business of a livery stable keeper).”

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly do not insist on their amendments on the amendment made by the Legislative Council, and disagreed with by the Council, but have agreed to the said amendment with a consequential amendment, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

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

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

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

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

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

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘Railway Funds Act 1907,’*” and, on the consideration of the Bill in Committee, suggest that the Legislative Assembly amend the Bill as set forth in the annexed schedule.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 10th November, 1909.

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

Clause 2, at end of clause add—

(4) In this amending Act the expression “Surplus railway revenue” means surplus railway revenue for any year after deducting therefrom all superannuation or retiring allowances compensation and gratuities paid for such year in respect of railway service.

Mr. Watt moved, That the House do make the amendment suggested by the Legislative Council.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have considered the Message of the Legislative Council suggesting that the Assembly make a certain amendment in the said Bill, and that the Assembly have made the suggested amendment.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 4 to 19 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watt moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 51.

THURSDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. BENDIGO AND COUNTRY DISTRICTS TRUSTEES AND EXECUTORS COMPANY LIMITED BILL.—Mr. Cullen moved, pursuant to notice, That the Bill to confer Powers upon the Bendigo and Country Districts Trustees and Executors Company Limited be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Ordered—That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee.
3. BENDIGO AND COUNTRY DISTRICTS TRUSTEES AND EXECUTORS COMPANY LIMITED BILL.—Mr. Cullen moved, pursuant to notice, That Standing Orders Numbers 130 and 148 relating to Private Bills be dispensed with so far as regards a Bill to confer Powers upon the Bendigo and Country Districts Trustees and Executors Company Limited.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. BENDIGO AND COUNTRY DISTRICTS TRUSTEES AND EXECUTORS COMPANY LIMITED BILL.—Mr. Cullen moved, pursuant to notice, That the Bill to confer Powers upon the Bendigo and Country Districts Trustees and Executors Company Limited be referred to a Select Committee consisting of Mr. Glass, Mr. Gray, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Outtrim, and the Mover, four to form a quorum ; and that leave be given to print the evidence taken before such Committee.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, on Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 2 to 7 inclusive be postponed until Thursday next.
7. LAND TAX BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 23.

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

“ *An Act relating to the Name Style or Title of Companies.*”

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 10th November, 1909.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 17 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watt moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 52.

TUESDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ACCIDENTS AT RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSINGS.—Mr. Snowball moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. How many accidents have happened at railway level crossings during the past four years ; also the dates and places.
 2. The number of deaths resulting from such accidents, and the names of the persons killed.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. POWLETT COAL-FIELD RAILWAY.—Mr. A. A. Billson moved, by leave, That, in the opinion of this House, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways should immediately inquire into the question of connecting the Powlett coal-field with the existing railway system.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. PAPER.—Mr. A. A. Billson presented, pursuant to a resolution of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 17th October, 1905—
Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Return showing the Prices paid and the particulars of all Articles produced outside the Commonwealth purchased by the Education Department during the year.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
5. WYUNA DISTRICT CONNECTING RAILWAY.—Mr. A. A. Billson moved, pursuant to notice, That the question of connecting the Wyuna district by means of a railway with the existing railway system, and the provision of a deficiency rate, be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. GHERINGHAP TO MAROONA RAILWAY.—Mr. A. A. Billson moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to construct a 5ft. 3in. railway from Gheringhap to Maroona.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
7. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. McKenzie obtained leave, with Mr. McBride, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to further amend the Land Acts and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
8. GEELONG HARBOR TRUST ACT 1905 AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Watt obtained leave, with Mr. Thomson, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Geelong Harbor Trust Act 1905'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
9. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to revoke the Permanent Reservation of certain Land reserved as a Site for Gaol Purposes in the Parish of Sandhurst and to authorize the Reservation of part of such Land as a Site for the purposes of the Bendigo Continuation School*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 16th November, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the closing of portions of certain streets in the Borough of Castlemaine and to authorize the Permanent Reservation of such portions and the granting thereof as a Site for Public Recreation*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 16th November, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Poisons Act 1890.'*"

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 16th November, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after No. 2.
11. **SURPLUS REVENUE BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read, and Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—
Mr. Watt moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.
On the motion of Mr. Watt, the House, after debate, agreed to the following amendments in this Bill :—
Clause 2, lines 16 and 17, omit the words "Thirteen thousand four hundred and thirty-eight pounds one shilling and fourpence" and insert the words "Four thousand seven hundred and eight pounds fourteen shillings and threepence."
First Schedule, page 3, item 31, omit this item.
" " page 3, last line, omit the figures "9,175 8 4" and insert the figures "446 1 3."
" " page 4, omit the figures "13,438 1 4" and insert the figures "4,708 14 3."
Second Schedule, page 5, item 6, omit the figures "16,987 13 2" and insert the figures "8,258 6 1."
" " omit the total figures "160,260 13 10" and insert the figures "151,531 6 9."
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
12. **LAND TAX BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

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

13. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Watt moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until this day, at four o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

14. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 18 inclusive be postponed until this day.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 53.

 WEDNESDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. DURHAM OX RAILWAY.—Mr. E. H. Cameron, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of connecting Durham Ox by means of a railway with the existing railway system, and the provision of a deficiency rate ; together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
3. BAIRNSDALE TO ORBOST RAILWAY.—Mr. E. H. Cameron, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the construction of a 5ft. 3in. gauge railway from Bairnsdale to Orbost ; together with Book of Reference and Plan.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
4. SHELBOURNE AND MALDON SPECIAL TRAINS.—Mr. Langdon moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of special and additional trains that were required to effectively carry the extra traffic between Shelbourne and Maldon Railway Stations, in addition to the ordinary passenger trains, during the months of December, January, February, and March, in each of the following years, viz.:—1907, 1908, and 1909.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after the Notice of Motion, General Business.
6. HOMING PIGEONS PROTECTION BILL.—Mr. Mackinnon obtained leave, with Mr. Cotter, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill for the Protection of Homing Pigeons*" ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 2nd December next.
7. LAND TAX BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Outtrim reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 18 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 54.

THURSDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Acting Clerk :—
Agricultural Education.—Accounts of the Trustees of Agricultural Colleges and the Council of Agricultural Education, from 1st July, 1908, to 31st December, 1908.
3. EVIDENCE ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Mackey moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same with amendments ; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House were agreed to.
Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time on Thursday, 2nd December next.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 2 be postponed until Thursday, 2nd December next.
5. CRIMES ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Gray, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech by one o'clock, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed. P.M.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 9th December next.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 4 and 5 be postponed until Thursday, 2nd December next, and Nos. 6 to 13 inclusive until Thursday next.
7. COAL MINES REGULATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
Debate resumed.
Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Ordered—That the Bill be considered in Committee this day.

8. **COAL MINES REGULATION BILL—FEES.**—Mr. McBride moved, by leave, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the advisability of giving power to the Governor in Council to make regulations prescribing the respective fees payable for examinations and certificates under the Coal Mines Regulation Bill.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that the Governor in Council may make regulations prescribing the respective fees payable for examinations and certificates under the Coal Mines Regulation Bill.

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

9. **COAL MINES REGULATION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 18 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

11. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Watt moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,

Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,

Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 55.

TUESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 1909.

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

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

Charitable Institutions.—Report of Inspector for the year ended 30th June, 1909.

Indeterminate Sentences Act 1907.—Annual Report of the Indeterminate Sentences Board for the year ended 30th June, 1909.

Mr. A. A. Billson presented—

Shelbourne and Maldon Special Trains.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 17th November, 1909, for a return showing the number of special and additional trains that were required to effectively carry the extra traffic between Shelbourne and Maldon Railway Stations, in addition to the ordinary passenger trains, during the months of December, January, February, and March, in each of the following years, viz.:—1907, 1908, and 1909.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table

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

Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890—Part IX.—Statement showing the Names of all Persons temporarily employed in the Department of the Legislative Council.

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

THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 24.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to provide for a Tax on the Unimproved Value of Land and for the Assessment of Land and other purposes.

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 22nd November, 1909.

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

4. LAND TAX BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 24, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Watt, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to provide for a Tax on the Unimproved Value of Land and for the Assessment of Land and other purposes.

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

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

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

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Railway Funds Act 1907,'*" including the amendment made in the said Bill by the Legislative Assembly which was suggested by the Legislative Council.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 23rd November, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Surplus Revenue of the Financial Year ended on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and nine and to certain unexpended balances under prior Surplus Revenue Acts*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 23rd November, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the consequential amendment made by the Legislative Assembly on one of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the following resolution received from the Legislative Assembly, viz. :—

That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons, wheresoever employed, in carting or driving or assisting in carting or driving, other than persons carting or driving or assisting in carting or driving in connexion with a trade, business, or occupation which may be or is the subject of a Determination of any one of the following Special Boards :—

Butchers Board,
Bread Carters Board,
Grocers Board,
Hay, Chaff, Wood and Coal Board.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 17th November, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

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

That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons wheresoever employed in the trade or business of a tuckpointer.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 23rd November, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Closer Settlement and Small Improved Holdings and for other purposes,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 23rd November, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Geelong Municipal Waterworks Act 1907' and to provide for Sewering and Cleansing of the Town of Geelong and District,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 23rd November, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 19 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 56.

 WEDNESDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Acting Clerk :—
 Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890—Part IX.—Statement showing the Names, Remuneration, Duties, &c., of all Persons temporarily employed in the Department of the Legislative Assembly during the period from 23rd November, 1908, to 20th November, 1909.
3. CEMETERIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Watt obtained leave, with Mr. Murray, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to further amend the ' Cemeteries Act 1890 '*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
4. ASSEMBLY ELECTORAL ROLLS ACT 1909 AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Murray obtained leave, with Mr. Watt, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the ' Assembly Electoral Rolls Act 1909 '*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
5. DAYS AND HOURS OF MEETING—SESSIONAL ORDER RESCINDED.—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That the Sessional Order appointing the days on which the House shall meet for the despatch of business, fixing the hours of meeting, and limiting the hour for calling on fresh business be rescinded, and that the following be adopted in place thereof, viz.:—That Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday in each week be the days on which the House shall meet for the despatch of business; that four o'clock be the hour of meeting on Tuesday, that two o'clock be the hour of meeting on Wednesday, and that half-past ten o'clock be the hour of meeting on Thursday and Friday; and that fresh business may be called on at any hour.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. ORDER OF BUSINESS—SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER.—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That the Sessional Order giving precedence to Private Bill and General Business until one o'clock on Thursday be suspended for the remainder of the Session, and that Government Business shall take precedence of all other business during each sitting day.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
7. LAND TAX BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

THURSDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

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

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

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

THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 25.

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

“ An Act to revoke the Permanent Reservation of certain Land reserved as a Site for Gaol purposes in the Parish of Sandhurst and to authorize the Reservation of part of such Land as a Site for the purposes of the Bendigo Continuation School.”

“ An Act to provide for the closing of portions of certain streets in the Borough of Castlemaine and to authorize the Permanent Reservation of such portions and the granting thereof as a Site for Public Recreation.”

“ An Act to further amend the ‘ Poisons Act 1890.’ ”

“ An Act to amend the ‘ Railway Funds Act 1907.’ ”

“ An Act relating to the Surplus Revenue of the Financial Year ended on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and nine and to certain unexpended balances under prior Surplus Revenue Acts.”

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 22nd November, 1909.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watt moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until this half-past two o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 21 inclusive be postponed until this day.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watt moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 57.

THURSDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

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

2. BENDIGO AND COUNTRY DISTRICTS TRUSTEES AND EXECUTORS COMPANY LIMITED BILL.—Mr. Cullen, Chairman, brought up the Report from the Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly upon the Bendigo and Country Districts Trustees and Executors Company Limited Bill ; together with the Proceedings of the Committee and Minutes of Evidence.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. A. A. Billson presented—

Accidents at Railway Level Crossings.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 16th November, 1909, for a return showing—

1. How many accidents have happened at railway level crossings during the past four years ; also the dates and places.
2. The number of deaths resulting from such accidents, and the names of the persons killed.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Education Act 1890.—Additions to Regulations.—Regulation XI. (b), First Class Certificate : Manual Arts ; and Regulation XII. (b), Trained Teacher's Certificate : Manual Arts.—Order in Council.

Marine Acts 1890 and 1909—

Amendment of Second Schedule to "The Pilot Regulations 1904."

Additional Regulation relating to the Equipment of Ships with Life-saving Appliances.—Motor Life-Boats.

Amended Regulations relating to the Port Phillip Pilot Sack and Superannuation Fund.

Medical Act 1890, Part II., and Dentists Act 1898.—Dental Board of Victoria.—Regulations relating to Elections.

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

Question—put and negatived.

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

5. LAND TAX BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report having been read—Mr. Watt moved, That the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—

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

Debate ensued.

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

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

- Clause 3, page 2, line 32, after the words "labour on" insert the words "or for the benefit of."
- " page 2, line 41, after the word "definition" insert the words "Provided however that such portion of the general rate compulsory irrigation charge and charge for water paid in any Irrigation and Water Supply District to the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission on account of any land as the said Commission certifies is the proportion of such rate compulsory charge or charge for water which would need to be levied for Interest Redemption Fund or Depreciation Fund shall each year after its payment be capitalized on a Five per cent. basis and the amount so capitalized shall be considered improvements."
- " page 3, line 7, after the word "land" insert the words "and includes a transfer or conveyance to a registered building society subject to a deed of defeasance in favour of a borrower."
- " page 3, line 9, after the word "thereof" insert the words "and includes a building society in favour of which a transfer or conveyance has been executed subject to a deed of defeasance."
- " page 3, after the definition of "Mortgagee" insert the following new definition :—
 " 'Notice' means a notice in writing given by causing the same to be personally served on any person or by leaving the same at his usual or last-known place of abode or business in Victoria or by affixing the same or a sealed copy thereof on a conspicuous part of the land to which the notice relates or by sending the same by post addressed to such usual or last-known place of abode or business ; and in the case of a company means a notice given by being served upon or sent by post or delivered to the secretary or manager of such company at or to any place where the company carries on business in Victoria, or by affixing the same or a sealed copy thereof upon a conspicuous part of the land to which such notice relates."
- " page 3, after the definition of "Prescribed" insert the following new definition :—
 " 'Publicly notified' 'public notice' means notice published in the *Government Gazette* or in some newspaper circulating in the locality where anything is required to be so notified or notice thereof is required to be given."
- " page 4, line 15, omit the word "actual" ; and in line 16, omit the word "thereon."
- " page 4, line 26, after the word "might" insert the words "in ordinary circumstances."
- " page 4, line 27, after the word "improvements" insert the words "(other than vineyards, orchards, hop gardens, and lucerne pastures)."

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

Clause 9, paragraph (2), sub-paragraph (k), omit this sub-paragraph and insert the following new sub-paragraph :—

"(k) The purposes of a cricket football golf bowling tennis or other athletic recreation or amusement club if in the opinion of the Governor in Council the revenue of such club is applied solely in or towards the promotion of the objects of the club and is not applied by way of profit to the individual members of the club."

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

Clause 9, paragraph (2), sub-paragraph (l), after the word "colleges" add the words "including schools or colleges affiliated before the passing of this Act with the University of Melbourne or thereafter so affiliated with the consent of the Governor in Council."

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

Clause 9, paragraph (2), at the end of the paragraph insert the following new sub-paragraph :—
 "(m) The University of Melbourne."

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

Clause 9, paragraph (3) (a), sub-paragraph (ii.), lines 34-36, omit the words "or trustees for Trades Union Institutions or any Friendly Society."

" paragraph (3) (a), at the end of the paragraph insert the following new sub-paragraph :—

"(iii.) Any church or religious denomination in Victoria except such portions of land as in the opinion of the Governor in Council are used for industrial professional trade or business purposes."

" paragraph (3) (b), insert the following new sub-paragraph to follow sub-paragraph (vi.) :—

"(vii.) Trustees for any Friendly Society or Trade Union or Trade Union Institutions."

" page 7, line 10, after the word "sub-section" insert the words "and provided that for the first five years during which tax is chargeable under this Act, no land of any church or religious denomination as referred to in paragraph (a) (iii.) of this sub-section, shall in any year be chargeable with tax at a rate exceeding One penny on every pound sterling of its unimproved value."

Clause 14, omit paragraphs (a) and (b) and insert the following new paragraph :—

“(a) Returns shall be in the prescribed form, and shall be made to the Commissioner by every taxpayer on or before a date or dates to be publicly notified by the Commissioner, and shall be made annually or at such other period or periods as may be prescribed, and shall contain full and complete statements of all land owned by the taxpayer at noon on the thirty-first day of December immediately preceding the year in and for which the tax is to be charged, and of the taxpayer's interest therein.”

„ paragraph (d), at the end of the paragraph omit the word “requires” and insert the words “so requires him.”

Clause 20, insert the following new sub-sections to follow sub-section (3):—

() The Commissioner shall consider every written objection made by any taxpayer and may make such inquiries thereon or relating thereto as he thinks fit.

() If the Commissioner considers that any objection should be allowed either wholly or in part he may alter or amend the assessment accordingly.

„ sub-section (4), line 38, after the word “objection” insert the words “not wholly allowed or withdrawn or such part of an objection as is not allowed or withdrawn.”

„ sub-section (4), line 39, after the word “objection” in two places insert the words “or part.”

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

Clause 25, at the end of the clause add the words “If so required by any party the Court may if it think fit state the facts by way of special case for the determination of the Supreme Court, in which case the Supreme Court may determine the same and may award costs of the proceedings in the Supreme Court and the Assessment Court as shall seem just.”

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

Clause 47, sub-section (1), line 29, after the word “shall” insert the words “make returns and.”

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

Clause 47, sub-section (3), line 5, after the word “hands” omit the word “or.”

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

Clause 47, at the end of the clause add the following new sub-section :—

(4) Notwithstanding anything in this Act where in case of the trust estate of a deceased person or in the case of a trust under a marriage settlement land is held in trust for beneficiaries being infant children of the testator or of the marriage or being adults then until entitled to a transfer of their shares the tax payable by the trustee in respect of the interest of each beneficiary whilst he is an infant or adult as aforesaid shall be separately calculated and assessed irrespective of the interest of any other beneficiary in the trust estate. Nothing in this sub-section shall apply to any trust estate the unimproved value of the land of which exceeds Ten thousand pounds.

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

Clause 53, sub-section (1), line 11, omit the word “ten” and insert the word “eight.”

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

Clause 65, line 22, omit the word “not” and insert the word “rent.”

Clause 72, line 16, after the word “department” insert the word “or.”

Clause 76, sub-section (1), line 12, omit the word “his.”

Mr. Watt offered the following new clause to be added to the Bill :—

A. (1) Where any taxpayer occupies and actually uses for the sole purposes of his trade any land with improvements thereon or any portion thereof of which he is the owner then for each and every year after the year One thousand nine hundred and ten the Commissioner shall in the assessment of the income arising or accruing to such taxpayer from such trade allow as an outgoing incurred in the production of such income a sum computed at the rate of Five pounds per centum on the unimproved value at which his interest in such land was last assessed for land tax.

(2) Where only a portion of the land and improvements is used for the taxpayer's own trade the sum to be allowed under this section shall be the sum computed as aforesaid minus such sum as the Commissioner thinks fit.

(3) “Income” in this section shall not include income from live stock wool meat milk dairy produce fruit grain fodder and other crops arising and accruing from any land.

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

Mr. Watt offered the following new clause to be added to the Bill :—

B. For the purpose of enabling the Commissioner to settle the ownership of lands and the values thereof prior to the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and ten it is provided that—

(1) Returns in the prescribed form shall be made to the Commissioner by every taxpayer on or before a date in the year One thousand nine hundred and ten to be publicly notified by the Commissioner, and such returns shall contain a full and complete statement of all land owned by the taxpayer on the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and nine and of his interest therein. Assessors shall as or when prescribed make valuations of such of the lands comprised in the said returns as shall be directed by the Commissioner.

- (2) From the returns and valuations made as aforesaid the Commissioner shall prepare assessments as herein provided. All the provisions herein relating to returns valuations assessments and objections shall apply to the returns valuations assessments and objections made during the year One thousand nine hundred and ten.
- (3) Assessments made in the year One thousand nine hundred and ten under these provisions shall not contain any charge of tax.

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

Mr. Watt offered the following new clause to be added to the Bill :—

C. Any person entitled to any leasehold estate in any land under any lease from the Crown as to which he has no right either absolute or conditional of acquiring the fee-simple shall be deemed to be the owner of the land and shall be assessed and liable for land tax on the amount by which the selling value of the land without improvements is lessened by the covenants and conditions of the lease.

And the said clause was read a second time.

Mr. Swinburne moved, as an amendment, That after the word "Crown," in line 1, the words "or from the authorities included in section nine sub-section (3) (b) in so far as the Governor in Council from time to time directs and" be inserted.

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

Question—That new clause C, as amended, be now read a third time—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Clause read a third time and added to the Bill.

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

6. PAPER.—Mr. Speaker presented—

Finance, 1908-9.—Treasurer's Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue and other Moneys, year ending 30th June, 1909; accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General and by the Documents specified in the Fifty-first Section of the Audit Act.

Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 23 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watt moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 58.

TUESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. LAND TAX BILL—ACTING CLERK'S CORRECTIONS.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Report from the Acting Clerk notifying that he had made the following corrections in this Bill, viz:—
In clause 9, paragraph (3) (a), at the end of sub-paragraph (iii.), the word "or" has been inserted.
Before clause 18 the headline "(4) Assessments and Assessment Rolls" has been inserted.
3. ELTHAM TO HURST'S BRIDGE RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Mr. A. A. Billson obtained leave, with Mr. Watt, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Eltham to Hurst's Bridge*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
4. GHERINGHAP TO MAROONA RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Mr. A. A. Billson obtained leave, with Mr. Watt, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Gheringhap to Maroona*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
5. NORADJUHA TO TOOLONDO RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Mr. A. A. Billson obtained leave, with Mr. Watt, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Noradjuha to Toolondo*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. TOOLANGI AND KINGLAKE DISTRICT CONNECTING RAILWAY.—Mr. A. A. Billson moved, pursuant to notice, That the question of connecting the Toolangi and Kinglake district by means of a railway of 5ft. 3in. gauge, or of 2ft. 6in. gauge, with the existing railway system, and the provision of a deficiency rate, be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
7. MALLEE DISTRICTS CONNECTING RAILWAY.—Mr. A. A. Billson moved, pursuant to notice, That the question of connecting the districts lying between Dimboola, Warracknabeal, Minyip, Watchem, Donald, Cope Cope, and Charlton with the existing railway system by a cross-country railway, joining the existing railways to Rainbow, Hopetoun, Mildara, and Sea Lake, and the provision of a deficiency rate, be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
8. CLOSER SETTLEMENT AND SMALL IMPROVED HOLDINGS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow:—
 1. Clause 2, line 10, before "first" insert "thirty."
 2. " same line, omit "November" and insert "December."
 3. After clause 11 insert the following new clause:—
AA. At the end of section six of the Principal Act add the words "and the Board may agree with the owner for the owner to be one of the persons acquiring such land and to select a portion of the land upon the same terms as the other persons."
 4. Clause 12, line 23, after "may" insert "subject to the provisions of this Act."
 5. Clause 14, at end of clause add "Provided that a married woman entitled to dower or a lessee for life or for life and years or for years or for any less interest can only sell and convey to the extent of her or his interest."

6. Clause 15, lines 34-35, omit "whether she is of full age or not."
7. " line 35, omit "of full age and."
8. Clause 19, lines 16-17, omit "the Governor in Council may within three months direct" and insert "a resolution of both Houses of Parliament may be passed directing."
9. " sub-clause (3), omit this sub-clause.
10. Clause 24, line 11, after "days" insert "if the owner is in the Commonwealth of Australia or within one hundred and fifty days in any other case."
11. " line 13, after "whole" insert "or any part."
12. " line 17, omit "Six" and insert "Ten."
13. " lines 18-22, omit "if the improvements thereon are not worth more than Two thousand pounds, and a further area of land to a value not exceeding Five hundred pounds for each additional One thousand pounds worth of improvements thereon, but in no case shall the maximum value of the land retained exceed Ten thousand pounds."
14. " line 36, omit "Six" and insert "Ten."
15. " lines 37-41, omit "if the improvements thereon are not worth more than Two thousand pounds, and a further area of land to a value not exceeding Five hundred pounds for each additional improvements thereon worth One thousand pounds, but in no case shall the maximum value of the land retained exceed Ten thousand pounds."
16. " line 43, omit "said thirty days" and insert "time hereinbefore specified."
17. " page 10, line 3, omit "said thirty days" and insert "time hereinbefore specified."
18. Clause 26, line 18, after "acquired" add "and of all buildings and improvements thereon."
19. Clause 30, line 14, omit "twenty" and insert "fifty."
20. Clause 35, at end of clause add the following new paragraph :—
 "(d) The claimant may appear in support of his claim either personally or by barrister and solicitor and may examine and cross-examine witnesses."
21. Clause 37, after paragraph (a) insert the following new paragraph :—
 "(aa) To make any order apportioning rates taxes or insurance premiums."
22. Clause 44, line 20, omit "Three" and insert "Four."
23. " sub-clause (2), omit this sub-clause.
24. After clause 64 insert the following new clause :—
 A. (1) Notwithstanding anything in the Closer Settlement Acts or any other Act, where before or after the commencement of this Act the Board has acquired or disposed of any land under the Closer Settlement Acts, and where any roads on such land are in the opinion of the Board required for the development of the land, but do not in the opinion of the Board meet the requirements of public traffic, the Council of the municipal district in which any such roads are situate shall on the requisition of the Board undertake the work necessary in its opinion to provide for public traffic and drainage. Provided that no money shall be expended in connexion with any estate except so far as any money which has been added to the cost for such purpose may extend.
 (2) An estimate of the cost of such work shall be made by the Council and if such estimate is approved by the Board one-half of the actual cost shall be borne and paid for by the Board out of the Closer Settlements Fund and the remaining half shall be borne and paid for by the Council out of its Municipal Fund and the Board may advance to such Council the amount of such remaining half under the provisions of section six of the *Closer Settlement Act 1907*, and any amount so advanced shall be repaid to the Board in pursuance of such conditions as may be mutually agreed upon.
25. After clause 71 insert the following new clause :—
 B. In section fifty-nine of the Principal Act the words "but in every such case and so long as any area is so used there shall be payable in respect thereof a rental of not less than Six pounds per centum per annum on the capital value of such land and such rent shall be paid into the Closer Settlements Fund" are hereby repealed.
26. Clause 75, line 20, after "arrears" add "other than arrears suspended by the Board."
27. Before clause 78 insert headline "DIVISION 4.—TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF PAYMENTS."
28. Before clause 79 omit the headline "DIVISION 4.—TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF PAYMENT BY LESSEES OF INSTALMENTS."
29. After clause 79 insert the following new clause :—
 C. If at any time after the granting of any application by a lessee for an extension of time for or a suspension of payment of instalments it is proved to the satisfaction of the Board that in making such application the lessee wilfully made any false statement or representation, then the Board may without further or other authority than this section cancel such extension of time or suspension, and thereupon all instalments shall become due and payable in the same way and to the like extent as if such extension or suspension had not been granted.
30. After clause 85 insert the following new clause :—
 D. (1) When the overdue instalments either of purchase money or advances of any lessee exceed sixty per centum of the unencumbered value of the improvements, he shall (if required by the Board) give the Board a preferable lien under Part seven of the *Instruments Act 1890* on the crop of the next ensuing harvest of such lessee and also (notwithstanding anything contained in the said Act) a preferable lien under the said Act over each of the four succeeding crops in respect of the overdue instalments, and every such lien shall be a first charge upon the produce of the crop over which it is given whether sown at the time of giving such lien or not.

(2) For the purposes of such preferable lien, the Ninth Schedule to the said Act shall be used with such modifications as may be prescribed under the Closer Settlement Acts.

(3) No fee or charge shall be demanded by or paid to the Registrar-General for the registry of any preferable lien given to the Board or for any affidavit sworn before him or made in verification thereof.

31. Clause 86, line 29, before "land" insert "such."

32. Clause 83, line 42, omit "and."

33. " page 28, line 2, after "requires" add "and."

34. " same page, after paragraph (b) insert the following new paragraph:—

"(c) which are by sub-section (5) of section four of the *Conveyancing Act 1904* directed to be borne by the purchaser."

And the said amendments were read a second time.

And, after debate—

Amendments 1 to 3 inclusive agreed to.

Amendment 4 agreed to with the following amendment, viz.:—Omit "this Act" and insert "the Closer Settlement Acts."

Amendments 5 to 7 inclusive agreed to.

Amendments 8 and 9 disagreed with.

Amendment 10 agreed to with the following amendment, viz.:—Omit "fifty" and insert "twenty."

Amendments 11 to 15 inclusive disagreed with.

Amendments 16 to 18 inclusive agreed to.

Amendment 19 disagreed with.

Amendments 20 to 22 inclusive agreed to.

Amendment 23 disagreed with, but the following amendments made in the sub-clause:—At the beginning of the sub-clause insert "Unless the Court otherwise orders"; after "shall," in line 31, insert "not"; omit "(if any) only," in line 32, and insert "subsequent"; omit "is," in line 32, and insert "was."

Amendments 24 to 34 inclusive agreed to.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to some of the amendments made in such Bill by the Legislative Council, have disagreed with others of the said amendments, have agreed to two of the said amendments with amendments, and have disagreed with the amendment of the Legislative Council to omit sub-clause (2) of clause 44, but have made amendments in the said sub-clause, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Old-age Pensions*" without amendment.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 30th November, 1909.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections and for other purposes*," and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 30th November, 1909.

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Compulsory Dipping of Sheep*," and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 30th November, 1909.

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

12. WATER ACT 1905 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—

Debate resumed.

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

Ordered—That the Bill be considered in Committee this day.

13. WATER ACT 1905 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—RATES AND IRRIGATION CHARGES.—Mr. Graham moved, by leave, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the advisability of making further provision for the making and levying of rates and irrigation charges for the supply of water under the Water Acts.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient to make further provision for the making and levying of rates and irrigation charges for the supply of water under the Water Acts.

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

14. WATER ACT 1905 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Ordered—That the Bill, as amended, be printed and taken into consideration to-morrow.

15. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 3 be postponed until after No. 4.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18. **INCOME TAX BILL.**—Mr. Watt then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to declare the Rates of Income Tax for the Year ending on the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and ten*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
Mr. Watt moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Watt, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
19. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
Mr. Craven also acquainted the House that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
20. **WAYS AND MEANS.—ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE DUTIES.**—Mr. Craven reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution:—
Resolved—That Part V. of the *Administration and Probate Act 1890* as amended by the *Administration and Probate Act 1903* and the *Administration and Probate Duties Act 1903* (No. 2) and the *Administration and Probate Duties Act 1907* shall apply to the real and personal estate of every person dying between the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and nine and the first day of January One thousand nine hundred and eleven, and to all persons liable to pay any duty in respect thereof.
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. Watt and Mr. Murray do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
21. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE DUTIES BILL.**—Mr. Watt then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill relating to Duties payable under the Administration and Probate Acts*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
Mr. Watt moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Watt, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
22. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, No. 3, Nos. 5 to 15 inclusive, and Nos. 17 to 22 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, Private Bill Business and General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
23. **DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—The following Order of the Day was read and discharged:—
Assembly Electoral Rolls Act 1909 Amendment Bill—Second reading.
Ordered—That the said Bill be withdrawn.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 59.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST DECEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions, praying that the House will not pass paragraphs (g) and (h) of sub-section (1) of clause 7 and the whole of clause 8 of the Factories and Shops Acts Amendment Bill, were presented by Sir Henry Weedon :—
 - From H. E. Rowe, styling himself president, and D. L. Stirling, styling himself secretary, of the Chamber of Mines of Victoria (Incorporated).
 - From W. D. Thompson, styling himself president, and D. T. Boshier, styling himself secretary, of The Ballarat and District Mine Owners' Association.
 - From John Green, styling himself vice-president, and G. A. Petrie, styling himself secretary, of the Bendigo Mine Owners' and Managers' Association.
 On the motion of Sir Henry Weedon, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the first Petition to be read.
 The Petition was read by the Acting Clerk.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
3. JEPARIT TO LORQUON RAILWAY.—Mr. A. A. Billson moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to construct a 5ft. 3in. line of railway from Jeparit to Lorquon.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. COAL MINES REGULATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—
 Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
 Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 25 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, Private Bill Business and General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Watt moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 60.

THURSDAY, 2ND DECEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. GOVERNMENT COOL STORES—RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.—Mr. Campbell moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing the receipts and expenditure of the Government Cool Stores for the twelve months ended 30th June, 1908, and the twelve months ended 30th June, 1909; also the various quantities of produce handled, and the profit or loss on each class, and the basis on which it is calculated.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. ASSEMBLY ELECTORAL ROLLS BILL (No. 2).—Mr. Murray, pursuant to notice moved on his behalf by Mr. Watt, obtained leave, with Mr. Watt, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the Electoral Rolls for the Legislative Assembly for the year One thousand nine hundred and ten*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
4. ELECTORAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow :—
 1. Clause 3, line 12, after "Assembly" insert "other than rolls of ratepaying electors."
 2. " line 12, before "electors' rights" insert "residential."
 3. Clause 5, line 34, after "persons" insert "other than those whose names are on any roll of ratepaying electors for the Assembly then in force for such district or districts respectively."
 4. Clause 11, page 6, line 25, at the end of the clause add "Notwithstanding anything contained in this section any person of the full age of twenty-one years being a natural-born or naturalized subject of His Majesty and not subject to any disqualification or legal incapacity who has obtained a non-residential elector's right in respect of any lands or tenements or whose name is on any roll of ratepaying electors in respect of any rateable property shall (subject to the provisions hereinafter contained) be entitled to vote at any election for the Assembly for the division in which such lands or tenements or rateable property are or is situate."
 5. Clause 12, line 26, after "disqualified from" insert "obtaining a non-residential elector's right or."
 6. " line 27, after "Assembly" insert "whether on a general roll or a roll of ratepaying electors."
 7. " line 30, after "enrolment" insert "or the date of his application for such elector's right or the date of the making out of the list of ratepaying electors."
 8. Clause 13, line 19, after "Assembly" insert "other than electors whose names are on the roll of ratepaying electors for the Assembly in force for the division."
 9. After clause 13 insert the following new clause :—
 - A. (1) For the purposes of any electoral canvass there shall be prepared householders' schedules in such form as may be prescribed to be filled up by or on behalf of the several occupiers of dwellings in each division.
 - (2) Every person making such canvass shall leave at every dwelling within the area canvassed by him a householder's schedule for the occupier of such dwelling.

Householders' schedules for electoral canvass.

To be left at every dwelling.

(3) Every occupier of a dwelling with or for whom a householder's schedule has been left shall to the best of his knowledge and belief fill up and supply in such schedule such particulars as may be prescribed and shall sign the same and deliver it or cause it to be delivered to the person making the canvass. To be filled in by occupier.

(4) Every person making such canvass shall as soon as practicable after leaving a householder's schedule at any dwelling demand and receive the same. To be called for by person making canvass.

(5) If the occupier of any dwelling wilfully makes signs or delivers or causes to be made signed or delivered any false return or statement of any particular in any such schedule he shall be liable on conviction to a penalty not exceeding Five pounds. Penalty.

(6) In this section "dwelling" includes any building tent or tenement of which the whole or any part is used for the purpose of human habitation and any ship or other vessel in any port or harbor in Victoria. Definition of "dwelling."

10. Clause 17, line 11, after "Assembly" insert "other than electors whose names are on the roll of ratepaying electors for the Assembly in force for the division."
11. Clause 18, line 16, omit "February" and insert "November."
12. " line 18, omit "February" and insert "November."
13. Clause 19, line 25, omit "February" and insert "November."
14. " line 28, omit "February" and insert "November."
15. Clause 21, line 16, omit "April" and insert "January."
16. Clause 22, line 43, omit "twenty-third day of April" and insert "fifteenth day of January."
17. " page 10, line 6, omit "twenty-third day of April" and insert "fifteenth day of January."
18. Clause 23, line 24, omit "whose name is on any general list."
19. " line 25, omit "such general list" and insert "any general list or list of ratepaying electors."
20. " line 27, after "list" insert "or list of ratepaying electors."
21. " line 29, after "list" insert "and list of ratepaying electors."
22. Clause 24, line 8, after "list" insert "or list of ratepaying electors."
23. " lines 8-9, omit "twenty-third day of April" and insert "fifteenth day of January."
24. " line 12, omit "general."
25. Clause 25, line 17, omit "twenty-third day of April" and insert "fifteenth day of January."
26. Clause 26, line 32, after "list" insert "or list of ratepaying electors."
27. " line 34, omit "general."
28. Clause 27, line 37, after "list" insert "and list of ratepaying electors."
29. " page 12, line 3, after "list" insert "or list of ratepaying electors"; omit "May" and insert "February."
30. " page 12, line 5, omit "list" and insert "lists."
31. Clause 28, line 20, omit "general list" and insert "lists."
32. " line 28, before "including" insert "or list of ratepaying electors."
33. Clause 29, line 32, after "list" insert "or list of ratepaying electors."
34. " line 37, omit "general."
35. Clause 31, line 20, omit "general."
36. " line 32, omit "general."
37. " line 38, omit "general."
38. " page 14, line 2, omit "general."
39. Clause 32, line 2, omit "general."
40. Clause 33, line 16, omit "general."
41. Clause 34, line 23, omit "general."
42. Clause 37, line 11, before "(as the case may be)" insert "or the roll of ratepaying electors."
43. " line 13, after "list" insert "or list of ratepaying electors."
44. " line 15, omit "the roll" and insert "such rolls."
45. " line 16, after "roll" insert "or the roll of ratepaying electors."
46. " line 17, omit "July" and insert "April."
47. " line 19, omit "the said roll" and insert "each of the said rolls."
48. " line 28, omit "such roll" and insert "each of such rolls."
49. Clause 38, line 35, after "roll" insert "or roll of ratepaying electors."
50. " line 36, after "annual general roll" insert "or a roll of ratepaying electors (as the case may be)."
51. Clause 41, line 15, omit "general."
52. " line 17, after "enrolled" insert "on the general roll."
53. After clause 47 insert the following new clause:—

B. (1) Every person who under the provisions of Division five of Part IV. of the Principal Act has a qualification of which residence forms no part (in the said Act called a non-residential qualification) to vote in the election of members of the Assembly for any district and derives his qualification in the division of such district to which his application for an elector's right applies and is not disqualified under any Act shall (subject to the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendments Acts) be entitled to have an elector's right issued to him for such division and to have his name inserted and retained on any general list or general roll to be made as provided in this Act for such division. Persons entitled to electors' rights by virtue of non-residential qualification.

- (2) The registrar for any division when preparing any special general list for such division after an electoral canvass shall include in such list the names of all persons who hold non-residential electors' rights in force for the division. Names of persons holding non-residential electors' rights to be inserted on special general lists.
- (3) When any non-residential elector's right is issued to any person during the currency of any general roll, the registrar shall immediately on the issue of such right enter in such general roll the name of such person, with such other particulars as may be prescribed and shall write opposite such entry his initials and the date thereof. Names to be inserted on general rolls.
- (4) The following sections and Schedules of the Acts hereinafter mentioned shall apply and have effect so far only as they relate to electors' rights in virtue of a non-residential qualification; and any reference therein to deputy-registrar shall be taken to refer only to the registrar, namely:— Provisions applicable to non-residential electors' rights.

Sections one hundred and forty-one to one hundred and forty-five of the Principal Act; section one hundred and forty-six of the Principal Act as re-enacted by section twelve of the *Purification of Rolls Act* 1891; sections one hundred and forty-seven to one hundred and fifty-one of the Principal Act; sections one hundred and fifty-four to one hundred and fifty-eight of the Principal Act; sections one hundred and ninety to one hundred and ninety-two and section two hundred and fifty-six and the Eighteenth Schedule to the Principal Act as re-enacted by section thirteen of the *Purification of Rolls Act* 1891; sections eleven to thirteen of and the First Schedule to the *Purification of Rolls Act* 1891; sub-sections (a) and (c) of section four and section twelve and section twenty-five of and the Second Schedule to the *Constitution Act Amendment Act* 1898. Nos. 1075 ss. 141, 145, 146, 147, 151, 154, 158, 190, 192, 256.

- (5) In the Eighteenth Schedule to the Principal Act as re-enacted by section thirteen of the *Purification of Rolls Act* 1891 the words "It is to be observed that this elector's right is good only until the first day of December, 189" are hereby repealed. Amendment of Eighteenth Schedule to Principal Act. No. 1242 ss. 11, 13. No. 1601 ss. 4 (a) (b) (c), 12, 25.

54. Clause 53, page 21, line 8, after "roll" insert "or the roll of ratepaying electors."
55. Clause 55, line 10, omit "general."
56. " line 13, after "roll" insert "or the roll of ratepaying electors."
57. Clause 57, line 25, after "inspector" insert "town clerk, secretary."
58. Clause 58, line 31, after "registrar" insert "town clerk, secretary."
59. Clause 61, line 12, after "division" insert "including the roll of ratepaying electors for the division."
60. " lines 14-15, omit "and in no other division whatever of any district."
61. Clause 62, line 38, before "the general roll" insert "the roll of ratepaying electors and of."
62. " page 24, line 26, after "roll" insert "of ratepaying electors and general roll."
63. " page 24, line 31, omit "roll" and insert "rolls."
64. Clause 63, lines 37-38, omit "the electoral roll" and insert "deemed to be the general roll."
65. " line 38, at the end of the clause add "and together with the roll of ratepaying electors for the division shall form the electoral roll for the division."
66. Clause 65, page 26, line 3, after "and" insert "shall if he claims to vote as the holder of an elector's right, exhibit to the returning officer or deputy the elector's right which purports to entitle him to exercise the right of voting."
67. Clause 66, line 8, at the end of the clause add "and if such person claims to vote as the holder of an elector's right the returning officer or deputy shall ascertain that the name given by such person is upon the elector's right exhibited by him, and shall compare the elector's right with such name on the roll and the particulars stated against the same so as by inspection to satisfy himself of the identity of the person to whom the elector's right has been issued with the person so named on the roll."
68. Clause 67, line 21, omit "electoral roll" and insert "general roll (or as the case may require the roll of ratepaying electors)."
69. " line 23, before "Do" insert "(If the person claims for a residential qualification)."
70. " at the end of the clause add—
 "(vi.) (If the person claims as the holder of an elector's right). Was the elector's right now exhibited by you issued to you, and have you now the qualification in respect of which the same was issued? And is the signature (A.B.) appearing on the said elector's right your signature?"
71. Clause 69, page 27, line 9, after "vote" insert "or (f) does not answer absolutely in the affirmative the question numbered (vi.) so far as applies to his claim to vote."
72. Clause 70, at the end of the clause add "and if such person claims to vote as the holder of an elector's right the returning officer shall compare such signature with the signature purporting to be that of the holder of such elector's right and appearing thereon."
73. Clause 72, page 28, at the end of the clause add "and (d) mark such elector's right (if any) with his initials and with the date and return the same to such person."

74. Clause 86, line 21, after "place" insert "or (d) that if an elector be a female on account of maternal duties in regard to the care of her own child or children of tender years she will be prevented from voting personally at any such polling place."
75. " line 24, omit "him" and insert "such elector."
76. " line 25, omit "tender his."
77. Clause 87, line 38, omit "In the case of any election for the Council."
78. " line 41, after "marked" insert "in the case of an election for the Council."
79. " line 42, after "Act" insert "or in the case of an election for the Assembly as required by this Act."
80. Clause 92, line 43, before "post" insert "hand it at once to the authorized witness who shall."
81. First Schedule, page 41, lines 7-9, omit "section one hundred and twenty-one and sections one hundred and twenty-eight to two hundred and three" and insert "sections one hundred and twenty-eight and one hundred and twenty-nine, sections one hundred and thirty-six to one hundred and forty, section one hundred and fifty-three, sections one hundred and fifty-nine to one hundred and sixty-seven, sections one hundred and seventy-two to one hundred and eighty, sections one hundred and eighty-two to one hundred and eighty-nine, sections one hundred and ninety-three to one hundred and ninety-eight, and sections two hundred to two hundred and three."
82. " " page 41, last three lines on the page, omit "section two hundred and fifty-six shall be repealed so far only as regards matters relating to elections of members of the Assembly."
83. " " page 42, lines 3-4, omit "The Eighteenth to the Twenty-ninth Schedules (both inclusive), and insert "The Nineteenth to the Twenty-third Schedules (inclusive) and the Twenty-sixth, Twenty-seventh, and Twenty-eighth Schedules."
84. " " page 42, lines 6-7, omit "The whole Act shall be repealed so far as not already repealed" and insert "So far as not already repealed the whole Act shall be repealed with the exception only of sections eleven to thirteen and the First Schedule."
85. " " page 42, lines 17-19, omit—

"No. 1524	<i>Melbourne and Geelong Parliamentary Elec- tions Act 1897</i>	In section two the words 'or Legislative Assembly' shall be repealed"
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86. " " page 42, line 20, third column, opposite the words and figures No. 1601, after "repealed" insert "with the exception only of sub-sections (a) and (c) of section four, and with the exception of section five and the First Schedule so far as they relate to the repeal of certain words in section one hundred and forty-six of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890*, and also with the exception of sections seven, twelve, seventeen, twenty-one, and twenty-five, and of the Second and the Fourth Schedules."
87. " " page 42, last two lines of the Schedule, omit—

"No. 1893	<i>Local Government Act 1903</i>	In section seventy-seven the words 'or Legislative Assembly' shall be repealed"
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88. Second Schedule, paragraph 2, after "polling day" in sub-paragraph (c) insert "(d) That I am a woman who on account of maternal duties in regard to the care of my own child or children of tender years will be prevented from voting personally at such polling place."
89. " " line 28, omit "two" and insert "three."
90. Third Schedule, page 44, line 28, before "post" insert "hand it at once to the authorized witness who shall."

And the said amendments were read a second time.

And, after debate—

Amendments 1 to 8 inclusive disagreed with.

Amendment 9 agreed to with the following amendment, viz. :—

After the word "dwelling," in line 1 of sub-clause (5) of new clause A, insert the words "refuses or neglects to fill up to the best of his knowledge information or belief or."

Amendments 10 to 90 inclusive disagreed with.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the amendment to insert new clause A, but have made an amendment in the said clause, and have disagreed with the other amendments made in such Bill, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

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

T. CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 26.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to further amend the *Cemeteries Act 1890*.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 30th November, 1909.

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

6. CEMETERIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 26, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Watt, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to further amend the *Cemeteries Act 1890*.

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

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 15 inclusive be postponed until after No. 16.

8. CEMETERIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Watt moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued.

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

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

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

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

9. ADJOURNMENT.—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Prendergast rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The question of the action of the Chief Inspector of Factories in dealing with permits under the Determination of Wages Boards for drapers' assistants."

Mr. Deputy-Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—Mr. Prendergast moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

10. WATER ACT 1905 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The following Order of the Day was read and discharged:—

Water Act 1905 further Amendment Bill—Consideration of Report.

Mr. Graham moved, That this Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 24.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

Mr. Graham moved, That the amendment made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Farrer moved, as an amendment, That paragraph (b), sub-section (1), of clause 16, be omitted.

Debate ensued.

Question—That paragraph (b) proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Cussen moved, as an amendment, That after the word "division," in line 5, page 7, sub-section (1), of clause 19, the words "except irrigation water to establish new orchards, vineyards, and other tree plantations or shrubs, when the total charge against such plantations or shrubs may be spread over a term of seven years, the first year free and then at an increasing rate at the discretion of the Commission up to the full amount" be inserted.

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

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

Clause 26, sub-section (2), lines 16 and 17, omit all the words after the word "water" to the end of the sub-section.

Clause 31, paragraph (a), lines 36 to 39, omit the words "any lands in the area supplied from that portion of the Kerang North-west Lakes locally known as Kangaroo or Tutchewoop Lakes as."

„ paragraph (a), lines 41 and 42, omit the words "served by" and insert the words "supplied from Kangaroo Lake or Tutchewoop Lake forming part of."

Clause 38, line 5, omit the words "on any land."

„ line 5, after the word "tanks" insert the words "on any lands supplied with water from works controlled by the Commission."

Clause 43, at end of the clause add the words "Such works shall be carried out and constructed in accordance with the description aforesaid and in such a manner as to render them effective for the purposes proposed."

Mr. Hutchinson moved, as a further amendment, That the words "unless the amount of the salary or wages of any such person exceeds the rate of Two pounds per week whether payable at a yearly monthly weekly or daily rate or by the piece or at a fixed price or otherwise howsoever" be added to sub-section (1) of clause 58.

Debate ensued.

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

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

A. On and after the year One thousand nine hundred and fourteen the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works shall institute a sinking fund for the repayment of its loans of not less than one-quarter per cent. per annum calculated on the total loans outstanding on the first day of January of each year and shall notwithstanding any Act to the contrary fixing any maximum rate or charge if necessary raise the water or general rate by whatever sum in the pound may be required for that purpose.

All moneys thus raised together with all interest earned by the same shall be put aside and invested in such securities and in such manner as the Governor in Council may direct.

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

Mr. Gray offered the following new clause to be added to the Bill:—

C. Where in any water supply district the water channels are situate more than three miles from the land rated the Commission shall construct storage tanks of suitable capacity for the supply thereof.

Mr. Gray moved, That new clause C be now read a second time.

And, after debate—

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

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

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 and 4 be postponed until after No. 5.

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

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

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

13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 and 4, Nos. 6 to 15 inclusive, and Nos. 17 to 25 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, Private Bill Business and General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

H. H. NEWTON,

Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,

Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 61.

FRIDAY, 3RD DECEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Watt presented—
Government Servants Working Seven Days per Week.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 22nd July, 1909, for a return showing—
 1. The number of Government servants, including Railway servants, working seven days per week.
 2. The nature of the service they perform.
 3. The extra pay (if any) paid for such service.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Victorian Railways.—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the quarter ending 30th September, 1909.

3. MONBULK AND BENAK DISTRICTS CONNECTING RAILWAY.—Mr. A. A. Billson moved, pursuant to notice, That the question of connecting the Monbulk and Benak districts by means of a railway or railways with the existing railway system, and the provision of a deficiency rate, be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. SUPPLY.—The House according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
5. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
Mr. Craven also acquainted the House that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
6. SUPPLY.—Mr. Craven reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution :—

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £895,993 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1909-10, viz.:—

Division No.		£
1.	Legislative Council—Salaries	192
3.	Legislative Assembly—Salaries	1,096
4.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	520
5.	Railways Standing Committee—Salaries	76
6.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	60
7.	Victorian Parliamentary Debates—Salaries	425
8.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	130
9.	The Library—Salaries	104
10.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	40
11.	The Library, State Parliament House—Salaries	111
12.	" " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	135
13.	Refreshment Rooms—Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	200
14.	Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries	1,074
15.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, Miscellaneous Items	100
16.	" " " " General Items	250
17.	" " " Pensions, Gratuities, &c.	3,900

Division No.		£
18.	Chief Secretary's Office—Grants	1,000
19.	Board for Protection of Aborigines—Salaries	54
20.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	560
21.	Explosives—Salaries	316
22.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	150
23.	Inspector of Factories and Shops—Salaries	1,070
24.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	710
25.	Government Shorthand Writer—Salaries	250
26.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	30
27.	The Governor's Office—Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	90
28.	Inebriates' Institution—Salaries	130
29.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	270
30.	Marine Board—Salaries	430
31.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items... ..	190
32.	Mercantile Marine—Salaries	133
33.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	12
34.	Observatory—Salaries	396
36.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	250
37.	Premier's Office—Salaries	272
38.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	90
39.	Agent-General—Agent-General, Staff, &c.	840
41.	Audit Office—Salaries	1,712
42.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	250
43.	Government Statist—Salaries	1,570
44.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	1,830
45.	Hospitals for Insane—Salaries	12,630
46.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	14,500
47.	Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools—Salaries	1,052
48.	" " " " " " Ordinary Expenditure, Maintenance	11,500
49.	" " " " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	685
50.	Penal and Gaols—Salaries	6,031
51.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	2,699
52.	Police—Salaries... ..	41,525
53.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	6,475
54.	Public Library, Museum, and National Gallery—Salaries	1,935
55.	" " " " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	1,600
56.	" " " " " " Ordinary Expenditure, Works and Buildings	3,500
57.	Public Service Commissioner—Salaries	166
58.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	27
59.	Education, Director, &c.	105,972
60.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	14,548
61.	" " " " Pensions, &c.... ..	214
62.	" " " " Works and Buildings	9,500
63.	" " " " Endowments	4,675
64.	Supreme Court—Salaries	525
65.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	60
66.	Law Officers—Salaries	1,330
67.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	970
68.	" " " " Pensions, &c.	35
69.	Crown Solicitor—Salaries	791
70.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	33
71.	Prothonotary—Salaries	257
73.	Master-in-Equity, &c.—Salaries	735
74.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	80
75.	Registrar-General—Salaries	4,563
76.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	790
77.	" " " " Pensions, Gratuities, &c.... ..	13
78.	Sheriff—Salaries	707
79.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	950
80.	Comptroller of Stamps, &c.—Salaries	448
81.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	250
82.	County Courts, &c.—Salaries	1,288
83.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	2,000
84.	Police Magistrates, &c.—Salaries	2,017
85.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	540
86.	Clerks of Courts—Salaries	3,390
87.	Coroners—Salaries	19
88.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	450
89.	" " " " Pensions, &c.	34
90.	Treasury—Salaries	4,122
91.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure	900
92.	Transport	450

Division No.	£
93. Unforeseen Expenditure	500
94. To Railway Department for Carriage and Use of Victorian Coal...	2,104
95. Payment to Railway Department for issue of Free Passes to State Governor and Staff, Members of Parliament, &c., Executive Councillors, and Members of Parliaments of other States...	833
98. Treasury—Grants, Charitable Institutions, &c.	23,000
99. " " Pensions, Compensation, and Gratuities, &c.	112
100A. " " Pensions, Old-age, &c.	30
102. Income Tax—Salaries	1,650
103. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	100
104. Land Tax—Salaries	45
105. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	200
106. Curator—Salaries	334
107. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	28
109. Government Printer—Salaries	9,196
110. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	1,350
111. Advertising	1,000
112. Survey, &c., Crown Lands—Salaries	8,644
113. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	4,166
114. Public Parks—Salaries	54
115. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	92
116. " " Grants	1,690
117. Botanical, &c., Gardens—Salaries	1,002
118. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	440
119. Extirpation of Rabbits, &c.—Salaries	99
120. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	3,350
121. Closer Settlement—Salaries	400
122. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	100
123. Small Holdings—Salaries... ..	214
124. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	66
125. Village Settlements, &c.	109
126. Works and Buildings	572
127. Road Works	50
129. " " Exceptional Expenditure	100
130. Public Works—Salaries	4,448
131. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	2,915
132. " " Pensions, Gratuities, &c.	21
133. Ports and Harbors—Salaries	2,715
134. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	3,000
135. " " Exceptional Expenditure	50
136. Public Works—Works and Buildings	61,569
137. " " Road Works and Bridges	3,000
139. " " Exceptional Expenditure	200
140. Mines—Salaries	3,107
141. " " Furtherance of Mining Industry	5,000
142. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	1,220
145. Forests—Salaries	1,280
146. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	3,000
147. Water Supply—Salaries	650
148. " " Surveys, &c.	150
149. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	145
150. " " Endowments and Grants	200
152. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission	13,848
153. Agriculture and Industries—Salaries, &c.	1,436
154. " " Ordinary Expenditure, Maffra Beet Sugar Factory	238
156. " " Development of Export Trade	4,970
158. " " Doncaster Cool Stores	125
159. " " General Items	695
161. Grants	1,092
163. Stock and Dairy Supervision	2,221
164. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	1,050
165. Vegetation Diseases	609
166. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	991
167. Technical Agricultural Education—Salaries	978
168. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	2,546
169. Viticultural Industry	131
170. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	552
171. Public Health—Salaries	1,360
172. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	4,180
175. Victorian Railways	413,232
176. Miscellaneous	2,762
177. Chief Engineer for Railway Construction—Working Expenses	628
	895,993

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

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

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

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

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

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

Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1909-10 the sum of £895,993 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.

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

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

9. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 5).**—Mr. Watt then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Eight hundred and ninety-five thousand nine hundred and ninety-three pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and nine and One thousand nine hundred and ten*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—

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

Debate ensued.

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

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

10. **ELTHAM TO HURST'S BRIDGE RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. A. A. Billson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Ordered—That the Bill be considered in Committee this day.

11. **ELTHAM TO HURST'S BRIDGE RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL—RAILWAY DEFICIENCY RATE.**—Mr. A. A. Billson moved, by leave, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the Railway Deficiency Rate to be made and levied by the Railway Construction Trust under the Eltham to Hurst's Bridge Railway Construction Bill.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that the Railway Construction Trust have power to make and levy a Railway Deficiency Rate under the Eltham to Hurst's Bridge Railway Construction Bill.

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

12. **ELTHAM TO HURST'S BRIDGE RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

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

13. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 23 inclusive, be postponed until after the Order of the Day, Private Bill Business.

14. **BENDIGO AND COUNTRY DISTRICTS TRUSTEES AND EXECUTORS COMPANY LIMITED BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read—

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

Debate ensued.

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

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

15. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 6 inclusive be postponed until after No. 7.
16. **MOTOR CARS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
17. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 6 inclusive, and Nos. 8 to 14 inclusive, be postponed until Tuesday next.
18. **ASSEMBLY ELECTORAL ROLLS BILL (No. 2).**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Watt moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Watt, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
19. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Nos. 16 to 23 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 62.

TUESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **POWLETT COAL-FIELD RAILWAY.**—Mr. E. H. Cameron, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of connecting the Powlett coal-field with the existing railway system, and with the proposed ports at Inverloch and Western Port Bay; together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
3. **PRINTING COMMITTEE.**—Mr. Prendergast, on behalf of Mr. Speaker, Chairman, brought up the First Report of the Printing Committee.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
4. **WATER ACT 1905 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—ACTING CLERK'S CORRECTIONS.**—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Report from the Acting Clerk notifying that he had made the following corrections in this Bill, viz. :—
In clause 12, sub-section (3), line 34, the words "the words" have been inserted.
In clause 53, sub-section (1), paragraph (a), line 28, the word "the" in the first place has been omitted.
5. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Murray, and the same was read :—
THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 27.*
The Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, at the Government Offices, given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Act of the present Session, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—
" *An Act to amend the Law relating to Old-age Pensions.*"
Government Offices,
Melbourne, 1st December, 1909.
6. **WHEAT PICKED UP AND DISPOSED OF BY RAILWAYS DEPARTMENT.**—Mr. Snowball moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The quantity of wheat picked up by the Railway Department during each of the past three seasons.
 2. How disposed of, and through whom.
 3. The amount realized.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. **PETITION.**—Mr. Prendergast presented a Petition from Wilton William Young, of Bowater-place, North Melbourne, in the State of Victoria, fish dealer, praying that the House will be pleased to direct Miss Margaret Stewart, the manager of the Presbyterian and Scots Church Neglected Children's Aid Society, Scots Church Offices, Russell-street, Melbourne, to restore to him his daughter, Stella Alice Young, or make such alteration in the law or make such rules and regulations as will enable a parent to have access to his child, and a Judge of the Supreme Court to determine on the merits as to the custody of the child.
On the motion of Mr. Prendergast, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Petition to be read.
The Petition was read by the Acting Clerk.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
8. **WOOLAMAI TO POWLETT COAL-FIELD RAILWAY.**—Mr. A. A. Billson moved, by leave, That the question of the construction of a 5ft. 3in. railway from Woolamai to the Powlett Coal-field be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
9. **JEPARIT TO LORQUON RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.**—Mr. A. A. Billson obtained leave, with Mr. Graham, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Jeparit to Lorquon*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
10. **NYPO DISTRICT CONNECTING RAILWAY.**—Mr. A. A. Billson moved, pursuant to notice, That the question of connecting the Nypo district (east of Lake Albacutya) by means of a railway with the existing railway system, and the provision of a deficiency rate, be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
11. **VETERINARY SURGEONS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. Graham obtained leave, with Mr. J. Cameron, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Veterinary Surgeons Act 1890'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
12. **HAMILTON TOWN HALL SITE SALE BILL.**—Mr. McKenzie obtained leave, with Mr. Thomson, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to enable the Council of the Borough of Hamilton to sell the site of the Town Hall in the said Borough and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
13. **FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Murray moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
14. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council request that the Legislative Assembly will be pleased to communicate to the Legislative Council copies of the Report and Proceedings of the Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly appointed in the present Session of Parliament on the Bill intituled "*An Act to confer Powers upon the Bendigo and Country Districts Trustees and Executors Company Limited.*"
Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 7th December, 1909.
H. J. WRIXON,
President.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council transmitting copies of the Report and Proceedings of the Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly on this Bill, in accordance with the request of the Legislative Council.
15. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Law of Landlord and Tenant,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.
Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 7th December, 1909.
H. J. WRIXON,
President.
Ordered—That the said amendments be printed, and taken into consideration this day.

16. COAL MINES REGULATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments.
Ordered—That the Bill, as amended, be printed and taken into consideration to-morrow.
17. LANDLORD AND TENANT LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow :—
1. Clause 4, line 6, after "landlord" insert "and."
 2. " line 18, omit "or stock."
 3. Clause 5, page 2, lines 42-43, omit "apply to a justice of the peace for an order for the restoration to him of such goods and such application" and insert "lay a complaint before a justice and obtain a summons thereon against such superior landlord or bailiff or other agent for the restoration to the complainant of such furniture goods or chattels and such summons."
 4. " page 3, line 1, omit "goods" and insert "furniture goods or chattels."
- And the said amendments were read a second time and agreed to by the House.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendments.
18. GHERINGHAP TO MAROONA RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. A. A. Billson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Campbell, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
19. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 21 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
Ordered.—That the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow :—
Factories and Shops Acts Amendment Bill—To be further considered in Committee.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 63.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. OUTER CIRCLE RAILWAY.—Mr. E. H. Cameron moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a copy of the Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of re-opening the closed section of the Outer Circle Railway.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. PAPER.—Mr. A. A. Billson presented—
Outer Circle Railway.—Return to the foregoing Order.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
4. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST LANDS EXCHANGE BILL.—Mr. McKenzie obtained leave, with Mr. Watt, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners to exchange and transfer certain Lands in the City of Melbourne*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
5. BAIRNSDALE TO ORBOST RAILWAY.—Mr. A. A. Billson moved, pursuant to notice, That in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to construct a 5ft. 3in. railway from Bairnsdale to Orbost.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
7. WOOLAMAI TO POWLETT COAL-FIELD RAILWAY.—Mr. E. H. Cameron, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of the construction of a 5ft. 3in. railway from Woolamai to the Powlett coal-field; together with Book of Reference and Description of Work.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
8. WOOLAMAI TO POWLETT COAL-FIELD RAILWAY.—Mr. A. A. Billson moved, by leave, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to construct a 5ft. 3in. railway from Woolamai to the Powlett coal-field.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
9. WOOLAMAI TO POWLETT COAL-FIELD RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Mr. A. A. Billson, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. Watt, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Woolamai to Powlett Coal-field*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Law as to the Contracts of Infants,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with an amendment, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1909.

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

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until after No. 3.
12. COAL MINES REGULATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report having been read—Mr. McBride moved, That the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

Clause 2, lines 12 and 13, after the words "PART I." omit the words "Coal Mines Generally" and insert the words "Mines Regulation."

" page 2, lines 4 and 5, after the words "Part I." omit the words "Coal Mines Generally" and insert the words "Mines Regulation."

Clause 3, line 11, insert the word "February" in the blank space.

Clause 4, at the beginning of the clause insert the figure "(1)."

" add the following new sub-section :—

"(2) Any accident occurring in a mine shall be *prima facie* evidence that such accident occurred through some negligence on the part of the owner."

In the headline, page 3, after the words "PART I." omit the words "COAL MINES GENERALLY" and insert the words "MINES REGULATION."

Clause 7, sub-section (1), at the end of the sub-section add the words "An interval of at least eight hours shall elapse between the termination of one period of being below ground and the commencement of the next."

" sub-section (3), line 37, omit the word "day" and insert the word "period."

Clause 17, at the end of the clause add the following new sub-section :—

"(6) For the purposes only of this section the Governor in Council may at any time appoint some person to be an inspector of weights and measures, and every inspector so appointed shall be supplied with a set of standard weights and measures, and shall have and may exercise all or any of the powers of an inspector under the *Weights and Measures Act 1890* or any amendment thereof."

Clause 37, page 19, paragraph (b), line 15, omit all the words after the word "Inspector" to the end of the paragraph.

Clause 52, paragraph (1), at the commencement of the paragraph insert the words "Every inquest shall be taken and made by jurors"; and in lines 8 and 9, omit the words "every inquest shall be taken and made by jurors."

Clause 53, page 30, Rule 1, paragraph (g), line 12, omit the word "boy."

" Rule 9, paragraph (d), page 34, omit all the words after "charging," in line 2, to the end of the paragraph.

Mr. McBride moved, as a further amendment, That at the end of clause 53 the following new rule be added :—

"Rule 58. Persons employed on Sundays or holidays in such work as may be required under Rule 1 (h) or in working machinery for the purpose of keeping a mine unwatered shall be entitled to be paid at the rate of time and a half.

In this rule 'holidays' shall mean New Years Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Christmas Day and the following day. Whenever any of such days falls upon a Sunday the following Monday shall be a holiday in lieu of such day."

Debate ensued.

Mr. McGrath moved, That the words "and Eight Hours Day" be inserted after the words "following day," in line 5 of the proposed amendment.

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

Question—That the proposed amendment, as amended, be agreed to—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Clause 83, sub-section (4), lines 36 and 37, omit the words "by an auditor appointed by the Minister," and insert the words "by the Auditor-General or an inspecting officer under the Audit Acts."

Mr. Snowball moved, as a further amendment, That clause 99 be omitted.
Debate ensued.

Question—That clause 99 proposed to be omitted stand part of the Bill—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. McLachlan,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Carlisle,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Plain,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Cussen,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. McBride,	
Mr. McGrath,	
Mr. McGregor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. Anstey,
Mr. McKissock,	Mr. Keast.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Stanley.
Mr. Forrest,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Bayles.
Mr. McLeod,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Gray offered the following new clause to be added to the Bill :—

B. A Conciliation Board shall be appointed under this Act to hear and decide on all disputes that may arise from time to time between the owner and the employés and the decision of the Board in all matters of dispute shall be binding alike on the owner the employers and the employés.

Mr. Gray moved, That new clause B be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

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

13. GHERINGHAP TO MAROONA RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—

Debate resumed.

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

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

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

14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 24 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 64.

 THURSDAY, 9TH DECEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPER.—Mr. A. A. Billson presented—

Wheat Picked Up and Disposed of by Railway Department.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 7th December, 1909, for a return showing—

1. The quantity of wheat picked up by the Railway Department during each of the past three seasons.
2. How disposed of, and through whom.
3. The amount realized.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

3. SIXTH AND SEVENTH CLASS COUNTRY SCHOOLS.—Mr. Hannah moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. McLachlan, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
1. (a) The total number, also the names and positions of all 6th and 7th class country schools advertised this year for female teachers, and for which no applications have been received by the Department from any teacher.
 - (b) The total number, also the names and positions, of all such 6th and 7th class country schools which are now either closed or taught by temporary teachers.
 2. (a) The total number of unsuccessful applications that have been received this year by the Education Department from female teachers applying for 6th and 7th class country schools.
 - (b) The grand total of the number of times each individual 6th and 7th class country school has been unsuccessfully applied for by these teachers, as it is the practice for each application to cover a number of schools required.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—Mr. Watt obtained leave, with Mr. Murray, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Railway purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
5. WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL.—Mr. Watt obtained leave, with Mr. Murray, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Water Supply in Country Districts and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
6. GHERINGHAP TO MAROONA RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
Debate resumed.
Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Ordered—That the Bill be considered in Committee this day.

7. **GHERINGHAP TO MAROONA RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL—RAILWAY DEFICIENCY RATE.**—Mr. A. A. Billson moved, by leave, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the advisability of giving power to the Gheringhap to Maroona Railway Construction Trust to make and levy a Railway Deficiency Rate.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that the Railway Construction Trust have power to make and levy a Railway Deficiency Rate under the Gheringhap to Maroona Railway Construction Bill.

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

8. **GHERINGHAP TO MAROONA RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to confer Powers upon the Bendigo and Country Districts Trustees and Executors Company Limited*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 9th December, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to declare the Rates of Income Tax for the Year ending on the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and ten*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 9th December, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

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

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 9th December, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

11. **SUPPLY.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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

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

12. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 26 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

Railway Loan Application Bill—Second reading.

Water Supply Loans Application Bill—Second reading.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 65.

FRIDAY, 10TH DECEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until after Nos. 2 and 3.
3. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Watt moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
4. PAPERS.—Mr. Murray presented—
State Employés Receiving Less than £110 per Annum.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 6th October, 1909, for a return of all employés, male or female, in the State service (including Railways) who are receiving less than £110 per annum in salary or wages, showing—
 1. Name.
 2. Age.
 3. Actual salary or wages.
 4. Nature and value of allowances.
 5. Total salary or wages.
 6. Length of service.
 7. Whether permanent or casual.
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Acting Clerk :—
Public Service Acts—
Regulations.—Classification of Professional Division.—Department of Public Instruction (2 Papers).
Regulations.—Travelling Allowances.—Department of Public Instruction.
Regulations.—Classification of General Division.—Department of Treasurer.
Regulation amended.—Clause 8, Chapter 11.
Regulations.—Classification of General Division.—Department of Lands and Survey.
5. WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Watt moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Watt, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

6. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 and Nos. 4 to 10 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

7. **SHEEP DIPPING BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow:—

1. Clause 2, lines 9-10, omit "Chief Inspector of Stock under the *Stock Diseases Act 1890*." and insert "Chief Veterinary Inspector under the *Milk and Dairy Supervision Act 1905*."
2. " after line 12, insert "'Destroy' means kill and either bury at a depth of not less than two feet under the ground or consume by fire or boil down."
3. " line 14, after "preparation" insert "approved by the Governor in Council."
4. " lines 15-16, omit "of stock under the *Stock Diseases Act 1890*" and insert "under the *Milk and Dairy Supervision Act 1905*."
5. " after line 17, insert "'Owner' where applied to sheep and lambs and 'Sheep-owner' include every person other than a mortgagee not in possession having or claiming jointly or in severalty any right title or interest to or in any sheep or lambs and also every superintendent or overseer of any sheep or lambs and the occupier superintendent or overseer of any land or run upon which the sheep or lambs are kept, and all persons in charge of travelling sheep or lambs."
6. Clause 3, lines 5-6, omit "be examined by the Chief Inspector or by an inspector authorized by him in that behalf who" and insert "if deemed necessary by the Chief Inspector be examined by an inspector and the Chief Inspector."
7. Clause 4, line 23, omit "forty-two" and insert "sixty."
8. Clause 5, line 9, omit "May" and insert "April."
9. Clause 6, line 19, before "May" insert "April."
10. Clause 9, line 8, after "person" insert "leaving or."
11. First Schedule, line 4, omit "of Stock."
12. " " line 5, omit "request you to inspect" and insert "apply for a clean certificate for."
13. " " lines 6-7, omit "for the purpose of issuing a certificate that they are now free from ticks and lice."
14. " " line 12, before "months" omit "six."
15. Second Schedule, lines 19-20, omit "[or Inspector] of Stock having this day carefully examined" and insert "being satisfied that."
16. " " lines 20-21, omit "and made due inquiry concerning them do hereby certify that such sheep and lambs."
17. " " line 22, after "lice" insert "do issue this clean certificate concerning such sheep and lambs."
18. " " line 24, omit "[or Inspector] of Stock."
19. " " line 26, omit "of Stock" before "pursuant."

And the said amendments were read a second time.

And, after debate—

Amendments 1 to 13 inclusive agreed to.

Amendment 14 agreed to with the following consequential amendment, viz.:—In clause 3, sub-section (2), lines 11 and 12, omit the words "and have been so for the preceding six months."

Amendments 15 to 19 inclusive agreed to.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to some of the amendments made in such Bill by the Legislative Council, and have agreed to one of the said amendments with a consequential amendment in clause 3, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

8. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Nos. 12 to 27 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 66.

TUESDAY, 14TH DECEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. SETTLED ESTATES AND SETTLED LAND BILL.—Mr. Mackey, Chairman, brought up the Report from the Select Committee upon this Bill.
 Ordered—That the Report lie on the Table and be printed.
 Ordered—That the Bill, as amended, be printed.
 Ordered—That the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for to-morrow.
3. COAL MINES REGULATION BILL—ACTING CLERK'S CORRECTIONS.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Report from the Acting Clerk notifying that he had made the following corrections in this Bill, viz. :—
 - In clause 2, line 10, the word "or" has been omitted and the word "and" inserted.
 - „ line 18, after the word "drivers" the words "in Mines" have been inserted.
 - „ page 2, line 2, the word "Plans" has been omitted and the words "Plan Notices" inserted.
 - In clause 19, paragraph (II.), line 29, the word "have" has been omitted and the word "has" inserted.
 - In clause 26, sub-section (5), line 33, the word "time" has been omitted and the word "date" inserted.
 - In clause 42, paragraph (c), line 18, the word "recommended" has been omitted and the word "recommenced" inserted.
 - In clause 83, the word "Accident" wherever occurring has been omitted and the word "Accidents" inserted.
4. LICENSING ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Murray, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. Watt, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Licensing Acts with regard to the selling or the drinking of Liquor at Night*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
5. PAPERS.—Mr. A. A. Billson presented—
 - Accidents at Railway Level Crossings.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 16th November, 1909, in addition to the return presented on the 25th November, 1909.
 - Ordered to lie on the Table.
 - The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Acting Clerk :—
 - Friendly Societies—Thirty-first Annual Report on.—Report of the Government Statist for the year 1908, to which are appended Monetary Tables based on the Victorian Friendly Societies' Experience 1903-7; Valuations of Societies; Numerical and Financial Summaries of the Returns furnished by the Secretaries, &c.
 - Trade Unions—Twenty-third Annual Report on.—Report of the Government Statist for the year 1908, with an Appendix.

6. **FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—SPECIAL BOARD TO FIX LOWEST RATES OF WAGES.**—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons wheresoever employed in the business of a seller of any article of men's or boys' clothing, mercery, or wearing apparel, including underclothing, hats, and caps, but not including boots or shoes.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
7. **COMMONWEALTH ENABLING (INDUSTRIAL LEGISLATION) BILL.**—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to enable the Parliament of the Commonwealth to make laws with respect to certain Industrial Conditions and for other purposes.*"
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
8. **BAIRNSDALE TO ORBOST RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.**—Mr. A. A. Billson obtained leave, with Mr. Watt, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Bairnsdale to Orbost*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
9. **FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
10. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Duties payable under the Administration and Probate Acts*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 14th December, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

11. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 25 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 67.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

3. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were presented by Mr. Murray, and the same were read:—

THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 28.

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

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

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 9th December, 1909.

THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 29.

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

“An Act to amend the Law of Landlord and Tenant.”

“An Act to confer Powers upon the Bendigo and Country Districts Trustees and Executors Company Limited.”

“An Act to declare the Rates of Income Tax for the Year ending on the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and ten.”

“An Act relating to Duties payable under the Administration and Probate Acts.”

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 14th December, 1909.

4. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments.
Ordered—That the Bill, as amended, be printed and taken into consideration to-morrow.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 28 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
Ordered—That the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow:—
Supply—To be further considered in Committee.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 68.

THURSDAY, 16TH DECEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. CARRAJUNG, BULGA, JUMBUK, AND DOLLAR CONNECTING RAILWAY.—Mr. E. H. Cameron, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of connecting Carrajung, Bulga, Jumbuk, and Dollar by means of a railway with the existing railway system, and the provision of a deficiency rate ; together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan. Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Acting Clerk :—
Education Act 1890.—Clauses rescinded, Regulation made.—Regulation XXII.—Exhibitions.—Order in Council.
4. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—Mr. Watt moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
5. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Eltham to Hurst's Bridge*" without amendment.
Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 16th December, 1909.
H. J. WRIXON,
President.
- MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the consequential amendment made by the Legislative Assembly in clause 3 of the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Compulsory Dipping of Sheep.*"
Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 16th December, 1909.
H. J. WRIXON,
President.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council :—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for a Tax on the Unimproved Value of Land and for the Assessment of Land and other purposes,*" and, on the consideration of the Bill in Committee, suggest that the Legislative Assembly amend the Bill as set forth in the annexed schedule.
Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 16th December, 1909.
H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

- In the Title, omit "for a Tax on the Unimproved Value of Land and."
 In the Title omit "Assessment" and insert "Valuation."
 Clause 1, line 5, omit "Land Tax" and insert "Valuation of Land."
 Clause 2, line 9, omit "Nature of Taxation. Sections 6-13."
 " line 17, omit "Part 4.—Liability for Land Tax. Sections 37-54."
 " page 2, lines 1-2, omit "Payment and enforcement of tax. Sections 55-71."
 Clause 3, lines 10-14, omit "'Assessment' means the amount of tax charged in the assessment roll or chargeable to any person under this Act and includes all matters comprised or which ought to be comprised in the assessment roll in reference to such amount of tax."
 " line 20, after "might" insert "reasonably."
 " page 4, line 11, after "valuable" insert "or good."
 " lines 27-9, omit "'Tax' or 'taxation' means the duty upon land and includes any additional charge in respect thereof to be assessed, collected, or enforced under this Act."
 " page 4, lines 31-32, omit "whether liable to taxation or not."
 Clause 6, omit this clause.
 Clause 7, omit this clause.
 Clause 8, omit this clause.
 Clause 9, line 2, omit "tax" and insert "valuation."
 Clause 10, omit this clause.
 Clause 11, omit this clause.
 Clause 12, omit this clause.
 Clause 13, omit this clause.
 In the headline, line 13, omit "and Assessments."
 Clause 14, line 14, omit "the assessment and levy of taxation" and insert "this Act."
 Clause 15, lines 27-8, omit "and for the payment of the whole amount of tax (if any) assessed thereon respectively."
 " line 38, omit "and for."
 " line 39, omit "tax" and insert "valuation."
 " omit "charged" and insert "made."
 " page 11, lines 3-4, omit "in consequence of exemptions or deductions or otherwise."
 Clause 16, omit sub-clause (2).
 " omit sub-clause (3).
 Clause 18, omit this clause.
 Clause 19, omit this clause.
 Clause 21, omit sub-clause (1).
 " omit sub-clause (2).
 " page 13, line 9, omit "assessment" and insert "valuation."
 " lines 11-12, omit "or the assessment roll."
 " line 14, omit "or roll."
 " lines 15-18, omit "assessment; and except in proceedings on objection against the assessment (when the same shall be *prima facie* evidence only) shall also be conclusive evidence that the amount and all the particulars of such assessment are correct" and insert "valuation."
 " line 21, omit "or assessment roll."
 Clause 22, line 25, omit "assessment" and insert "valuation."
 " omit "and entered in the assessment roll."
 " lines 25-6, omit "any assessment thereon."
 " lines 26-7, omit "(whether such roll is completed or not)."
 " line 28, omit "assessment" and insert "valuation."
 " lines 28-30, omit "if the taxpayer has not had previous notice of the valuation of the lands comprised in the assessment either in whole or in part."
 " line 31, omit "assessment" and insert "valuation."
 " line 33, omit "assessment" and insert "valuation."
 " line 35, omit "assessment" and insert "valuation."
 " line 37, omit "assessment" and insert "valuation."
 " line 38, omit "one month" and insert "six weeks."
 " line 44, omit "assessment" and insert "valuation."
 Clause 23, line 8, omit "assessment" and insert "valuation."
 Clause 27, line 15, omit "assessments" and insert "valuations."
 " line 18, omit "roll" and insert "register."
 Clause 28, omit "assessment" wherever occurring and insert "valuation."
 Clause 31, page 16, line 4, omit "assessment" and insert "valuation."
 Clause 33, line 4, omit "assessment" and insert "valuation."
 Clause 36, line 11, omit "assessment" and insert "valuation."
 " lines 14-16, omit "assessment; and tax may be made levied and recovered on the assessment in like manner as if no objection or appeal were pending" and insert "valuation."
 " omit sub-clause (2).
 Clause 37, omit this clause.
 Clause 38, omit this clause.
 Clause 39, omit this clause.
 Clause 40, omit this clause.
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 Clause 65, omit this clause.
 Clause 66, omit this clause.
 Clause 67, omit this clause.
 Clause 68, omit this clause.
 Clause 69, omit this clause.
 Clause 72, omit paragraph (b).
 „ lines 32-3, omit “or for any purposes whatsoever.”
 Clause 76, line 18, omit “assessments” and insert “valuations.”
 Clause 80, lines 20-21, omit “but such valuation when made shall not affect any prior assessment of tax.”
 Clause 81, line 27, omit “such taxation” and insert “any valuation.”
 „ lines 34-36, omit “in relation to any matter or thing affecting his own or any other person’s liability to or exemption from assessment or taxation.”
 „ lines 37-39, omit paragraph (d).
 „ lines 41-45, omit “and if he is convicted of any offence under paragraphs (c) or (d) the convicting Court shall also inflict on him an additional penalty of treble the amount of the tax the assessment or payment whereof he has evaded or attempted to evade.”
 „ page 30, omit sub-clause (2).
 Clause 82, omit this clause.
 Clause 85, omit this clause.
 Clause 86, omit this clause.
 Clause 87, omit this clause.
 Clause 88, omit this clause.
 Clause 89, omit this clause.
 Clause 90, omit this clause.
 Clause 97, omit this clause.
 First Schedule, omit this Schedule.
 Second Schedule, omit this Schedule.

Mr. Watt moved, That this House do not make the amendments suggested by the Legislative Council.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 45.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. McKissock,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McLachlan,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Cookson,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Plain,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Mackinnon,	
Mr. McBride,	
Mr. McGrath,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Elmslie,
Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. Lawson.

Noes, 11.

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Swinburne.
Mr. Carlisle,	
Mr. Cussen,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Robertson.
Mr. McLeod,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly, having considered the Message of the Legislative Council suggesting that this House make certain amendments in such Bill, have decided not to make the amendments suggested by the Legislative Council.

7. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until after No. 3.
9. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report having been read—Mr. Murray moved, That the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

Clause 7, paragraph (1), sub-paragraph (j), line 19, omit the word “stores” and insert the word “dealers.”

Clause 34, sub-section (2), lines 19–20, omit the words “this Act” and insert the words “the Factories and Shops Acts.”

” sub-section (2), line 20, after the word “form” insert the words “(if any).”

” sub-section (2), lines 21–22, omit the words “where such a form has been adopted.”

Clause BB, page 10, at the beginning of the clause insert the words “The owner or occupier of.”

Mr. Prendergast moved, as a further amendment, That the following words be added to clause FF :—

Butchers Board.

Malt Board.

Printers Board.

Coopers Board.

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

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

Clause G, line 21, after the word “twenty” insert the words “and in section twenty-three.”

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

B. The Special Board heretofore appointed and called the Woodworkers Board may also determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to persons employed as stackers or sorters in connexion with the loading or unloading of timber from ships, or the stacking of same in any yard or place.

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

Mr. Cotter, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Elmslie, offered the following new clause to be added to the Bill :—

A. Notwithstanding anything in this Act or any other Act contained upon receipt of a requisition signed by a majority of hairdressers the Chief Secretary may fix the hour of closing for such shops after the hour of noon as follows :—

On Monday at eight o'clock,

On Tuesday at eight o'clock.

On Wednesday at one o'clock,

On Thursday at eight o'clock,

On Friday at ten o'clock, and

On Saturday at eight o'clock.

Mr. Cotter moved, That new clause A be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

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

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2, 4, and 5 be postponed until after No. 6.
11. WOOLAMAI TO POWLETT COAL-FIELD RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. A. A. Billson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
- Ordered—That the Bill be considered in Committee this day.

12. **WOOLAMAI TO POWLETT COAL-FIELD RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL—RAILWAY LAND PURCHASE AND DEFICIENCY RATES.**—Mr. A. A. Billson moved, by leave, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the Railway Land Purchase Rate and the Railway Deficiency Rate to be made and levied by the Nyora to Woolamai Railway Construction Trust under the Woolamai to Powlett Coal-field Railway Construction Bill.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that the Nyora to Woolamai Railway Construction Trust have power to make and levy a Railway Land Purchase Rate and a Railway Deficiency Rate under the Woolamai to Powlett Coal-field Railway Construction Bill.

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

13. **WOOLAMAI TO POWLETT COAL-FIELD RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

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

14. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 and 4 be postponed until after No. 5.

15. **NORADJUHA TO TOOLONDO RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. A. A. Billson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Ordered—That the Bill be considered in Committee this day.

16. **NORADJUHA TO TOOLONDO RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL—RAILWAY DEFICIENCY RATE.**—Mr. A. A. Billson moved, by leave, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the Railway Deficiency Rate to be made and levied by the Railway Construction Trust under the Noradjuha to Toolondo Railway Construction Bill.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that the Railway Construction Trust have power to make and levy a Railway Deficiency Rate under the Noradjuha to Toolondo Railway Construction Bill.

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

17. **NORADJUHA TO TOOLONDO RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

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

18. **SUPPLY.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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

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

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

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

Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

20. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, No. 4 and Nos. 7 to 28 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

21. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Murray moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 69.

FRIDAY, 17TH DECEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—ACTING CLERK'S CORRECTIONS.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Report from the Acting Clerk notifying that he had made the following corrections in this Bill, viz. :—
 - In clause 6, page 3, paragraph (1), sub-paragraph (h), in the last line, after the word "other" the word "than" has been inserted.
 - „ page 3, paragraph (1), sub-paragraph (i), at the end of the sub-paragraph the word "or" has been inserted.
 - „ page 3, paragraph (1), sub-paragraph (j), at the end of the sub-paragraph the word "or" has been inserted.
3. ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY.—Mr. Murray moved, by leave, That Monday next be an additional sitting day, on which day the House shall meet at two o'clock.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.
Ordered—That the Report be received on Monday next.
Mr. Craven also acquainted the House that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
5. PAPER.—Mr. Murray presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the year 1908.—Part X.—Production.
Ordered to lie on the Table
6. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to sanction the issue and application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Water Supply in Country Districts and for other purposes*" without amendment.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 17th December, 1909.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the ' Cemeteries Act 1890 '*" without amendment.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 17th December, 1909.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Closer Settlement and Small Improved Holdings and for other purposes,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council do not insist on one of their amendments disagreed with by the Legislative Assembly, do insist on others, and have agreed to some of the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly on amendments of the Legislative Council.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 17th December, 1909.

Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration on Monday next.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Water Act 1905' and for other purposes,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 17th December, 1909.

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for a Tax on the Unimproved Value of Land and for the Assessment of Land and other purposes,*" and on the consideration of the report of the Committee, suggest that the Legislative Assembly amend the Bill as set forth in the annexed schedule.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 16th December, 1909.

And the said suggested amendments were read as printed in the *Votes and Proceedings*, pp. 194-5.

Mr. Watt moved, That this House do not make the amendments suggested by the Legislative Council on the consideration of the report of the Committee.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Plain,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. McGrath,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. McKenzie,	
Mr. McKissock,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McLachlan,	Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Membrey,	Mr. Elmslie.

Noes, 8.

Mr. Farrer,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. Mackey,	
Mr. McCutcheon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McLeod,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Swinburne,	Mr. Bayles.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly, having considered the Message of the Legislative Council suggesting that this House make certain amendments in such Bill, have decided not to make the amendments suggested by the Legislative Council on the consideration of the report of the Committee.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Woolamai to Powlett Coal Field*" without amendment.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 17th December, 1909.

MR. SPEAKER,

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

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 17th December, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

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

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 17th December, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections and for other purposes*," and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council insist on their amendments disagreed with by the Legislative Assembly, and have agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Assembly in new clause A.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 17th December, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration on Monday next.

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

13. BAIRNSDALE TO ORBOST RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. A. A. Billson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Ordered—That the Bill be considered in Committee this day.

14. BAIRNSDALE TO ORBOST RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL—RAILWAY DEFICIENCY RATE.—Mr. A. A. Billson moved, by leave, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the Railway Deficiency Rate to be made and levied by the Railway Construction Trust under the Bairnsdale to Orbost Railway Construction Bill.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that the Railway Construction Trust have power to make and levy a Railway Deficiency Rate under the Bairnsdale to Orbost Railway Construction Bill.

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

15. BAIRNSDALE TO ORBOST RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

Mr. Hannah moved, That the Schedule to the Bill be omitted.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

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

16. JEPARIT TO LORQUON RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. A. A. Billson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Ordered—That the Bill be considered in Committee this day.

17. JEPARIT TO LORQUON RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL—RAILWAY DEFICIENCY RATE.—Mr. A. A. Billson moved, by leave, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the Railway Deficiency Rate to be made and levied by the Railway Construction Trust under the Jeparit to Lorquon Railway Construction Bill.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that the Railway Construction Trust have power to make and levy a Railway Deficiency Rate under the Jeparit to Lorquon Railway Construction Bill.

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

18. JEPARIT TO LORQUON RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

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

19. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 and Nos. 5 to 7 inclusive be postponed until after No. 8.

20. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. McKenzie moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

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

21. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read, and Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Watt, read a third time.

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

Clause 4, at the end of the clause add the following words :—“and after the passing of this Act the prices to be paid to workmen by the Board of Land and Works in the completion of the construction of any new line of railway authorized by Parliament before the passing of this Act shall upon the average be equal to a wage of Seven shillings and sixpence per day of eight hours.”

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

22. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 to 7 inclusive, and Nos. 9 to 25 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Monday next.

Ordered—That the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until Monday next:—

Supply—To be further considered in Committee.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 70.

MONDAY, 20TH DECEMBER, 1909.

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

2. BAIRNSDALE TO ORBOST RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL—ACTING CLERK'S CORRECTION.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Report from the Acting Clerk notifying that he had made the following correction in this Bill, viz. :—

In clause 14, page 5, sub-section (3), line 14, the word "to" has been omitted and the word "of" inserted.

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

THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 30.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to provide for the registration under Part I. of the *Companies Act 1890* of a Company to be called The Wimmera Inland Freezing Company and for other purposes.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 9th December, 1909.

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

4. WIMMERA INLAND FREEZING COMPANY'S BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 30, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Watt, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to provide for the registration under Part I. of the *Companies Act 1890* of a Company to be called The Wimmera Inland Freezing Company and for other purposes.

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

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

Mr. Watt then brought up a Bill intituled "A Bill to provide for the registration under Part I. of the 'Companies Act 1890' of a Company to be called The Wimmera Inland Freezing Company and for other purposes"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

5. CHAFF AND STOCK FOOD ACT 1909 AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Graham, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. Watt, to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to amend the 'Chaff and Stock Food Act 1909'"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

6. PAPER.—Mr. Graham presented—

Government Cool Stores—Receipts and Expenditure.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 2nd December, 1909, for a return showing the receipts and expenditure of the Government Cool Stores for the twelve months ended 30th June, 1908, and the twelve months ended 30th June, 1909; also the various quantities of produce handled, and the profit or loss on each class, and the basis on which it is calculated.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 6 inclusive be postponed until after No. 7.

8. GEELONG HARBOR TRUST ACT 1905 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Watt moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued.

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

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

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

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

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 6 inclusive, and Nos. 8 to 11 inclusive, be postponed until after No. 12.

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

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

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

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

Clause 127, sub-section (1), paragraph (i.), omit all the words after "A tenant in tail" to the end of the paragraph.

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

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 6 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

12. HAMILTON TOWN HALL SITE SALE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Speaker said—"In my opinion, this is a Private Bill."

Mr. Thomson moved, by leave, That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with in accordance with Standing Order No. 131 relating to Private Bills, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Debate ensued.

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

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

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

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

13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 9 to 11 inclusive, and Nos. 13 to 26 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

Wimmera Inland Freezing Company's Bill—Second reading.

14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Murray moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past ten o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Division No.	£	£
34. Observatory—Salaries	975	
36. " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	625	
37. Premier's Office—Salaries	649	
38. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	222	
39. Agent-General—Staff and Office	2,512	
41. Audit Office—Salaries	4,329	
42. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	184	
43. Government Statist—Salaries	3,947	
44. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	4,326	
45. Hospitals for the Insane—Salaries	32,486	
46. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	41,416	
47. Department for Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools—Salaries	2,743	
48. Department for Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools—Ordinary Expenditure, Maintenance of Children	26,160	
49. Department for Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools—Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	1,673	
50. Penal Establishments and Gaols—Salaries	15,079	
51. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	6,995	
52. Police—Salaries... ..	98,188	
53. " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	18,305	
54. Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria—Salaries	4,964	
55. Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria—Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	4,615	
56. Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria—Works and Buildings	10,500	
57. Public Service Commissioner—Salaries	445	
58. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	266	
	-----	318,530

II.—MINISTER OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

59. Education—Salaries	269,391	
60. " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	32,153	
61. " Pensions, Gratuities, and Compensation	528	
62. " Works and Buildings	2,608	
63. " Endowments and Grants	19,350	
63A. " Exceptional Expenditure	844	
	-----	324,874

III.—ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

64. Supreme Court—Salaries	1,312	
65. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	258	
66. Law Officers of the Crown—Salaries	3,681	
67. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	1,625	
68. " " Pensions, Gratuities, Compensation, &c.	87	
69. Crown Solicitor—Salaries	2,048	
70. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	187	
71. Prothonotary—Salaries	655	
72. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	20	
73. Master in Equity and Lunacy—Salaries	1,863	
74. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	199	
75. Registrar-General and Registrar of Titles—Salaries	11,920	
76. " " " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	1,997	
77. " " " " " Pensions, Gratuities, &c.	23	
78. Sheriff—Salaries	1,760	
79. " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	2,018	
79A. " Pensions, Gratuities, Compensation, &c.	400	
Comptroller of Stamps and Collector of Imposts under Stamps Acts 1890 and 1892—		
80. Salaries	1,125	
81. Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	942	
81A. Exceptional Expenditure	64	
	-----	33,184

IV.—SOLICITOR-GENERAL.

County Courts, Courts of Insolvency, Courts of Mines, General and Petty Sessions, and Children's Courts—		
82. Salaries	3,164	
83. Ordinary Expenditure, General Items... ..	5,104	
84. Police Magistrates and Wardens—Salaries	5,040	
85. " " Ordinary Expenditure	1,355	
86. Clerks of Courts—Salaries	8,983	
87. Coroners—Salaries	43	
88. " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	1,565	
89. " Pensions, Gratuities, Compensation, &c.	81	
89A. Exceptional Expenditure	4	
	-----	25,339

V.—TREASURER.

Division No.		£	£
90.	Treasury—Salaries	10,359	
91.	Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	2,158	
92.	Transport, Samples, and Marine Insurance	1,050	
93.	Unforeseen and Accidental Expenditure	1,500	
94.	Allowance to Railway Department for Carriage and Use of Victorian Coal	3,646	
95.	Payment to Railway Department for issue of Free Passes to State Governor and Staff, Members of Parliament, &c., Executive Councillors, and Members of Parliaments of other States	2,083	
96.	To payment of Allowance to Railway Department in connexion with issue of Periodical Tickets at one-half of the full ordinary rates to certain employés of the Railway Department. Order in Council of 14th June, 1909, <i>Railways Act 1896</i>	5,000	
97.	To payment of Allowance to Railway Department in connexion with the issue of Miners' Tickets at reduced rates from Maryborough to Deep Leads mines	60	
98.	Grants	38,080	
99.	Pensions, Compensations, and Gratuities, &c.	323	
100.	Exceptional Expenditure	1,912	
100A.	Pensions, Old-age, &c.	194,176	
102.	Income Tax Office—Salaries	4,175	
103.	Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	1,550	
104.	Expenses of carrying out the Land Tax Acts—Salaries	118	
105.	Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	5,085	
106.	Curator of Estates of Deceased Persons—Allowance and Salaries	838	
107.	Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	58	
109.	Government Printer—Salaries	13,596	
110.	Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	5,042	
111.	Advertising, &c.	2,290	
		<hr/>	293,699

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

5. SUPPLY—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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

WEDNESDAY, 22ND DECEMBER, 1909.

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

6. SUPPLY.—ESTIMATES FOR 1909-10.—Mr. Craven reported from the Committee of Supply certain resolutions, which were read and are as follow:—

Resolved—That the following sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1909-10 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, viz.:—

VI.—COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY.

Division No.		£	£
112.	Survey, Land Settlement, and Management of Crown Lands—Salaries	21,582	
113.	Survey, Land Settlement, and Management of Crown Lands—Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	10,449	
114.	Public Parks, Gardens, and Reserves—Salaries	136	
115.	Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	222	
116.	Grants	5,067	
117.	Botanical and Domain Gardens—Salaries	2,502	
118.	Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	1,097	
119.	Extirpation of Rabbits and Wild Animals—Salaries	263	
120.	Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	7,188	
121.	Acquisition of Land for the Purpose of Closer Settlement—Salaries	1,000	
122.	Acquisition of Land for the Purpose of Closer Settlement—Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	265	
123.	Acquisition of Land for the Purpose of Small Improved Holdings—Salaries	574	
124.	Acquisition of Land for the Purpose of Small Improved Holdings—Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	170	
124A.	Acquisition of Land for the Purpose of Small Improved Holdings—Exceptional Expenditure	1,182	
125.	Village Settlements and Labour Colonies	270	
126.	Works and Buildings	933	
127.	Road Works	125	
129.	Exceptional Expenditure	661	
		<hr/>	53,686

VII.—COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Division No.		£	£
130.	Public Works—Salaries	11,114	
131.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	7,287	
132.	" " Pensions, Gratuities, and Compensation	51	
132A.	" " Exceptional Expenditure	678	
133.	Ports and Harbors, Immigration, and Fisheries—Salaries	7,197	
134.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	8,385	
135.	" " " " Exceptional Expenditure	255	
136.	Public Works—Works and Buildings	163,062	
137.	" " Road Works and Bridges	5,801	
138.	" " Endowments and Grants, Municipalities, &c.	95,186	
139.	" " Exceptional Expenditure	1,000	
		<hr/>	300,016

VIII.—MINISTER OF MINES.

140.	Mines—Salaries	7,770	
141.	" " Furtherance of Mining Industry	7,638	
142.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	3,120	
144.	" " Exceptional Expenditure	5,122	
		<hr/>	23,650

VIII.A.—MINISTER OF FORESTS.

145.	State Forests—Salaries	3,259	
146.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	17,878	
		<hr/>	21,137

IX.—MINISTER OF WATER SUPPLY.

147.	Water Supply Department—Salaries	1,635	
148.	" " " Ordinary Expenditure, Surveys, &c.	375	
149.	" " " " General Items	365	
150.	" " " Endowment and Grants	500	
151.	" " " Exceptional Expenditure	207	
152.	State Rivers and Water Supply Commission... ..	34,627	
		<hr/>	37,709

X.—MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.

153.	Agriculture and Industries—Salaries	3,578	
154.	" " " Ordinary Expenditure, Maffra Beet Sugar Factory	312	
155.	" " " " " Publishing Reports	1,192	
156.	" " " " " Development of the Export Trade	12,440	
157.	" " " " " Travelling Exhibit in London and Provinces	450	
158.	" " " " " Doncaster Cool Stores	312	
159.	" " " " " General Items	1,737	
160.	" " " Works and Buildings	5,613	
161.	" " " Grants	6,953	
161A.	" " " Exceptional Expenditure	10,000	
162.	Improvement of Crown Lands	9,090	
163.	Stock and Dairy Supervision—Salaries	6,340	
164.	" " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	2,625	
165.	Vegetation Diseases—Salaries	1,457	
166.	" " " Ordinary Expenditure... ..	2,479	
167.	Technical Agricultural Education, Experimental Stations, &c.—Salaries	2,378	
168.	" " " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	6,367	
169.	Viticultural Industry—Salaries	324	
170.	" " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	1,734	
170A.	" " " Exceptional Expenditure	19	
		<hr/>	75,400

XI.—MINISTER OF HEALTH.

171.	Public Health—Salaries	3,513	
172.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	13,167	
173.	" " Endowment and Grants	250	
		<hr/>	16,930

XII.—MINISTER OF RAILWAYS.

175.	Victorian Railways—Salaries and Working Expenses of all Lines during the year 1909-10	1,008,928	
176.	" " Pensions, Gratuities, Compensation, &c.	6,950	
177.	" " Construction Branch	1,409	
		<hr/>	1,017,287

And the said resolutions were read a second time and agreed to by the House.

7. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 11 inclusive be postponed until after No. 12.

8. **GEE LONG MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS ACT 1907 AMENDMENT (SEWERING AND CLEANSING) BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow :—

1. Clause 3, page 3, lines 3-5, omit "but every such person may record only one vote for the candidate or each of the candidates to be elected at any such election."
2. Clause 22, line 30, omit "wires posts."
3. Clause 31, at end of clause add "or Municipal Officers."
4. Clause 42, line 28, omit "general sewerage."
5. Clause 70, line 14, after "hundred" insert "and fifty."

And the said amendments were read a second time.

Amendment 1—

Mr. J. Cameron moved, That this amendment be agreed to, but that the following words be inserted in place of the words omitted :—"but every such person may vote only in one municipal district or ward or riding, and shall not record more than three votes for the candidate or each of the candidates to be elected at any such election."

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. Livingston.

Noes, 14.

Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. McKissock,	
Mr. Plain,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Elmslie,
Mr. Rogers,	Mr. McGrath.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Amendment 1 as amended agreed to.

Amendments 2 to 5 inclusive, after debate, agreed to.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to some of the amendments made in such Bill by the Legislative Council, and have agreed to one amendment with an amendment, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

9. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 10 inclusive be postponed until after No. 11.

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

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

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

11. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 7 inclusive be postponed until after No. 8.

12. **WIMMERA INLAND FREEZING COMPANY'S BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Speaker said—"In my opinion, this is a Private Bill."

Mr. Watt moved, by leave, That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with in accordance with Standing Order No. 131 relating to Private Bills, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Debate ensued.

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

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

"A Bill to provide for the registration under Part I. of the 'Companies Act 1890' of a Company to be called The Wimmera Inland Freezing Company."

And the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House were agreed to.

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

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

13. **MOTOR CARS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House were agreed to.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Murray, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.
14. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 7 inclusive be postponed until after Nos. 9 and 10.
15. **CHAFF AND STOCK FOOD ACT 1909 AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Graham moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Graham, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
16. **MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST LANDS EXCHANGE BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. McKenzie moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. McKenzie, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
17. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 7 inclusive, and Nos. 13 to 25 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until this day.
18. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Murray moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until this day, at half-past two o'clock.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 72.

 WEDNESDAY, 22ND DECEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until after No. 2.
3. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Crawen reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House were agreed to.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. McKenzie, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 and Nos. 3 to 5 inclusive be postponed until after No. 6.
5. WATER ACT 1905 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow :—
 1. Clause 58, line 30, omit "or pay."
 2. " " after "officer" insert "or servant."
 3. " " lines 30-1, omit "or person employed by."
 4. " " line 34, omit "or pay."
 5. " " omit "of."
 6. " " omit "person employed by" and insert "servant of."
 7. Clause 60, omit this clause.
 And, after debate, the said amendments were read a second time and agreed to by the House.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendments.
6. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

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

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 22nd December, 1909.

MR. SPEAKER,

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

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 22nd December, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Railways*" without amendment

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 22nd December, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

7. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until after No. 3.
8. **FORESTS ACT 1907 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. McBride moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. McBride, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
9. **HAMILTON TOWN HALL SITE SALE BILL—ACTING CLERK'S CORRECTIONS.**—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Report from the Acting Clerk notifying that he had made the following corrections in this Bill, viz.:—
In clause 1, line 41, the figures "1908" have been omitted and the figures "1909" inserted.
In clause 6, line 36, the word "of," after the word "portion," has been omitted and the word "or" inserted.
10. **CHILLINGOLLAH AND MURRAY RIVER RAILWAY.**—Mr. E. H. Cameron, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of extending the Chillingollah railway to the River Murray, and the provision of a deficiency rate; together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
11. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1, 4, and 5 be postponed until after No. 7.
12. **CONTRACTS OF INFANTS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendment was read and is as follows:—
Clause 5, line 15, after "whomsoever" insert "except as against a *bonâ fide* holder or assign for value and without notice of such instrument. Provided that in the event of any person recovering from any such infant the amount secured by any such instrument such infant may recover from the person to whom he gave the same the amount thereby secured."
And the said amendment was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendment.
13. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Murray moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past two o'clock.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
14. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1, 4, and 5, and Nos. 8 to 18 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
15. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Murray moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 73.

THURSDAY, 23RD DECEMBER, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—ACTING CLERK'S CORRECTIONS.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Report from the Acting Clerk notifying that he had made the following corrections in this Bill, viz. :—

In clause 3, sub-section (1), line 31, the word " Acts " has been omitted and the word " Act " inserted.

,, sub-section (2), line 36, the word " and " has been inserted after the word " deemed."
3. PAPER.—Mr. Murray presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—

Aborigines.—Forty-fifth Report of the Board for the Protection of the Aborigines.

Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 3 inclusive be postponed until this day.
5. DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The following Orders of the Day, Government Business, were read and discharged:—

Licensing Acts Amendment Bill—Second reading.

Local Government Acts Amendment Bill—To be further considered in Committee.

Tramway Connexion (Flemington Bridge) Bill—Second reading—Resumption of debate on the question—That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with in accordance with Standing Order No. 131 relating to Private Bills, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill.

Gold Buyers Act 1907 Amendment Bill—To be further considered in Committee.

Dentists Bill—Second reading.

Education Law further Amendment Bill—Second reading—Resumption of debate.

Gold-marking Bill—Second reading.

Veterinary Surgeons Act 1890 Amendment Bill—Second reading.

Dismantling Lancefield to Kilmore Railway—Resumption of debate on the question—That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that the railway from Lancefield to Kilmore should be dismantled.

Carriages Act 1890 Amendment Bill—Second reading.

Mines Acts further Amendment Bill—Second reading.

Ordered—That the said Bills be withdrawn.

The following Orders of the Day, General Business, were read and discharged :—

Wages of State and Private Employés—Resumption of debate on the question—That this House is of the opinion that all Departments of the State, including the Commissioners of the Railways, should pay their employés for the same kind and class of work at not less than the same rate of wages for the same hours of employment as Parliament has by Statute and also by Determinations of Wages Boards under the Factories Acts made legal and compulsory for all private employers, and that locomotive and other engine-drivers and firemen employed on the railways who are required to work on Sundays should be paid at the same extra rate as engine-drivers and firemen required to work on Sundays in accordance with section 3 of the Act No. 2184.

Aldermen Abolition Bill—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
Workers' Accidents Compensation Bill—Second reading.
Agricultural Colleges Act 1890 Amendment Bill—To be further considered in Committee.
Melbourne Trades Hall and Literary Institute Bill—Second reading.
Chaff-cutters (Protection of Workmen) Bill—Second reading.
Local Government Act 1903 Amendment Bill (No. 2)—Second reading.
Factories and Shops Law Amendment (Tramway Employés) Bill—Second reading.
Crédit Foncier System Extension Bill—Second reading.
Melbourne Tramways Trust Investments Bill—Second reading.
Courts of Mines and County Courts Bill—To be further considered in Committee.
Public Trustee Bill—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
Homing Pigeons Protection Bill—Second reading.
Evidence Act 1890 Amendment Bill—Third reading.
Trading Companies Law Consolidation and Amendment Bill—Second reading.
Daylight Saving Bill—To be considered in Committee.
Referendum and Popular Initiative Bill—Second reading.
Crimes Acts Amendment Bill—Second reading—Resumption of debate.

Ordered—That the said Bills be withdrawn.

6. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until after Nos. 2 and 3.

7. **DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—The following Order of the Day was read and discharged :—
Electoral Law Amendment Bill—Message from the Legislative Council—To be considered.

8. **CLOSER SETTLEMENT AND SMALL IMPROVED HOLDINGS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill and insisted on by the Council having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow :—

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.	How dealt with.
8. Clause 19, lines 16-17, omit "the Governor in Council may within three months direct" and insert "a resolution of both Houses of Parliament may be passed directing."	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> Disagreed with by Assembly. Insisted on by Council. </div>
9. „ sub-clause (3), omit this sub-clause.	
11. Clause 24, line 13, after "whole" insert "or any part."	
12. „ line 17, omit "Six" and insert "Ten."	
13. „ lines 18-22, omit "if the improvements thereon are not worth more than Two thousand pounds, and a further area of land to a value not exceeding Five hundred pounds for each additional One thousand pounds worth of improvements thereon, but in no case shall the maximum value of the land retained exceed Ten thousand pounds."	
14. „ line 36, omit "Six" and insert "Ten."	
15. „ lines 37-41, omit "if the improvements thereon are not worth more than Two thousand pounds, and a further area of land to a value not exceeding Five hundred pounds for each additional improvements thereon worth One thousand pounds, but in no case shall the maximum value of the land retained exceed Ten thousand pounds."	

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

23. Clause 44, sub-clause (2), omit this sub-clause.	}	Disagreed with by Assembly, but the following amendments have been made in sub-clause (2):—Before the word "Where" at the beginning of the sub-clause, insert "Unless the Court otherwise orders"; after the word "shall" in line 31 insert the word "not"; omit the words "(if any) only" in line 32, and insert the word "subsequent"; and omit the word "is" in line 32, and insert the word "was."	}	Insisted on by Council, and amendments of Assembly disagreed with.
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Mr. McKenzie moved, That this House do not insist on disagreeing with the said amendments.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly do not insist on disagreeing with the amendments in such Bill made and insisted on by the Legislative Council.

9. VOTING BY POST ACTS FURTHER CONTINUANCE BILL.—Mr. Murray, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. McKenzie, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to further continue the Voting by Post Acts*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

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

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

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

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

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

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

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 23rd December, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

1. Clause 3, line 19, omit "or night."
2. Clause 6, page 3, omit paragraph (d).
3. " page 3, omit paragraph (e).
4. " page 3, omit paragraph (j).
5. " page 3, omit paragraph (k).
6. " page 3, omit paragraph (l).
7. Clause 9, omit this clause.
8. Clause 12, omit this clause.
9. Clause 13, lines 32-3, omit "and in paragraph (b) of the said sub-section after the word 'any' the words 'apprentice or' are hereby inserted."
10. Clause 21, line 22, omit "twelve" and insert "six."
11. Clause 27, lines 19-20, omit "if allowed in writing by the Chief Inspector."
12. Clause 31, omit this clause.
13. Clause 39, omit this clause.
14. Clause 41, line 12, omit "Tanners Board."
15. " line 13, omit "Fellmongers Board."
16. " line 14, omit "Flour Board."
17. " line 15, omit "Carriage Board."
18. " line 16, omit "Brewers Board."
19. " line 17, omit "Quarry Board."
20. " line 18, omit "Hay, Chaff, Wood and Coal Board."
21. " line 19, omit "Agricultural Implements Board."

22. Insert the following new clause :—

A. In sub-section (1) of section 119 of the Principal Act after the word "pounds" there shall be added the words " provided that it shall be lawful for any person to employ any person or classes of persons in any such process trade or business or for wholly or partly preparing or manufacturing any such articles if he duly comply with such provisions of the Factories Acts and such determination either of a Special Board or of the Court of Industrial Appeal as may be applicable thereto, nor shall such person so complying as aforesaid (unless he has otherwise contracted) be compelled or compellable under any other circumstances whatever while such determination remains in force to pay a price or rate of payment other than that prescribed by it, nor to employ a number of improvers or apprentices other than that prescribed by such determination, nor to comply with any conditions of employment of any kind whatsoever not contained in the said Acts or such determination as aforesaid."

And the said amendments were read a second time.

And, after debate—

Amendments 1 to 9 inclusive disagreed with.

Amendment 10 agreed to.

Amendment 11 disagreed with, but the following amendment has been made in the clause, viz., line 20, omit " in writing."

Amendments 12 and 13 disagreed with.

Amendments 14 to 21 inclusive disagreed with, but the following amendments made in the clause, viz.:—In line 8, after "Governor in Council" insert "(where to the satisfaction of the Minister unfair competition has been shown to exist)." At end of clause add "Notwithstanding anything contained in this section the determination of the Hay, Chaff, Wood and Coal Board shall not apply to any chaff-cutting works privately owned and used by farmers graziers and pastoralists."

Amendment 22 disagreed with.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to one of the amendments made in such Bill by the Legislative Council, have disagreed with others of the said amendments, and have disagreed with the amendments in clauses 27 and 41, but have made amendments in the said clauses, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

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

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

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

Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 30th day of June, 1910, the sum of £2,340,841 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.

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

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

12. APPROPRIATION BILL.—Mr. Watt then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and ten and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

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

Debate ensued.

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY, 24TH DECEMBER, 1909.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Regulation of Coal Mines*," and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 23rd December, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

1. Clause 5, line 21, omit "eighteen" and insert "sixteen."
2. Clause 6, line 4, omit "fifteen" and insert "fourteen."
3. Clause 7, line 36, omit "returns to the surface" and insert "leaves the working place and commences to return to the surface by the authority of the manager."
4. " line 40, omit "returns to the surface" and insert "leaves the working place and commences to return to the surface by the authority of the manager."
5. " line 45, after "engineer" insert "or fitter."
6. " line 46, omit "oversight and not in any manual work of the."
7. Clause 14, line 19, omit "before being screened and cleaned."
8. " lines 41-6, omit "until such time as machinery can be procured to weigh the whole of the coal; such time shall not exceed a period of six months after the commencement of this Act for companies then at work; and all companies starting operations after such commencement shall be allowed a period not exceeding twelve months from the date of the starting of such operations to procure the necessary machinery."
9. Clause 15, line 12, omit "a person" and insert "one of their number."
10. " lines 35-8, omit "unless the absent check-weigher had reasonable ground to suppose that the weighing or the determination of the deductions (as the case may be) would not be proceeded with."
11. " line 44, omit "unnecessarily."
12. " line 46, omit "unnecessarily."
13. Clause 17, line 20, omit "four" and insert "six."
14. Clause 18, line 37, after "apparatus" insert "where necessary."
15. Clause 19, line 40, omit "nor" and insert "or."
16. " after line 40, insert new paragraph :—"That the quantity of mineral proved is not sufficient to repay the outlay which would be occasioned by sinking or making a second shaft tunnel or outlet, or by establishing communication with a second shaft tunnel or outlet, in any case where such communication existed and has become unavailable; or."
17. Clause 28, line 14, after "manager" insert "or under-manager."
18. Clause 39, omit this clause.
19. Clause 40, omit this clause.
20. Clause 49, page 26, omit sub-clause (4).
21. Clause 52, line 8, after "occurred" insert "or any person who has during the period of twelve months been discharged from the mine."
22. " lines 13-15, omit "nevertheless whenever it is practicable one-half of the jury-men shall be working miners."
23. Clause 53, page 32, line 4, omit "men appointed by employés and insert "such of the employés as the employés may appoint."
24. " line 12, after "dangerous and" insert "in the case of inflammable gases."
25. " page 38, lines 19-21, omit "not exceed six feet or such less distance as may be ordered by the owner or manager" and insert "be such as will ensure safety."
26. " page 46, lines 27-8, omit "or any two persons who are practical miners."
27. " page 47, line 13, after "unwatered" insert "or doing any other necessary work."
28. Clause 64, line 33, omit "less than Two pence or."
29. Clause 90, line 28, after "open" insert "and."
30. " line 28, omit "and work."
31. " lines 30-1, omit "and to work coal mines and generally to carry on the business of coal mining in all its branches" and insert "and where the coal in or under any land alienated or in course of being alienated from the Crown is excepted or reserved to the Crown it shall be lawful for the Minister to mine for such coal and as far as may be do all things necessary to the like extent and subject to the like obligations conditions and requirements under any Act as if the Minister were an applicant for or the holder of a mineral lease under any Act for the time being in force relating to mining for minerals on or under private land and any proceeding in regard to compensation which under any such Act is prescribed to be taken before a Warden shall be taken before a Judge of County Courts whose decision shall be final."
32. After clause 90 insert new clause—
 - A. When any coal mine is so established by the Minister and on a date within six months from the opening thereof to be fixed by the Governor in Council such mine including all land acquired resumed or reserved for the purposes thereof and the inheritance thereof in fee simple shall become vested in the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the purposes of the Victorian railways, and such mine shall thereupon be supervised and maintained by the said Commissioners pursuant to this Part, and all further power duty authority or responsibility of the Minister in regard to such mine shall cease, the settlement of past contracts alone excepted; provided however, that the services of all persons previously appointed under this Part shall immediately on such vesting be and become transferred to the said Commissioners subject to the terms and conditions of their employment as if the same had been actually entered into with the said Commissioners.
33. Clause 91, line 32, after "last" insert "but one."
34. " line 38, after "Minister" insert "or (as the case may be) the Victorian Railways Commissioners."
35. " page 58, line 1, omit "After State requirements have been provided for."
36. " page 58, line 1, after "may" insert "by public tender."

37. Clause 91, page 58, line 2, after "deliver" insert "slack."
 38. " page 58, line 2, after "other" insert "like."
 39. " page 58, lines 3-4, omit "all coal of equal quality shall be sold at a uniform rate at the pit's mouth."
 40. " page 58, line 6, omit "under that section" and insert "or them."
 41. " page 58, line 8, omit "and sale."
 42. " page 58, line 9, after "plant" insert "and."
 43. " page 58, line 10, omit "and sale."
 44. " page 58, line 15, after "Minister" insert "or the Commissioners."
 45. Clause 92, line 19, after "may" insert "for and during the time the Minister has charge and control of any mine."
 46. Clause 94, line 37, after "Minister" insert "and the Commissioners."
 47. " line 40, after "Minister" insert "and the Commissioners."
 48. Clause 96, line 16, after "Minister" insert "or the Commissioners."
 49. Clause 99, omit this clause.
 50. Clause 100, line 38, before "Governor" insert "Minister or the Commissioners with the approval of the."
 51. " lines 38-9, omit "in the manner provided in Part I."
 52. " page 60, line 9, after "of the" insert "Minister or the Commissioners with the approval of the."

And the said amendments were read a second time.

And, after debate—

Amendment 1 agreed to with the following amendment:—Omit "sixteen" and insert "seventeen."

Amendment 2 agreed to.

Amendments 3 and 4 disagreed with.

Amendments 5 and 6 agreed to.

Amendment 7 disagreed with, but the following amendment made in the clause:—Line 19, omit "and cleaned."

Amendment 8 disagreed with, but the following amendment made in the clause:—Line 43, omit "six" and insert "twelve."

Amendment 9 agreed to.

Amendment 10 disagreed with.

Amendments 11 to 15 inclusive agreed to.

Amendment 16—

Mr. McBride moved, That this amendment be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Gray,	
Mr. Holden,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Robertson.

Noes, 12.

Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. McKissock,	
Mr. McLachlan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Rogers,	Mr. Elmslie.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Amendment 16 agreed to.

Amendment 17 agreed to.

Amendments 18 and 19 disagreed with.

Amendments 20 and 21 agreed to.

Amendment 22 disagreed with.

Amendments 23 to 25 inclusive agreed to.

Amendment 26—

Mr. McBride moved, That this amendment be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Gray,	
Mr. Holden,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Robertson.
Mr. McKenzie,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Hannah,	
Mr. McKissock,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McLachlan,	Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Elmslie.
Mr. Rogers,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Amendment 26 agreed to.

Amendments 27 and 28 agreed to.

Amendment 29—

Mr. McBride moved, That this amendment be agreed to;

Debate ensued.
Question—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Graham,	
Mr. Gray,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackey,	
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. Robertson.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. McKissock,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McLachlan,	
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. J. W. Billson;
Mr. Rogers,	Mr. Elmslie.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Amendment 29 agreed to.

Amendments 30 to 40 inclusive agreed to.

Amendment 41 disagreed with, but the following amendment made in the clause :—At the end of paragraph (d) add—“This sub-section shall not apply to any area for which an order under the Electric Light and Power Act has already been granted to any council company or person.”

Amendment 42 agreed to.

Amendment 43 disagreed with.

Amendments 44 to 48 inclusive agreed to.

Amendment 49 disagreed with, but the following amendments made in the clause :—Line 33, omit “or other person”; line 34, after “Minister” insert “or of the Commissioners”; line 35, omit “one” and insert “half a”; lines 35 to 37, omit all words after “coal,” in line 35, and insert “shaft or pit.”

Amendments 50 to 52 inclusive agreed to.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to some of the amendments made in such Bill by the Legislative Council, have disagreed with others of the said amendments, have agreed to one of the said amendments with an amendment, and have disagreed with others of the said amendments, but have made certain amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled “An Act to regulate the use of Motor Cars,” and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to some of the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly, and have disagreed with one of such amendments.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 24th December, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

Amendment made by the Legislative Assembly.

How dealt with by the
Legislative Council.

Insert the following new clause :—

<p>B. The Governor in Council may if he thinks fit appoint a Special Board to fix the rate of wage and to prescribe the hours of labour of any person employed in the occupation or calling of a driver of a motor car. Such Board shall be constituted in the same manner and have the same powers and duties as Special Boards appointed under Part IX. of the <i>Factories and Shops Act</i> 1905; and no such Board shall be appointed unless a resolution has been passed by both Houses of Parliament declaring that it is expedient to appoint such Special Board.</p>	}	Disagreed with.
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Mr. Murray moved, That this House do not insist on their amendment to insert new clause B.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Thomson.
Mr. Graham,	
Mr. Gray,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Watt.

Noes, 12.

Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. McKissock,	
Mr. McLachlan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Prendergast,	
Mr. Rogers,	Mr. J. W. Billson,
	Mr. Elmslie.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly do not insist on their amendment in the said Bill to insert new clause B disagreed with by the Legislative Council.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

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

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 24th December, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

Amendments made by Legislative Council.	How dealt with.	
2. Clause 6, page 3, omit paragraph (d).	Disagreed with by Assembly.	
3. " " omit paragraph (i).		
4. " " omit paragraph (j).		
5. " " omit paragraph (k).		
6. " " omit paragraph (l).		
7. Clause 9, omit this clause.		
8. Clause 12, omit this clause.		
9. Clause 13, lines 32-3, omit "and in paragraph (b) of the said sub-section after the word 'any' the words 'apprentice or' are hereby inserted."		
11. Clause 27, lines 19-20, omit "if allowed in writing by the Chief Inspector."		Disagreed with by Assembly, but the following amendment has been made in the clause, viz. :—Line 20, omit "in writing."
12. Clause 31, omit this clause.	Disagreed with by Assembly.	
13. Clause 39, omit this clause.		
14. Clause 41, line 12, omit "Tanners Board."	Disagreed with by Assembly, but the following amendments made in the clause, viz. :—In line 8, after "Governor in Council," insert "(where to the satisfaction of the Minister unfair competition has been shown to exist)." At end of clause add "notwithstanding anything contained in this section the determination of the Hay, Chaff, Wood and Coal Board shall not apply to any chaff-cutting works privately owned and used by farmers graziers and pastoralists."	
15. " line 13, omit "Fellmongers Board."		
16. " line 14, omit "Flour Board."		
17. " line 15, omit "Carriage Board."		
18. " line 16, omit "Brewers Board."		
19. " line 17, omit "Quarry Board."		
20. " line 18, omit "Hay, Chaff, Wood and Coal Board."		
21. " line 19, omit "Agricultural Implements Board."		
22. Insert the following new clause :—		Insisted on by Council.
A. In sub-section (1) of section 119 of the Principal Act after the word "pounds" there shall be added the words "Provided that it shall be lawful for any person to employ any person or classes of persons in any such process trade or business or for wholly or partly preparing or manufacturing any such articles if he duly comply with such provisions of the Factories Acts and such determination either of a Special Board or of the Court of Industrial Appeal as may be applicable thereto, nor shall such person so complying as aforesaid (unless he has otherwise contracted) be compelled or compellable under any other circumstances whatever while such determination remains in force to pay a price or rate of payment other than that prescribed by it, nor to employ a number of improvers or apprentices other than that prescribed by such determination, nor to comply with any conditions of employment of any kind whatsoever not contained in the said Acts or such determination as aforesaid."		
	Disagreed with by Assembly.	

And, after debate—

Amendments 2 to 9 inclusive, disagreement not insisted on.
Amendment 11, disagreement insisted on but clause 27 omitted.
Amendments 12 to 21 inclusive, disagreement not insisted on.
Amendment 22, disagreement insisted on.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly do not insist on disagreeing with some of the amendments in such Bill made and insisted on by the Legislative Council, insist on disagreeing with one of the said amendments, and insist on disagreeing with the amendment in clause 27 insisted on by the Legislative Council, but have omitted that clause, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Assembly on the amendment of the Legislative Council in clause 3 of the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Geelong Municipal Waterworks Act 1907' and to provide for Sewering and Cleansing of the Town of Geelong and District.*"

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 24th December, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Settled Estates and Settled Land*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 23rd December, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and ten and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 23rd December, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners to exchange and transfer certain Lands in the City of Melbourne*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 23rd December, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Registration under Part I. of the 'Companies Act 1890' of a Company to be called The Wimmera Inland Freezing Company*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 23rd December, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Chaff and Stock Food Act 1909'*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 23rd December, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to enable the Council of the Borough of Hamilton to sell the site of the Town Hall in the said Borough and for other purposes*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 23rd December, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the Land Acts and for other purposes*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 23rd December, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Electoral Rolls for the Legislative Assembly for the year One thousand nine hundred and ten,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 24th December, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

1. In the Title, after "Legislative" insert "Council and the Legislative."
2. In the Title, omit "for the year One thousand nine hundred and ten."
3. In the Preamble, omit "WHEREAS it is desirable that the times appointed by the Constitution Act Amendment Acts for the printing and revision of General Lists and General Rolls and the Lists and Rolls of Ratepaying Electors of the Legislative Assembly should be extended for the purposes of the General Rolls and Rolls of Ratepaying Electors to come into force in the year One thousand nine hundred and ten."
4. In the Preamble, line 7, omit "therefore."
5. Clause 1, line 11, omit "Assembly."
6. " " line 12, omit "(No. 2)."
7. Insert the following new clause :—

A. Where any accidental or unavoidable omission has happened in the preparation of the perfect copy of the Municipal Roll under the provisions of section one hundred and four of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890*, the Governor in Council may by Order in Council take all such measures as may be necessary for rectifying such omission for the purposes only of the ratepayers' rolls for the Legislative Council to be made next after the commencement of this Act.

Mr. Murray moved, That the amendments be disagreed with.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have disagreed with the amendments made in such Bill by the Legislative Council.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Geelong Harbor Trust Act 1895,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 23rd December, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

- Clause 11, sub-clause (6), line 38, omit "mayor" and insert "town council."
 " " sub-clause (6), line 38, after "town" insert "under its corporate seal."
 Clause 12, sub-clause (3), line 6, after "and" insert "in."
 Clause 13, line 12, before "Governor" insert "Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and such report shall be dealt with by the."

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

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the amendments made in such Bill by the Legislative Council.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to further continue the Voting by Post Acts*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 24th December, 1909.

WILLIAM PITT,
Acting President.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Factories and Shops Acts,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council still insist on their amendment disagreed with by the Legislative Assembly, and do not insist on their amendment in clause 27, but have agreed with the Legislative Assembly to omit the said clause.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 24th December, 1909.

WILLIAM PITT,
Acting President

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

Amendment made by the Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

22. Insert the following new clause :—

A. In sub-section (1) of section 119 of the Principal Act after the word "pounds" there shall be added the words "Provided that it shall be lawful for any person to employ any person or classes of persons in any such process trade or business or for wholly or partly preparing or manufacturing any such articles if he duly comply with such provisions of the Factories Acts and such determination either of a Special Board or of the Court of Industrial Appeal as may be applicable thereto, nor shall such person so complying as aforesaid (unless he has otherwise contracted) be compelled or compellable under any other circumstances whatever while such determination remains in force to pay a price or rate of payment other than that prescribed by it, nor to employ a number of improvers or apprentices other than that prescribed by such determination, nor to comply with any conditions of employment of any kind whatsoever not contained in the said Acts or such determination as aforesaid."

Disagreed with by Assembly; insisted on by Council. } Disagreement insisted on by Assembly; still insisted on by Council.

Mr. Murray moved, That this House do not now insist on disagreeing with the amendment to insert new clause A made and still insisted on by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly do not now insist on disagreeing with the amendment of the Legislative Council to insert new clause A.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Regulation of Coal Mines*," and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they insist on some of their amendments disagreed with by the Legislative Assembly, do not insist on one of the said amendments, and have agreed to some of the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly on amendments of the Legislative Council.

WILLIAM PITT,
Acting President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 24th December, 1909.

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

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

3. Clause 7, line 36, omit "returns to the surface" and insert "leaves the working place and commences to return to the surface by the authority of the manager."

4. " line 40, omit "returns to the surface" and insert "leaves the working place and commences to return to the surface by the authority of the manager."

7. Clause 14, line 19, omit "before being screened and cleaned."

8. " lines 41-6, omit "until such time as machinery can be procured to weigh the whole of the coal; such time shall not exceed a period of six months after the commencement of this Act for companies then at work; and all companies starting operations after such commencement shall be allowed a period not exceeding twelve months from the date of the starting of such operations to procure the necessary machinery."

Disagreed with by Assembly.

Disagreed with by Assembly, but the following amendment has been made in the clause, viz.:—
Line 19, omit "and cleaned."

Insisted on by Council.

Disagreed with by Assembly, but the following amendment has been made in the clause, viz.:—
Line 43, omit "six" and insert twelve."

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

10. Clause 15, lines 35-8, omit "unless the absent check-weigher had reasonable ground to suppose that the weighing or the determination of the deductions (as the case may be) would not be proceeded with."
18. Clause 39, omit this clause.
19. Clause 40, omit this clause.
22. Clause 52, lines 13-15, omit "nevertheless whenever it is practicable one-half of the jurymen shall be working miners."

Disagreed with by Assembly. Insisted on by Council.

And, after debate—

Amendments 3 and 4, disagreement insisted on.

Amendments 7, 8, 10, 18, 19, and 22, disagreement not insisted on.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly do not now insist on disagreeing with some of the amendments made and insisted on by the Legislative Council in the said Bill, and still insist on disagreeing with two of the said amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they do not insist on their amendments in the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Electoral Rolls for the Legislative Assembly for the year One thousand nine hundred and ten*" with which the Legislative Assembly have disagreed.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 24th December, 1909.

WILLIAM PITT,
Acting President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they do not now insist on their amendments disagreed with by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Regulation of Coal Mines.*"

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 24th December, 1909.

WILLIAM PITT,
Acting President.

MR. SPEAKER,

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

That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons wheresoever employed in the business of a seller of any article of men's or boys' clothing, mercery, or wearing apparel including underclothing, hats, and caps, but not including boots or shoes.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 24th December, 1909.

WILLIAM PITT,
Acting President.

23. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Murray moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 11th January next.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

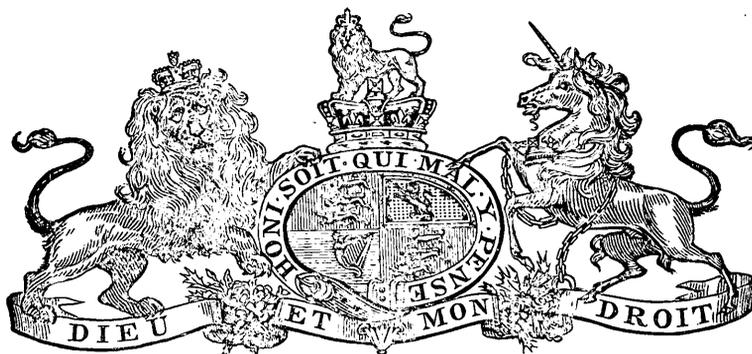
Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at forty-four minutes past seven o'clock in the morning, adjourned until Tuesday, 11th January next.

H. H. NEWTON,
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.



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PROROGUING THE PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency Sir Thomas David Gibson Carmichael, Baronet, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

I, THE Governor of the State of Victoria in the Commonwealth of Australia, do by this my Proclamation prorogue The Parliament of Victoria until Tuesday, the eighth day of February, 1910.

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

(L.S.)

THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. MURRAY.

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SELECT COMMITTEES

APPOINTED DURING SECOND SESSION 1909.

1.—ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.

(Appointed by Mr. Speaker's Warrant, 30th June, 1909.)

Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Beazley,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Elmslie,

Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Outtrim.

2.—LIBRARY (JOINT).

(Appointed 7th July, 1909.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Beazley,
Mr. Hutchinson,

Mr. Lawson,
Mr. McBride.

3.—STANDING ORDERS.

(Appointed 7th July, 1909.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Beazley,
*Sir Thomas Bent,
Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Craven,
Mr. Mackey,

Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Outtrim,
Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Robertson.

* Died 17th September, 1909.

4.—PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (JOINT).

(Appointed 7th July, 1909.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,
Mr. Elmslie,

Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. McGregor.

5.—PRINTING.

(Appointed 7th July, 1909.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Bowser,
Mr. J. Cameron,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. Holden,
Mr. Hutchinson,

Mr. Keast,
Mr. Langdon,
Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Prendergast.

6.—REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT).

(Appointed 7th July, 1909.)

Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Forrest,

Mr. Warde,
Sir Henry Weedon.

7.—PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

(Appointed 7th July, 1909.)

Mr. Anstey,
Mr. Beazley,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. McCutcheon,

Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Toutcher.

8.—DAYLIGHT SAVING.

(Appointed 1st September, 1909.)

Mr. Beazley,
Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Membrey,Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Swinburne.

9.—SETTLED ESTATES AND SETTLED LAND BILL.

(Appointed 29th September, 1909.)

Mr. Elmslie,
Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Mackinnon,Mr. McGrath,
Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Plain.

10.—BENDIGO AND COUNTRY DISTRICTS TRUSTEES AND EXECUTORS COMPANY LIMITED BILL.

(Appointed 11th November, 1909.)

Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Glass,
Mr. Gray,Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Outtrim.

11.—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT).

(Appointed 10th February, 1909.)

Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Warde.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION 1909.

No. 1.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 29TH JULY, 1909.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH JULY, 1909.

No. 1.—*Gold Buyers Act 1907 Amendment Bill.*—Clause 12 as amended.

In the heading to section twenty-two of the Principal Act after the word "assayer" there shall be added the words "or special buyer," and in sub-section (1) of section twenty-two of the Principal Act for the words "Twenty shillings" there shall be substituted the words "Five shillings."
—(Mr. McBride.)

Further amendment proposed—That the following words be added to the clause :—"and for sub-section (2) of section twenty-two of the Principal Act there shall be substituted the following new sub-section, namely :—

(2) The Secretary for Mines on payment of a fee of Five shillings may issue to any person a special licence to buy and treat copperplates retaining or containing gold upon any mine claim or treatment works from the owner thereof, or to buy and treat waste products from persons—other than miners—who use gold in their trade profession or occupation under such regulations as may be prescribed."—(Mr. McGrath.)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. McGrath,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. McKissock,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. McLachlan,	
Mr. Oman,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Plain,	Mr. Hannah.

Noes, 25.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Campbell,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Graham,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Langdon,	
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Farrer.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 2.—

Further amendment proposed—That the following words be added to the clause—“and for sub-section (2) of section twenty-two of the Principal Act there shall be substituted the following new sub-section, namely :—

(2) The Secretary for Mines on payment of a fee of Five shillings may issue to any person a special licence to buy copperplates retaining or containing gold upon any mine claim or treatment works from the owner thereof, or to buy and treat waste products from persons—other than miners—who use gold in their trade profession or occupation under such regulations as may be prescribed.”—*(Mr. McGrath.)*

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

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. McGrath,	Mr. Toucher,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. McKissock,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. McLachlan,	
Mr. Oman,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Plain,	Mr. Hannah.

Noes, 25.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cookson,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Thomson.
Mr. Forrest,	
Mr. Graham,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Robertson.
Mr. Mackey,	

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 3.—Clause 16 as amended.

In addition to complying with the requirements of section twenty-eight of the Principal Act, a licensed gold buyer before buying gold from any person shall * * * assure himself that such person is entitled to sell the same; and except in the case of a person who is personally known to him to be of good repute, he shall require such person to produce a certificate from some well known reputable person that he believes the person offering or selling such gold obtained it honestly * * * * —*(Mr. McBride.)*

Question—That clause 16, as amended, stand part of the Bill—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Downward,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Toucher,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Langdon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Robertson.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. McGrath,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. McKissock,	
Mr. McLachlan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Plain,	Mr. Hannah.
Mr. Prendergast,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION 1909.

No. 2.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 5TH AUGUST, 1909.

TUESDAY, 3RD AUGUST, 1909.

No. 1.—*Gold Buyers Act 1907 Amendment Bill.*—Clause 22.

(1) Section forty-three of the Principal Act is hereby repealed.

(2) Every person guilty of an offence against any of the provisions of the Gold Buyers Acts for which no punishment is expressly provided shall in addition to any other penalty to which he may be liable for such offence be liable on conviction "in a summary way" to any penalty not less than Five pounds or more than Five hundred pounds or to imprisonment for any term not exceeding three years or to both such penalty and imprisonment, and on conviction within two years for a second offence against any such provision shall be liable to imprisonment for any term not less than one month or more than three years without the option of a pecuniary penalty, and if a licensee his licence shall on a second conviction *ipso facto* become void as if the same had been actually revoked.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Gold Buyers Acts where any person is convicted of buying gold contrary to any of the provisions of the said Acts he shall be punished by imprisonment without the option of a fine.

(4) For any offence against any of the provisions of the Gold Buyers Acts for which a minimum penalty is not expressly provided the lowest pecuniary penalty which may be imposed under any of the provisions of the said Acts shall be Five pounds.

(5) Gold in possession of the police or any informant or the subject of a prosecution shall on the conviction of the person charged be given back to the owner if he is known; otherwise such gold is hereby declared to be forfeited to the State. When gold is so forfeited there may be paid out of the proceeds thereof if so ordered by the Minister the cost and expenses of the prosecution and such sum or sums as he may award to any person affording any information or aid in the obtaining of the conviction.—(*Mr. McBride.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words "in a summary way," in line 4, be omitted.—(*Mr. Glass.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cussen,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Holden,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Keast,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Livingston.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. McGrath,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. McKissock,	
Mr. McLachlan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Plain,	Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Hannah.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH AUGUST, 1909.

No. 2.—*Electoral Law Amendment Bill*.—Clause 12.

Every person shall be disqualified from being enrolled as an elector for the Assembly or if enrolled from voting at any election for the Assembly if—

- “(a) at the date of the said electoral canvass or claim for enrolment or the date of the election (as the case may be) he is receiving relief as an inmate of any eleemosynary or charitable institution other than a hospital; or”
- (b) if during the three years immediately preceding the said date he has served any term or terms of imprisonment for any period or periods amounting in the aggregate to at least three months and imposed without the option of a fine; or
- (c) if during such three years he has been convicted of any offence against sections two hundred and seventy-five to two hundred and eighty of the Principal Act, or against sections two hundred and ninety-four to two hundred and ninety-nine of the *Crimes Act 1890*; or
- (d) if during the year immediately preceding the said date he has been convicted of having been an habitual drunkard or an idle and disorderly person or an incorrigible rogue or a rogue and vagabond within the meaning of the Police Offences Acts; or
- (e) if during such year he has been convicted of having committed an aggravated assault on his wife; or
- (f) if at the said date there is in existence against him an unsatisfied order of any court for the maintenance by him of his wife or his child or children whether legitimate or illegitimate.—(Mr. Murray.)

Amendment proposed—That paragraph (a) be omitted.—(Mr. McLachlan.)

Question—That paragraph (a) proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Cullen,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Cussen,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Gray,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Keast.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. McGrath,	Mr. Wall.
Mr. McGregor,	
Mr. McKissock,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McLachlan,	
Mr. Plain,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Warde.

No. 3.—

Further amendment proposed—That the words “unless he can show that such unsatisfied order was due to want of employment or through any accident or physical inability to work” be added to paragraph (f).—(Mr. Prendergast.)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. McGrath,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. McKissock,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. McLachlan,	
Mr. Plain,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Hannah,
Mr. Rogers,	Mr. Lemmon.

And so it passed in the negative.

Noes, 32.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Cussen,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Mackey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Keast.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION 1909.

No. 3.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 12TH AUGUST, 1909.

TUESDAY, 10TH AUGUST, 1909.

No. 1.—*Electoral Law Amendment Bill*.—Clause 35.

“No” costs shall be awarded by any revision court as against any inspector or registrar or clerk of a revision court in respect of any objection made by him pursuant to this Act.—(*Mr. Murray*)

Amendment proposed—That the word “No,” in line 1, be omitted.—(*Mr. Rogers*.)

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

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Sir Thomas Bent,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Cullen,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Cussen,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Harris,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Keast.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Austey,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. McGrath,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. McKissock,	
Mr. McLachlan,	<i>Tellers</i>
Mr. Outtrim,	
Mr. Plain,	Mr. Hannah,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Lemmon.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 2.—Clause 41.

(c) *Claims for Enrolment and Transfer of Electors for the Assembly.*

After the coming into effect of the first special general rolls under this Act—

- (a) any person whose name is not enrolled on any general roll for any division, and who claims to be qualified to have his name enrolled for the division in which he resides, may for that purpose deliver or send by post to the registrar of such division a notice of claim for “enrolment” and a declaration as hereinafter provided ;
- (b) any person—
who's name is enrolled on any general roll for any division of a district, and who has removed his residence therefrom and resides in any other division or district, and in the case of removal to another district has resided in the last-mentioned district for at least one month
- (i.) may have his name transferred to the general roll for the division in which he resides ; and
- (ii.) for that purpose shall deliver or send by post to the registrar of the division in which he resides a notice of claim for transfer and a declaration as hereinafter provided.—(*Mr. Murray*.)

Amendment proposed—That after the word “enrolment,” in line 6, the following words be inserted :—
 “up to within three days of the day of election, and that the registrar or his deputy shall keep a copy of such elector’s claim in manuscript if there be no time to print it, and such claim shall be posted up before polling day on the polling booth in the locality where such application is made.”—
 (Mr. McLachlan.)

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

Ayes 20.		Noes 31.	
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Plain,	Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Mackinnon.
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Rogers,	Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Sangster,	Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Solly,	Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. McGrath,	Mr. Wall.	Mr. Cookson,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. McGregor,		Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. McKissock,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Cussen,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. McLachlan,	Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. Lemmon.	Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Watt,
		Mr. Graham,	Sir Henry Weedon.
		Mr. Gray,	
		Mr. Harris,	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Holden,	Mr. Argyle,
		Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Keast.
		Mr. Mackey,	

And so it passed in the negative.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH AUGUST, 1909.

No. 3.—*Electoral Law Amendment Bill.*—Clause 61.

DIVISION 2.—CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS.

(a) *Provisions relating to Elections for the Assembly only.*

(1) Every registrar shall before the day of nomination for any election for the Assembly for the district of which the division for which he is registrar forms a part certify sign and transmit to the returning officer a printed copy of the general roll last printed for such division.

(2) (a) Every registrar shall together with such copy of the general roll transmit to the returning officer a printed copy of a list prepared by him and certified and signed as aforesaid containing the names—

- (i.) of all persons whose names have pursuant to this Act been added to the general roll by the registrar after the printing thereof and not later than “a day being thirty days before the expiration or dissolution of” the Assembly or the day on which the seat of the member for the district became vacant (as the case may be); and also
- (ii.) of all persons whose claims for enrolment or transfer have been received on or before such day and whose names have been so added by him to the printed general roll after that day.

—(Mr. Murray.)

Amendment proposed—That the words “a day being thirty days before the expiration or dissolution of,” in lines 10 and 11, be omitted.—(Mr. Lemmon.)

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

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 19.	
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McBride,	Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,	Mr. Glass,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Membrey,	Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Murray,	Mr. McKissock,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Cullen,	Sir Alexander Peacock,	Mr. McLachlan,	
Mr. Cussen,	Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Outtrim,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Stanley,	Mr. Prendergast,	
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Swinburne,	Mr. Rogers,	Mr. Elmslie,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Sangster,	Mr. Hannah.
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Watt,		
Mr. Gray,	Sir Henry Weedon.		
Mr. Harris,			
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Keast,		
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Livingston.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 4.—

Further amendment proposed—That the following new paragraph be inserted after paragraph (ii.) of sub-section 2 (a) :—

(iii.) Any person eligible to vote who has neglected to place himself or herself on the roll may by forwarding an application in writing to the registrar or his deputy seven days before the date of the election be placed on the roll of voters printed or in manuscript.—

(*Mr. McLachlan.*)

Question—That new paragraph (iii.) proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. McLachlan,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Outtrim,	
Mr. Prendergast,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Rogers,	Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Sangster,	Mr. Elmslie.

Noes, 32.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cussen,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Keast,
Mr. Livingston,	Sir Henry Weedon.

And so it passed in the negative.

THURSDAY, 12TH AUGUST, 1909.

No. 5.—*Electoral Law Amendment Bill.*—Clause 95.

PART V.—VOTING BY POST AT ELECTIONS FOR THE COUNCIL OR THE ASSEMBLY.

(1) Any elector for any province or district in which an election is about to be held who satisfies the returning officer—

- (a) that he resides at least "five" miles, or in the case of any division declared to be a mountainous division as hereinafter provided that he resides at least three miles, from the nearest polling place at which he is entitled to vote ; or
- (b) that he has reason to believe that on the polling day during the hours of polling he will not be within five miles of the nearest polling place at which he is entitled to vote ; or
- (c) that on account of ill-health or infirmity he will be prevented from voting personally at any such polling place

may before the polling day make application in the form in the Second Schedule or to the like effect to the returning officer for such province or district for a postal ballot-paper enabling him to vote through the post at such election instead of attending personally to tender his vote thereat.

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—(*Mr. Murray.*)

Amendment proposed—That the word "five," in line 4, be omitted.—(*Mr. Robertson.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Membrey,
Sir Thomas Bent,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Hannab,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. McBride,	
Mr. McCutcheon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. Elmslie,
Mr. McKissock,	Mr. Hutchinson.
Mr. McLachlan,	

Noes, 16.

Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Cussen,	Mr. Swinburne.
Mr. Downward,	
Mr. Farrer,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Robertson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION 1909.

No. 4.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 26TH AUGUST, 1909.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH AUGUST, 1909.

No. 1.—*Electoral Law Amendment Bill.*—Clause 95.

PART V.—VOTING BY POST AT ELECTIONS FOR THE COUNCIL OR THE ASSEMBLY.

(1) Any elector for any province or district in which an election is about to be held who satisfies the returning officer—

- (a) that he resides at least five miles, or in the case of any division declared to be a mountainous division as hereinafter provided that he resides at least three miles, from the nearest polling place at which he is entitled to vote ; or
- (b) that he has reason to believe that on the polling day during the hours of polling he will not be within five miles of the nearest polling place at which he is entitled to vote ; or
- (c) that on account of ill-health or infirmity he will be prevented from voting personally at any such polling place

may before the polling day make application in the form in the Second Schedule or to the like effect to the returning officer for such province or district for a postal ballot-paper enabling him to vote through the post at such election instead of attending personally to tender his vote thereat.

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—(*Mr. Murray.*)

Amendment proposed—That the following new paragraph be inserted after paragraph (c) of sub-section (1):—

or

- (d) that if the elector be a female, on account of domestic duties she will be hindered from voting personally at such polling place.—(*Mr. Mackey.*)

Motion made and question put—That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.
—(*Mr. Murray.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Cussen,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Forrest,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Livingston,	
Mr. Mackey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Hutchinson.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. McGrath,	Mr. Wall.
Mr. McKissock,	
Mr. McLachlan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Outtrim,	
Mr. Plain,	Mr. Elmslie,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Lemmon.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

THURSDAY, 26TH AUGUST, 1909.

No. 2.—*Geelong Municipal Waterworks Act 1907 Amendment (Sewering and Cleansing) Bill.*—New clause C.

(1) This Act shall not come into operation until it has been submitted to and approved by a majority of the ratepayers residing in the municipalities within the area under the jurisdiction of the Trust.

(2) A poll shall be taken at a date to be fixed by the Governor in Council, and under regulations made by the Governor in Council. Each ratepayer voting at such poll shall vote by ballot and declare "Yes" or "No" to the following question:—

"Are you in favour of the *Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Act 1909* becoming law?"

At such poll no ratepayer shall vote more than once or cast more than one vote upon the said question.—(*Mr. Plain.*)

Question—That new clause C be now read a second time—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. McKissock,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. McLachlan,	
Mr. Outtrim,	
Mr. Plain,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Elmslie,
Mr. Rogers,	Mr. Hannah.

Noes, 21.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cussen,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Gray,	
Mr. Harris,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackey,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. McBride,	Sir Henry Weedon.

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION 1909.

No. 5.

DIVISION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 1ST SEPTEMBER, 1909.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER, 1909.

No. 1.—*Electoral Law Amendment Bill*.—Clause 85.

PART IV.—PREFERENTIAL VOTING AT ELECTIONS FOR THE ASSEMBLY.

This Part shall apply only to elections for the Assembly.—(*Mr. Murray.*)Question—That clause 85 stand part of the Bill—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Mackinnon,	
Mr. McGregor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Membrey,	Sir Henry Weedon.

Noes, 30.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. McKissock,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. McLachlan,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Plain,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Cussen,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Wall.
Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Lawson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Elmslie,
Mr. McGrath,	Mr. Lemmon.

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

 SECOND SESSION 1909.

No. 6.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

 WEEK ENDING 9TH SEPTEMBER, 1909.

TUESDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER, 1909.

No. 1.—*Electoral Law Amendment Bill*.—Clause 95.

PART V.—VOTING BY POST AT ELECTIONS FOR THE COUNCIL OR THE ASSEMBLY.

(1) Any elector for any province or district in which an election is about to be held who satisfies the returning officer—

- (a) that he resides at least five miles, or in the case of any division declared to be a mountainous division as hereinafter provided that he resides at least three miles, from the nearest polling place at which he is entitled to vote; or
- (b) that he has reason to believe that on the polling day during the hours of polling he will not be within five miles of the nearest polling place at which he is entitled to vote; or
- (c) that on account of ill-health or infirmity he will be prevented from voting personally at any such polling place

may before the polling day make application in the form in the Second Schedule or to the like effect to the returning officer for such province or district for a postal ballot-paper enabling him to vote through the post at such election instead of attending personally to tender his vote thereat.

(2) In the case of an application on the ground that he has reason to believe that on the polling day during the hours of polling he will not be within five miles of the nearest polling place at which he is entitled to vote, the applicant shall state in his application the reason for such belief.

(3) The form of application shall be signed by the elector under his hand.

(4) The Governor in Council may by Order published in the *Government Gazette* proclaim any division of any province or district named in such Order to be a mountainous division for the purposes of this Part.—(*Mr. Murray.*)

Amendment proposed—That the following new paragraph be inserted after paragraph (c) of sub-section (1):—

or

(d) that if the elector be a female, on account of maternal "duties" she will be prevented from voting personally at such polling place.—(*Mr. Mackey.*)

Further amendment proposed—That the words "in regard to the care of her own child or children of tender years" be inserted after the word "duties" in the proposed amendment.—(*Mr. Murray.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes 25.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cussen,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Graham,	
Mr. Gray,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Holden.

Noes 31.

Mr. Anstey,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Plain,
Sir Thomas Bent,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Toucher,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. McCutcheon,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. McGrath,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. McGregor,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. McKissock,	
Mr. McLachlan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Membrey,	
Mr. Oman,	Mr. Elmslie,
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. Lemmon.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 2.—

Further amendment proposed—That the following words be added to the proposed amendment:—
“provided that she resides in a shire.”—(*Mr. Cussen.*)

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

Ayes, 27.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cussen,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Graham,	
Mr. Gray,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Holden.

Noes, 29.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Plain,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Prendergast,
Sir Thomas Bent,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Toucher,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. McGrath,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. McKissock,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. McLachlan,	
Mr. Membrey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Oman,	
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. Elmslie,
Sir Alexander Peacock,	Mr. Lemmon.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 3.—

Amendment—That the following new paragraph be inserted after paragraph (c) of sub-section (1):—
or

(d) that if the elector be a female, on account of maternal duties she will be prevented from voting personally at such polling place.—(*Mr. Mackey.*)

Question—That new paragraph (d) proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cussen,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Graham,	
Mr. Gray,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Holden.

Noes, 29.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Plain,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Prendergast,
Sir Thomas Bent,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Toucher,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. McGrath,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. McKissock,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. McLachlan,	
Mr. Membrey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Oman,	
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. Elmslie,
Sir Alexander Peacock,	Mr. Lemmon.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 4.—

Further amendment proposed—That the following new sub-section be added to the clause :—

“(5) In the case of an election for any province the elector must appear by the rolls to be a resident of the province.”—(*Mr. Lemmon.*)

Question—That new sub-section (5) proposed to be added be so added—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Rogers,
Sir Thomas Bent,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. McGrath,	
Mr. McKissock,	
Mr. McLachlan,	
Mr. Outtrim,	
Mr. Plain,	

Tellers.

Mr. Elmslie,
Mr. Tunnecliffe.

Noes, 32.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Cussen,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Farrer,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Livingston,	
Mr. Mackey,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	

Tellers.

Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Holden.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 5.—New clause I.

Notwithstanding anything in this Act contained any person entitled to be enrolled as an elector for the Assembly for the division in which he resides, and whose name appears on the ratepayers roll of any municipality in respect of property situated in another division (whether in the same or another district), shall be entitled at his option to be enrolled as an elector on the general roll of either of the said divisions.

Such person shall be enrolled on the general roll for the division in which he resides unless he has given in the manner hereinafter provided a claim for enrolment to the registrar of the division in which his property is situated in which case he shall be enrolled only on the general roll for that division.—(*Mr. Gray.*)

Question—That new clause I be now read a second time—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 15.

Sir Thomas Bent,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.
Mr. Cussen,	
Mr. Farrer,	
Mr. Gray,	
Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Mackey,	

Tellers.

Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Carlisle.

Noes 36.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Plain,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. McGrath,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. McKissock,	
Mr. McLachlan,	
Mr. Membrey,	
Mr. Murray,	

Tellers.

Mr. Elmslie,
Mr. Holden.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 6.—New clause J.

(1) Notwithstanding anything in this Act contained any person who attains the age of twenty-one years on or before a day not later than a day being fourteen days before an election for the Assembly and who by reason only of his age has not been previously enrolled as an elector for the Assembly may upon application to the registrar either personally or by letter upon production of a sworn declaration in the form of the Eighth Schedule be placed by such registrar upon a special list which may be either printed or written.

(2) Such registrar shall transmit to the Returning Officer such written or printed list.

(3) All persons whose names appear on any such list shall be entitled to vote at such election for the Assembly.—(*Mr. Toutcher.*)

Question—That new clause J be now read a second time—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Rogers,
Sir Thomas Bent,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. McGrath,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. McKissock,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. McLachlan,	
Mr. Membrey,	
Mr. Outtrim,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Plain,	Mr. Elmslie,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Hannah.

Noes, 26.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cussen,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Farrer,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Holden.

And so it passed in the negative.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER, 1909.

No. 7.—*Supply.*

Motion made—That a sum not exceeding £447,258 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1909–10, viz :—

Division No.		Sums required for one month ending 30th September, 1909.
		£
13.	Refreshment Rooms—Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	200

The sum of "£447,258"

—(*Mr. Watt*).

Amendment proposed and question put—That this sum be reduced by £1.—(*Mr. Anstey*.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. McGrath,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.
Mr. McGregor,	
Mr. McKissock,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McLachlan,	Mr. Anstey,
Mr. Membrey,	Mr. Lemmon.
Mr. Outtrim,	

Noes, 39.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Plain,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Cussen,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Harris,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Mackey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Livingston.
Mr. McCutcheon,	

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION 1909.

No. 7.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1909.

TUESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1909.

No. 1.—*Closer Settlement and Small Improved Holdings Law Amendment Bill.*—Clause 11.

DIVISION 1.—ACQUISITION OF LAND.

The power conferred on the Board by section six of the Principal Act to acquire and take for the Crown for the purposes of closer settlement any block of private land included in any agreement between the owner thereof and any persons resident in any part of Victoria is hereby declared to apply also to any such block included in any agreement under the said section between an owner and one person.—(*Mr. McKenzie.*)

Amendment proposed—That the following words be added to the clause:—"subject to such deposit of an amount not exceeding 'seven' instalments of the purchase money as may be demanded by the Board, in lieu of only one instalment of the purchase money as required under section forty-five of the Principal Act."—(*Mr. McKenzie.*)

And the proposed amendment having been amended by the omission of the word "seven," in line 2—
Further amendment proposed—That the word "four" be inserted in place of the word "seven" omitted.—(*Mr. McKenzie.*)

Question—That the word proposed to be inserted in place of the word omitted be so inserted—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Cussen,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Farrer,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Toucher,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Keast,	
Mr. Langdon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Robertson.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. McKissock,	
Mr. McLachlan,	
Mr. Plain,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Rogers,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. Sangster,	Mr. McGrath.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

THURSDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1909.

No. 2.—*Gold Buyers Act 1907 Amendment Bill.*—Clause 29 as amended.

Provision for Smelting by Registered Prospectors.

(1) Any holder of a miner's right who prospects or mines for gold on his own behalf only may notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Principal Act or this Act smelt any gold obtained by himself by gold mining if his full name address and signature and particulars of any appliance in his possession or control for treating or smelting gold whether in use or not are registered at the police station nearest to his address, and if he is in possession of a prescribed certificate of such registration signed by the member of the police force in charge of such police station and such registration is for the time being in force.

(2) Such registration shall not be effected or renewed by such member unless and until the said holder shall have lodged at the station a declaration in such form as may be prescribed signed in the presence of and witnessed by any member of the police force or any other person whomsoever setting out—

- (a) his full name address and signature,
- (b) the * locality where he intends to prospect or mine,
- (c) the nature of appliances for treating or smelting gold which are in his possession or under his control or upon any premises used or occupied by him,
- “(d) that he undertakes not to work in a mine belonging to any other person or company without having first returned his certificate of registration to the police station from which it was issued,”

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—(Mr. McBride.)

Amendment proposed—That paragraph (d) be omitted.—(Mr. McGrath.)

Question—That paragraph (d) proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Cussen,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Livingston,	
Mr. Mackey,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. Hutchinson.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. McGrath,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. McKissock,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. McLachlan,	
Mr. Plain,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Rogers,	Mr. Elmslie.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION 1909.

No. 8.

DIVISION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 7TH OCTOBER, 1909.

TUESDAY, 5TH OCTOBER, 1909.

No. 1.—*Closer Settlement and Small Improved Holdings Law Amendment Bill.*—New clause G.

If in the opinion of the Minister of Lands and the Lands Purchase and Management Board it is in the interests of closer settlement and railway development that any estate over the value of Twenty thousand pounds situated partly or wholly within fifteen miles of a railway shall be subdivided, the Board shall so advise the Governor in Council of its decision, and if such decision be confirmed by the Governor in Council the Governor in Council shall give the owner of such estate twelve months' notice by published notification in the *Government Gazette* to subdivide such estate, and such owner, after the expiration of the twelve months, shall cause such estate to be subdivided and sold within a period not exceeding a further twelve months from the expiration of the notice given.—(Mr. Prendergast.)

Question—That new clause G be now read a second time—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. McGrath,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. McKissock,	
Mr. McLachlan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Outtrim,	
Mr. Plain,	Mr. Anstey,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Elmslie.

Noes, 29.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Cussen,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Harris,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Keast,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Langdon,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Livingston.

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION 1909.

No. 9.

DIVISION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 4TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER, 1909.

No. 1.—*Land Tax Bill*.—Clause 1.This Act may be cited as the *Land Tax Act* 1909.Motion made and question put—That clauses 1 to 14 inclusive be postponed until after consideration of clauses Nos. 15 to 34 inclusive.—(*Mr. McLeod*.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Swinburne.
Mr. Cussen,	
Mr. Forrest,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Farrer.
Mr. McCutcheon,	

Noes, 39.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. McLachlan,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Plain,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Saugster,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Livingston,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McGrath,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. McGregor.
Mr. McKissock,	

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION 1909.

No. 10.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 11TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

TUESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

No. 1.—*Land Tax Bill*.—Clause 1.This Act may be cited as the *Land "Tax" Act* 1909.—(*Mr. Watt*.)Amendment proposed—That the word "*Tax*" be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the word "*Valuation*."—(*Mr. Swinburne*.)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. McLachlan,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Cotter,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Plain,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. McBride,	
Mr. McGrath,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Elmslie,
Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. Livingston.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Swinburne.
Mr. Farrer,	
Mr. Mackey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McCutcheon,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. McLeod,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. Robertson,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

No. 2.—*Land Tax Bill*.—Clause 3.

PART I.—PRELIMINARY.

In this Act, unless inconsistent with the context—

“Act” includes regulations thereunder.

“Assessment” means the amount of tax charged in the assessment roll or chargeable to any person under this Act, and includes all matters comprised or which ought to be comprised in the assessment roll in reference to such amount of tax.

* * * * *

“Improvements” on land means all “work” actually done or material used thereon by the expenditure of capital or labour on the land, nevertheless in so far only as the effect of such work or material used is to increase the value of the land, and the benefit thereof is unexhausted at the time of the valuation, but shall not include work done or material used on or for the benefit of land by the Crown or by any statutory public body, unless such work has been paid for by the contribution of the owner or occupier for that purpose: Provided that the payment of rates or taxes shall not be deemed to be a contribution within the meaning of this definition.

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—(*Mr. Watt*.)Amendment proposed—That after the word “work,” in line 7, the words “including clearing or draining” be inserted.—(*Mr. Carlisle*.)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 12.

Noes, 43.

Mr. Bayles,
Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. Cussen,
Mr. Forrest,
Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Mackey,
Mr. McCutcheon,

Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Stanley,
Sir Henry Weedon.

Tellers.
Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Bowser.

Mr. Anstey,
Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,
Mr. J. Cameron,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Cookson,
Mr. Cotter,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Farrer,
Mr. Glass,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Gray,
Mr. Hannah,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. McBride,
Mr. McGrath,
Mr. McGregor,
Mr. McKissock,
Mr. McLachlan,

Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Oman,
Mr. Outtrim,
Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Plain,
Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Solly,
Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Warde,
Mr. Watt.

Tellers.

Mr. Elmslie,
Mr. Lawson.

And so it passed in the negative.

THURSDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

No. 3.—*Land Tax Bill*.—Clause 6.(2) *Nature of Taxation.*

Subject to this Act there shall, in the case of each owner of land, be charged levied and collected by the Commissioner and paid for the use of His Majesty in aid of the Consolidated Revenue for each and every year after the year One thousand and nine hundred and “ten” a duty of land tax upon land for every pound sterling of the unimproved value thereof as assessed under this Act at such rate as “is set forth in the First Schedule to this ‘Act,’” provided that the minimum amount of tax payable in any year by any taxpayer assessed under this Act shall be Two shillings and sixpence.—(*Mr. Watt*.)

Amendment proposed—That after the word “ten,” in line 4, the following words be inserted, viz. :—

“taxation as follows, that is to say—

- (1) Ordinary land tax upon all land as assessed under this Act at such rate in the pound sterling as may be fixed from time to time.
- (2) Graduated land tax upon land in the cases and at the rates specified in the Schedule to this Act.”—(*Mr. Swinburne*.)

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

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Bayles,	
Mr. Farrer,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Langdon,	
Mr. McCutcheon,	Mr. Carlisle,
Sir Henry Weedon.	Mr. Robertson.

Noes, 38.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. McKissock,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Livingston,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. McBride,	Mr. McGrath.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 4.—

Further amendment proposed—That the words “is set forth in the First Schedule to this Act,” in line 6, be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the words “Parliament shall from time to time declare and enact.”—(*Mr. McCutcheon.*)

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

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. McBride,	
Mr. McKenzie,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Membrey,	Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. Elmslie.

Noes, 7.

Mr. Bayles,	
Mr. Bowser,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McCutcheon,	
Mr. McLeod,	Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. Robertson.	Mr. Farrer.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 5.—

Further amendment proposed—That after the word “Act,” in line 6, the following words be inserted viz., “provided that after the year One thousand nine hundred and eleven the said rate shall be as may for each year be declared by Act of Parliament and.”—(*Mr. Mackey.*)

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

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Robertson.
Mr. Bowser,	
Mr. Farrer,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackey,	
Mr. McCutcheon,	Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. McLeod,	Sir Henry Weedon.

Noes, 32.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McKissock,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Lemmon,	
Mr. Livingston,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Smith.

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION 1909.

No. 11.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 18TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

TUESDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

No. 1.—*Land Tax Bill*.—Clause 7.

“(1)” No land tax shall be charged to any owner of any land or lands of a less unimproved value or total unimproved value than Five hundred pounds.

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—(*Mr. Watt.*)Amendment proposed—That the figure “(1),” in line 1, be omitted.—(*Mr. Hutchinson.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Plain,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. McGrath,	
Mr. McKenzie,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McKissock,	Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. McLachlan,	Mr. Elmslie.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Campbell,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Swinburne.
Mr. Cullen,	
Mr. Gray,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Farrer,
Mr. McCutcheon,	Mr. Hutchinson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

WEDNESDAY (MORNING), 17TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

No. 2.—

Further amendment proposed—That the following words be added to sub-section (1), viz. :—“after deducting (in the case of lands subject to a mortgage) from the unimproved value such part of the mortgage debt as bears the same proportion to the total mortgage debt as the unimproved value bears to the capital improved value.”—(*Mr. Farrer.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 9.		Noes, 28.	
Mr. Bowser,	Sir Alexander Peacock.	Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McKissock,
Mr. Cullen,		Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Farrer,		Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Plain,
Mr. Holden,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. McCutcheon,	Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. McLeod,	Mr. Carlisle.	Mr. Glass,	Mr. Smith,
		Mr. Graham,	Mr. Solly,
		Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Swinburne,
		Mr. Harris,	Mr. Thomson,
		Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Wall,
		Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Watt.
		Mr. Livingston,	
		Mr. Mackinnon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. McBride,	Mr. J. W. Billson,
		Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. McGrath.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 3.—Clause 10 *as amended.*

(1) Every taxpayer who on the thirty-first day of December immediately preceding the year in and for which tax is assessed charged levied and collected is an absentee within the meaning of this section shall be assessed and liable for tax at a rate greater by fifty per centum than the rate at which he would have been assessed independently of this section.

(2) Every person shall be deemed to be an absentee for the purposes of this section unless he satisfies the Commissioner that he has been personally present in * *the Commonwealth of Australia* (but not necessarily continuously) for at least one-half of the period of three years immediately preceding the year in and for which he is assessed for tax and whether the said period shall have commenced before or after the commencement of this Act.

(3) No person who has acquired all his land in Victoria within the said period of three years shall be deemed to be an absentee if he has been personally present in * *the Commonwealth of Australia* (but not necessarily continuously) for at least one-half of the period which has elapsed between the time when he first acquired any of that land and the commencement of the year in and for which he is assessed for tax.

(4) If an absentee taxpayer is liable to be assessed for land tax jointly with any other taxpayer who is not an absentee, they shall be assessed and liable jointly as if neither was an absentee, and the absentee taxpayer shall also be separately assessed and liable for the additional tax imposed by this section.

(5) This section shall apply to any company whose head or principal office is not in Australia unless the Commissioner is satisfied that such company is a *bonâ fide* banking company or trading company.—(*Mr. Watt.*)

Amendment proposed—That the following new sub-section be added to the clause, viz. :—

(6) This section shall not come into operation until the [thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and twelve.—(*Mr. McCutcheon.*)

Question—That new sub-section (6) proposed to be added be so added—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 8.		Noes, 27.	
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Swinburne.	Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McKissock,
Mr. Farrer,		Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. McCutcheon,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Plain,
Mr. McLeod,	Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Snowball,	Mr. Carlisle.	Mr. Glass,	Mr. Rogers,
		Mr. Graham,	Mr. Smith,
		Mr. Harris,	Mr. Solly,
		Mr. Holden,	Mr. Thomson,
		Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Wall,
		Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Watt.
		Mr. Livingston,	
		Mr. Mackinnon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. McBride,	Mr. Elmslie,
		Mr. McGrath,	Mr. Hannah.
		Mr. McKenzie,	

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION 1909.

No. 12.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 25TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

TUESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 1909.

No. 1.—*Land Tax Bill*.—Clause 12.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Income Tax Acts, all income from live stock wool meat milk dairy produce fruit grain fodder and other crops arising or accruing from any land to the "owner" of such land shall for each and every year after the year One thousand nine hundred and ten be exempt from income tax "if such" land is of an unimproved value not exceeding Five thousand pounds; and the maximum amount of income tax payable in respect of income arising or accruing as aforesaid to any such owner shall—

- (a) if the unimproved value of such land exceeds Five thousand pounds but does not exceed Six thousand pounds be Five pounds;
- (b) if the unimproved value of such land exceeds Six thousand pounds but does not exceed Seven thousand pounds be Seven pounds ten shillings;
- (c) if the unimproved value of such land exceeds Seven thousand pounds but does not exceed Eight thousand pounds be Ten pounds;
- (d) if the unimproved value of such land exceeds Eight thousand pounds but does not exceed Nine thousand pounds be Twelve pounds ten shillings.—(*Mr. Watt*.)

Amendment proposed—That after the word "owner," in line 3, the words "occupier or user" be inserted.—(*Mr. Mackey*.)

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

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Swinburne.
Mr. Farrer,	
Mr. Langdon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Argyie,
Mr. McCutcheon,	Sir Henry Weedon.

Noes, 42.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. McLachlan,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Cotter,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Plain,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Toucher,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. McBride,	
Mr. McGregor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. McKissock,	Mr. Lawson.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 2.—

Further amendment proposed—That the words “if such,” in line 4, be omitted.—(*Mr. Snowball.*)
 Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.
 Committee divided.

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. McLachlan,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Outtrim.
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Plain,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Mackinnon,	
Mr. McBride,	
Mr. McGregor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. Keast,
Mr. McKissock,	Mr. Lawson.

Noes, 14.

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Farrer,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. Langdon,	
Mr. Mackey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McCutcheon,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Carlisle.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

No. 3.—*Land Tax Bill.*—Clause 69.(2) *Use of Valuations by Public Departments Local Authorities and Others.*

(1) The valuations of land in the Valuation Register for the time being in force under this Act shall, if and in so far as the Governor in Council from time to time directs, be used for the purposes following, that is to say:—

(a) Assessing duties under the Administration and Probate Acts;

(b) Making pursuant to law any advances on mortgage of or investment in land by or on behalf of the “Commissioners of Savings Banks in the State of Victoria or the” Master-in-Equity or the Master-in-Lunacy.

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—(*Mr. Watt.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words “Commissioners of Savings Banks in the State of Victoria or the,” in line 7, paragraph (b), sub-section (1), be omitted.—(*Mr. McCutcheon.*)

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

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Plain,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. McKenzie,	
Mr. McKissock,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McLachlan,	Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Murray,	Mr. McGrath.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Bayles,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Farrer,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Keast,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. McCutcheon,	Mr. McGregor

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

THURSDAY (MORNING), 25TH NOVEMBER, 1909.

No. 4.—*Land Tax Bill*.—Clause 78, as amended.

(3) *Penalties.*

(1) Every person, whether liable to taxation or not, who—

- (a) refuses or neglects to duly attend and give evidence when required by the Commissioner or any officer duly authorized by him or to truly and fully answer any question relating to such taxation put to him, or to produce any book or paper relating thereto required of him; or
- (b) fails or neglects to duly furnish any return as “and when” required by this Act or by the Commissioner; or
- (c) knowingly and wilfully makes or delivers any false return, or makes any false or evasive answer, whether verbally or in writing, in relation to any matter or thing affecting his own or any other person’s liability to or exemption from assessment or taxation; or
- (d) by any act, default, neglect, fraud, or contrivance whatsoever evades or attempts to evade full assessment or taxation, or the payment of tax—

commits an offence, and on conviction shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding One hundred pounds and not less than Five pounds; and, if he is convicted of any offence under paragraphs (c) or (d), the convicting Court shall also inflict on him an additional penalty of treble the amount of the tax the assessment or payment whereof he has evaded or attempted to evade.

(2) The payment of such penalties shall not relieve any person from liability to assessment and payment of any tax for which he would otherwise be liable.

(3) If any person in any manner whatsoever aids or assists in the commission of any offence under this section he is liable to a penalty of not less than Five pounds or more than Fifty pounds.

(4) The term “person” throughout this section includes the public officer of a company, and also an agent and a trustee.—(*Mr. Watt.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words “and when,” in line 7, paragraph (b), sub-section (1), be omitted.—(*Mr. Carlisle.*)

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

Ayes, 24.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McKissock,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. McLachlan,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Livingston,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McBride,	Mr. McGrath,
Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. Smith.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Noes, 7.

Mr. Bowser,	
Mr. Carlisle,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Farrer,	
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. McLeod.	Sir Henry Weedon.

No. 5.—

Notice having been taken by Mr. Watt that strangers were present—

Question—That strangers be ordered to withdraw—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McKissock,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. McLachlan,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Livingston,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McBride,	Mr. McGrath,
Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. Smith.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Noes, 6.

Mr. Bowser,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Carlisle,	
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. McLeod.	Sir Henry Weedon.

No. 6.—Clause 87.

In any case where it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that any taxpayer liable to the payment of tax has suffered such loss from bush fires, drought, "floods" or other calamity that the exaction of the full amount of tax would entail "serious" hardship the Commissioner may release such taxpayer wholly or in part from his liability or may postpone for such time as he thinks fit the payment of the tax and make such entries and alterations in the assessment roll as are necessary for that purpose.—(*Mr. Watt.*)

Amendment proposed—That in line 2, after the word "floods," the word "phylloxera" be inserted.—(*Mr. Bowser.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 4.

	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McCutcheon,	Mr. Bowser,
Sir Henry Weedon.	Mr. Carlisle.

Noes, 27.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. McKissock,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McLachlan,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Livingston,	
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Elmslie,
Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. McGrath.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 7.—

Further amendment proposed—That the word "serious," in line 3, be omitted.—(*Mr. Bowser.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McKissock,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. McLachlan,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Livingston,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McBride,	Mr. McGrath,
Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. Smith.

Noes, 7.

Mr. J. W. Billson,	
Mr. Bowser,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Carlisle,	
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. McCutcheon.	Sir Henry Weedon.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 8.—New clause I.

Any mortgage on rural land the unimproved value of which mortgaged and unmortgaged land is not more than One thousand five hundred pounds in value shall not be subject to a land tax.—(*Mr. McLachlan.*)

Question—That new clause I be now read a second time—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 2.

<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McGrath,
Mr. McLachlan.

Noes, 29.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McKissock,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Graham,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. Gray,	
Mr. Harris,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Smith.

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

SECOND SESSION 1909.

No. 13.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 3RD DECEMBER, 1909.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST DECEMBER, 1909.

No. 1.—*Coal Mines Regulation Bill.*—Clause 7.

(1) No person shall be employed below ground in any mine for more than "eight" consecutive hours at any time or for more than forty-eight hours in any week except in cases of emergency.

(2) A person shall be deemed and is hereby declared to be employed below ground and in the service of the owner of a mine within the meaning of this Act from the time that he commences to descend a mine until he leaves the working place and commences to return to the surface by the authority of the manager.

(3) The prohibition contained in this section shall not apply to the manager or under manager of a mine or to any over-man or deputy or shaft bottomer or to a chief engineer or electrician engaged in the oversight and not in any manual work of the mine.—(*Mr. McBride.*)

Amendment proposed—That the word "eight," in line 1, be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the word "six."—(*Mr. Solly.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Cullen,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Cussen,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Touthcher.
Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Holden,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Livingston.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. McGrath,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.
Mr. McKissock,	
Mr. McLachlan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Outtrim,	
Mr. Plain,	Mr. Hannah,
Mr. Prendergast.	Mr. Smith.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 2.—

And the said clause having been amended by the insertion of the words "inclusive of thirty minutes as crib time" after the first word "hours," in line 2, and by the omission of the words "leaves the working place and commences to return to the surface by the authority of the manager," from lines 6 and 7, and by the insertion in place thereof of the words "returns to the surface"—

Further amendment proposed—That the following new sub-section be inserted after sub-section (2):—

“(3) A person shall be entitled to be paid overtime when he is employed underground for more than eight hours in any day and counting from the time he commences to descend the mine until he returns to the surface, such payment to be at the rate of time and a quarter for the first two hours and time and a half for every hour thereafter.”—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe.*)

Question—That new sub-section (3) proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Anstey,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Plain,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. McGrath,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. McKissock,	
Mr. McLachlan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Membrey,	Mr. Elmslie,
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. Hannah.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Cussen,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Thomson.
Mr. Graham,	
Mr. Gray,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Carlisle.
Mr. Langdon,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

THURSDAY, 2ND DECEMBER, 1909.

No. 3.—*Coal Mines Regulation Bill.*—Clause 90.

Subject to the provisions of this Part, it shall be lawful for the “Minister,” on behalf of His Majesty, to open establish and work coal mines on land acquired resumed or reserved for the purpose and to work coal mines, and generally to carry on the business of coal mining in all its branches.—(*Mr. McBride.*)

Amendment proposed—That the word “Minister,” in line 1, be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the words “Railways Commissioners.”—(*Mr. McLeod.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. McLachlan,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. McBride,	
Mr. McGrath,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. McKissock,	Mr. Livingston.

Noes, 16.

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Bowser,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Toutcher.
Mr. Farrer,	
Mr. Gray,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McCutcheon,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. McLeod,	Sir Henry Weedon.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

FRIDAY, 3RD DECEMBER, 1909.

No. 4.—*Motor Cars Bill*—Clause 15.

(1) The Governor in Council may make regulations—

- * * * * *
- (f) the power to make regulations hereby conferred limiting the speed at which motor cars may be driven shall supersede any power (so far as it relates to the speed at which motor cars may be driven) conferred by any Act relating to local government or any other Act;
- (g) requiring councils of municipal districts to place sign-posts or discs in conspicuous places denoting dangerous corners, cross roads, and precipitous places, and prescribing the description of such sign-posts or discs;
- (h) prescribing form of licence to driver of a motor car; and
- (i) with respect to any matters whatsoever necessary or desirable for the purpose of giving effect to this Act.
- * * * * *

—(*Mr. Murray.*)

Amendment proposed—That the following words be added to paragraph (*f*) of sub-section (1) :—
 “providing however that under no circumstances shall it be allowable to drive any motor car or motor cycle at a greater speed than ten miles an hour within the metropolitan area.”—(*Mr. Prendergast.*)

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

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Glass,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. McGrath,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. McKissock,	
Mr. McLachlan,	
Mr. Prendergast,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Solly,	Mr. Cotter,
Mr. Toutcher,	Mr. Elmslie.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Graham,	
Mr. Gray,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Keast,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. Langdon,	

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 5.—

Further amendment proposed—That the following words be added to paragraph (*f*) of sub-section (1) :—“Any person driving a motor car along the public streets in rural towns at a greater rate than ten miles an hour, or across the intersection of streets at more than three miles an hour shall be guilty of an offence.”—(*Mr. McLachlan*)

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

Ayes, 4.

Mr. McGrath,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Solly,	Mr. McLachlan,
	Mr. Toutcher.

Noes, 26.

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. McKissock,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Glass,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. Graham,	
Mr. Gray,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Smith.

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION 1909.

No. 14.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 10TH DECEMBER, 1909.

TUESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 1909.

No. 1.—*Coal Mines Regulation Bill.*—Clause 91, as amended.

(1) *

For the purposes of the last preceding section there shall be appointed in such manner and on such terms as the Governor in Council thinks fit, a general manager who may under the authority of the Minister appoint mining managers under-managers engineers surveyors (geological or otherwise) and agents, and shall on his own responsibility engage or discharge workmen and servants.

(2) The Minister may on behalf of His Majesty—

- (a) Construct, erect, or by purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire, buildings, plant, machinery, tramways, hulks, ships, and other fixed or movable appliances or works of any description, and sell or otherwise dispose of the same when no longer required ;
- (b) After State requirements have been provided for may sell, supply, and deliver coal and other products the result of coal-mining operations ; *all coal of equal quality shall be sold at a uniform rate at the pit's mouth ;*
- (d) Instal plant for the supply and sale of light and power generated by electricity or otherwise, and such plant, supply and sale shall "not" be subject to the provisions of the *Electric Light and Power Act 1896* or any amendment thereof.

—(Mr. McBride.)

Amendment proposed—That the word "not," in line 15, in paragraph (d), of sub-section (2) be omitted.—
(Sir Henry Weedon.)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. McKissock,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. McLachlan,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Plain,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Cussen,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Lemmon,	
Mr. McBride,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McGrath,	Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. Livingston.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Forrest,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. Gray,	
Mr. Langdon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackey,	
Mr. McLeod,	Mr. Argyle,
Sir Alexander Peacock,	Mr. McGregor.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, 1909.

No. 2.—*Factories and Shops Acts Amendment Bill*.—Clause 6, as amended.

At the end of sub-section (2) of section seventy-five of the Principal Act the following words are hereby added, namely:—“including (a) the place or locality where work is to be done, (b) the hour of the day or night when work is to be done, (c) whether more than six consecutive days' work is to be done, (d) * * * * * the time of beginning and ending work upon each day, and the fixing of a higher rate to be paid for any hour or a fraction of an hour worked other than the hours fixed for any day, (e) whether the work is casual, namely, to be for a day or less than a day. A Special Board may as regards work to be done on a Sunday or public holiday fix special prices or rates.”—(*Mr. Murray.*)

Amendment proposed—That the following new sub-section be added to the clause:—

“(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act any Special Board shall have power to take into consideration and determine upon any industrial matter in or in connexion with the trade or calling for which the Board was appointed and to make a Determination upon such matters as the Board thinks fit.”—(*Mr. Lemmon* for *Mr. Prendergast.*)

Question—That new sub-section (2) proposed to be added be so added—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 22.	
Mr. Anstev,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. McKissock,	
Mr. McLachlan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Plain,	Mr. McGrath.

Noes, 33.	
Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Cullen,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Cussen,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Gray,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Carlisle.
Mr. Livingston,	

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 3.—Clause 7.

The provisions of section seventy-five of the Principal Act (as amended by any of the Factories and Shops Acts) enabling the Governor in Council to appoint Special Boards are hereby extended so as to enable the Governor in Council “(after a resolution has been passed by both Houses of Parliament)” to appoint a Special Board to consider and determine, under pursuant to and for the purposes of the Factories and Shops Acts, the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons:—

(1) Wherever employed—

*	*	*	*	*	*
(h) in the business or occupation (other than fireman boiler attendant or engine-drivers) of mining for—					
(a) gold;					
(b) coal; or					
(c) metals or minerals other gold or coal; or					
*	*	*	*	*	*

—(*Mr. Murray.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words “(after a resolution has been passed by both Houses of Parliament),” in lines 3 and 4, be omitted.—(*Mr. Elmslie.*)

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

Ayes, 30.		Noes, 24.	
Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McBride,	Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Membrey,	Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Murray,	Mr. Glass,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Oman,	Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Cullen,	Sir Alexander Peacock,	Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Cussen,	Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Stanley,	Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. McKissock,	
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Watt,	Mr. McLachlan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Gray,	Sir Henry Weedon.	Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Harris,		Mr. Plain,	Mr. McGrath.
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Argyle.		
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Livingston.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 4.—

And the said clause having been amended by the insertion in paragraph (1), after sub-paragraph (h) of the following new sub-paragraphs, viz.:—

- “(i) in the business trade or occupation of a nurseryman and master gardener, including employes working for the trade”;
 “(j) in the business or occupation of wool grain and hide stores”;
 “(k) in the occupation of a clerk office-assistant typewriter stenographer secretary amanuensis bookkeeper or accountant.”

Further amendment proposed—That after sub-paragraph (k) the following new sub-paragraph be inserted, viz.:—

- “(m) or any other trade calling or occupation or any groups or parts of such trade calling or occupation whether employed in a factory or otherwise.”—(Mr. Solly.)

Question—That new sub-paragraph (m) proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 27.

Noes, 28.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Plain,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. McKissock,	
Mr. McLachlan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Membrey,	Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. McGrath.
Sir Alexander Peacock,	

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Cussen,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Gray,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Keast,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Farrer.

And so it passed in the negative.

THURSDAY, 9TH DECEMBER, 1909.

No. 5.—Clause 7, as amended.

The provisions of section seventy-five of the Principal Act (as amended by any of the Factories and Shops Acts) enabling the Governor in Council to appoint Special Boards are hereby extended so as to enable the Governor in Council (after a resolution has been passed by both Houses of Parliament) to appoint a Special Board to consider and determine, under pursuant to and for the purposes of the Factories and Shops Acts, the lowest prices of rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons:—

(1) Wheresoever employed—

- (a) in any business or occupation connected with the installation of electrical fittings appliances motors and heaters including the laying of wires ; or
 (b) in the business or occupation of an undertaker ; or
 (c) in the occupation of a fireman boiler attendant or engine-driver in connexion with the use of steam boilers or steam engines other than steam boilers or steam engines connected with mines ; or
 (d) in the business or occupation of a liverystable-keeper and including employes who act as drivers of vehicles connected therewith ; or
 (e) in the process, trade, business, or occupation of a watch or clock maker including repairers ; or
 (f) in the occupation of a lift attendant ; or
 (g) in the occupation of a fireman boiler attendant or engine-driver in connexion with a steam engine or steam boiler in or about mines of every kind ; or
 (h) in the business or occupation (other than fireman boiler attendant or engine-drivers) of mining for—
 (a) gold ;
 (b) coal ; or
 (c) metals or minerals other gold or coal ; or
 (i) in the business trade or occupation of a nurseryman and master gardener, including employes working for the trade ;
 (j) in the business or occupation of wool grain and hide stores ;
 (k) in the occupation of a clerk office-assistant typewriter stenographer secretary amanuensis bookkeeper or accountant.

- (2) Wheresoever employed (or under section one hundred and forty-five of the Principal Act deemed to be employed) in any business whatsoever usually carried on in a shop of a class or kind included in the Fourth Schedule to the Principal Act.—(*Mr. Murray.*)

Amendment proposed—That after sub-paragraph (*k*), paragraph (1), the following new sub-paragraph be inserted, viz.:—

“or

(*n*) any or all employes occupied on tramway lines, cars of tramway, sheds, works, or offices, other than the construction of cars or the erection of buildings.”—(*Mr. Hannah.*)

Question—That new sub-paragraph (*n*) proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Anstey,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Plain,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. McGrath,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. McKissock,	
Mr. McLachlan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Membrey,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. Smith.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Graham,	
Mr. Gray,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Carlisle.
Mr. Livingston,	Sir Henry Weedon.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 6.—Clause 27.

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Factories and Shops Acts in the Metropolitan District no person shall deliver hay, corn, chaff, straw, wood, coal or coke after “two” o’clock in the afternoon on any Saturday.—(*Mr. Murray.*)

Amendment proposed—That the word “two,” in line 2, be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the word “one.”—(*Mr. Sangster.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Cookson,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Cussen,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Harris,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Mackey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. Robertson.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. McKissock,	
Mr. McLachlan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. Hannah,
Mr. Plain,	Mr. McGrath.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative

No. 7.—Supply—Estimates for 1909–10.

Motion made—That the following sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1909–10 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, viz.:—

I.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

INSPECTION OF FACTORIES AND SHOPS.

DIVISION No. 23.

SALARIES.

* * * * *

The sum of "£2,657."—(*Mr. Watt.*)Amendment proposed and question put—That this sum be reduced by £1.—(*Mr. Solly.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. McKissock,	
Mr. McLachiau,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Plain,	Mr. McGrath.

Noes, 27.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Cullen,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Cussen,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Livingston,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. McKenzie,	

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION 1909.

No. 15.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 17TH DECEMBER, 1909.

TUESDAY, 14TH DECEMBER, 1909.

No. 1.—*Factories and Shops Acts Amendment Bill*.—Clause 31.

In section sixteen of the *Factories and Shops Act* 1909 after the word "saloon" where it first occurs the words "in the Metropolitan District" are hereby inserted, and at the end of the section the following words are hereby added:—"and such saloon shall not be required to be closed for a half-holiday in such week."—(*Mr. Murray*.)

Question—That clause 31 stand part of the Bill—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Cussen,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Harris,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Langdon,	
Mr. Livingston,	
Mr. Mackey,	

Tellers.

Mr. Keast,
Mr. Robertson.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. McKissock,	
Mr. McLachlan,	
Mr. Outtrim,	
Mr. Flain,	
Mr. Prendergast,	

Tellers.

Mr. Hannah,
Mr. McGrath.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 2.—Clause 35, as amended.

(1) Any failure either by an employer or an apprentice to carry out the terms of an indenture of apprenticeship shall be deemed to be a contravention of this section.

(2) When the Minister is satisfied that there is any such failure either by an employer or apprentice he may direct that proceedings shall be instituted against the employer or apprentice as the case may be.

(3) A Court of Petty Sessions may for any such contravention—

- (a) impose a penalty not exceeding * * * Ten pounds and in addition
- (b) order the defendant to enter into such securities as the Court may think fit to carry out the terms of the indenture
- (c) or impose on any employer a penalty not exceeding "One hundred" pounds if the Court is satisfied that the apprentice has not been taught the trade in accordance with the indenture of apprenticeship and that the employer has not given to the Court any satisfactory explanation of such failure to teach the apprentice the trade. The whole or any part of such penalty may be applied for the benefit of the apprentice or otherwise as the Minister determines.—(*Mr. Murray*.)

Further amendment proposed—That the words "One hundred," in paragraph (c), line 10, be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the words "Twenty-five."—(*Mr. Murray.*)
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Wall.
Mr. McKissock,	
Mr. Outtrim,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Plain,	Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. McGrath.

Noes, 29.

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Campbell,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Harris,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Keast,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Robertson.
Mr. McBride,	

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 3.—

Further amendment proposed—That the words "Twenty-five" be inserted in place of the words omitted.—(*Mr. Murray.*)
Question—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be so inserted—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Graham,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. Gray,	
Mr. Harris,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Robertson.

Noes, 14.

Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Wall.
Mr. Hannah,	
Mr. McKissock,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Plain,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. McGrath.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 1909.

No. 4.—*Supply—Estimates for 1909-10.*

Motion made—That the following sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1909-10 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, viz.:—

I.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE.

Division No. 27.

* * * * *

The sum of "£215."—(*Mr. Watt.*)

Amendment proposed and question put—That this sum be reduced by £1.—(*Mr. Hannah.*)
Committee divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Wall.
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Wardle.
Mr. McKissock,	
Mr. McLachlan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. Elmslie,
Mr. Plain,	Mr. McGrath.

Noes, 25.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Gray,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Langdon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Robertson.
Mr. Mackinnon,	

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 5.—*Factories and Shops Acts Amendment Bill*.—New clause FF.

Notwithstanding anything contained in section one hundred and one of the Principal Act the Governor in Council may by a notification published in the *Government Gazette* extend any determination made by the "undermentioned" Special Boards to any shire or portion of a shire :—

Tanners Board,
Fellmongers Board,
Flour Board,
Carriage Board,
Brewers Board,
Quarry Board,
Hay, Chaff, Wood and Coal Board,
Agricultural Implements Board.

—(Mr. Murray.)

Amendment proposed—That the word "undermentioned," in line 3, be omitted.—(Mr. J. W. Billson.)
Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Cussen,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Gray,	
Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Keast,	

*Tellers.*Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Robertson.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. McCutcheon,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. McKissock,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. McLachlan,	
Mr. Outtrim,	
Sir Alexander Peacock,	
Mr. Plain,	
Mr. Prendergast,	

*Tellers.*Mr. McGrath,
Sir Henry Weedon.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 6.—

And the clause having been amended by the addition of the words "Ham and Bacon Curers Board"—

Question—That new clause FF, as amended, be added to the Bill—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 45.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Plain,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. McCutcheon,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. McKenzie,	
Mr. McKissock,	
Mr. McLachlan,	
Mr. McLeod,	
Mr. Membrey,	

*Tellers.*Mr. Lawson,
Mr. McGrath.

Noes, 9.

Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Stanley.
Mr. Cullen,	
Mr. Cussen,	
Mr. Forrest,	
Mr. Gray,	
Mr. Mackey,	

*Tellers.*Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. Hutchinson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 7.—New clause F.

For section ninety-nine of the Principal Act there shall be substituted the following new section, namely:—

99. (1) Any Special Board or sub-committee representative of employers and employes appointed by the Board may issue a licence to any old slow or infirm worker who is unable to obtain employment at the minimum wage fixed by the Board to work at a less wage (to be named in the licence) than the minimum wage.

(2) The number of persons so licensed as old slow or infirm workers employed in any factory work-room or place shall not exceed one-fifth of the whole number of persons employed in such factory work-room or place at the minimum wage fixed for adults or at the piece-work rates.

(3) Any person who employs more licensed workers than the proportion mentioned in the previous sub-section or who directly or indirectly or by any pretence or device pays or offers to pay or permits any person to pay any licensed workers a lower rate than that fixed in such licence shall be guilty of a contravention of this Part.

(4) No licence shall be for a longer period than twelve months, but may be renewed from time to time.—(Mr. J. W. Billson.)

Question—That new clause F be now read a second time—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Saugster,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. McGrath,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. McKissock,	
Mr. McLachlan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Outtrim,	
Mr. Plain,	Mr. Elmslie,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Hannah.

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Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cookson,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Livingston,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackey,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Argylo,
Mr. McBride,	Sir Henry Weedon.

And so it passed in the negative.

