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1. EXTRADITION BILL.—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 28TH JUNE.

1. SIR C. MACMAHON : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the statement made by him before a public meeting at Geelong ; and to ask if he is prepared to substantiate before a Committee of this House the grave charges he then made against the Speaker and Chairman of Committees of the last Legislative Assembly.
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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED.

11TH JUNE 1877.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 1.
Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 1.

27TH JUNE.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 2.
Return of Members of the Legislative Council 22nd May 1877, at the opening of the 25th session of Parliament.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[1]
Report of the Chief Inspector of Mines for 1876. No. 1.
Reports of the Mining Surveyors and Registrars—Quarter ended 31st December 1876. No. 2.
Shipping Returns—General Summary, &c., for 1876. No. 4.
Chief Medical Officer—Report on the Sanatory Station for 1876. No. 5.
Mineral Statistics of Victoria for 1876. No. 6.
Cable Conference—Report, &c. No. 7.
Health Officer—Report, &c., for 1876. No. 9.
Reports of the Mining Surveyors and Registrars—Quarter ended 31st March 1877. No. 10.
Post Office Savings Bank—Statement of Accounts, &c., for 1876. No. 12.
Land Act 1869—Report, &c., for 1876. No. 16.

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 Chief Medical Officer—Return of Diseases and Deaths, &c., for 1876. No. 13.
 Penal Establishments and Gaols—Report, &c., for 1876. No. 14.
 Industrial and Reformatory Schools—Report, &c., for 1876. No. 15.
 Pilot Board—Accounts, &c., for year ending 31st August 1876. No. 18.

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 - (3.) What alterations or corrections were made in the bonded returns between the issues of the 2nd and 9th of June last.
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3. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a list of all the Civil Servants, showing the offices respectively held by them, and the salary and allowance attached to each of these offices.

THURSDAY, 5TH JULY.

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the present condition of the men known as life sentenced men ; and to ask if he will give the matter his early attention.
2. MR. MCINTYRE : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if the Government has any objection to the appointment of a Select Committee for the purpose of enquiring into and reporting upon the working of the Tariff, with the view of assisting the House to an equitable revision thereof.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. COLLINGWOOD, FITZROY, AND DISTRICT GAS AND COKE COMPANY EXTENSION OF POWERS BILL.—
Motion for production of Papers at Prothonotary's office.—Resumption of debate.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 29TH JUNE.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 2.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 3:

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 3.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[3]

Report upon the affairs of the Post Office and Telegraph Department for 1876. No. 3.

Hospitals for the Insane—Report, &c., for 1876. No. 17.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH JULY 1877.

QUESTIONS :—

1. MR. BOWMAN : To ask if it is the intention of the present Government to introduce a Bill this session for the payment of coroner's juries.
2. MR. MIRAMS : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will give instructions for copies of all Government documents and publications, and all Parliamentary papers, to be supplied to all free public libraries throughout the country.
3. SIR JOHN O'SHANASSY : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he has any objection to bring forward a separate Bill for each line of railway to be proposed this session.
4. MR. GAUNSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether he has any objection to take the opinion of the Honorable the Attorney-General as to the legality of the regulation affecting dealings with leases under *The Land Act 1869*.
5. MR. SHARPE : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he will take such measures as shall put a stop to the goods traffic carried on on Sundays in connection with the Government railways; and if so, when.
6. MR. DUFFY : To ask the Honorable the Premier if he will take steps to have more information afforded by war telegrams sent by the Agent-General, or the expense of the telegrams saved.
7. MR. LEVIEN : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General when the promised telegraphic extension to Drysdale will be carried out; and, further, whether he will consider the propriety of extending the wire to Portarlington.
8. SIR C. MACMAHON : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he is prepared to substantiate, before a Committee of this House, the statement made by him at a public meeting in Geelong on the 12th February last, that the Opposition could not have been defeated if it were not for a corrupt Speaker and a corrupt Chairman of Committees, backed by a Ministry, and giving decisions contrary to all Parliamentary law or practice, and contrary to the well known facts before them at the time.
9. MR. BENT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether it is the intention of the present Government to re-introduce the Market Site Bill, thrown out by the Upper House last session.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That the Petition for the Bill intituled "*A Bill to enable the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company to extend the provisions of an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate a Company to be called the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company, and for other purposes,'*" which was presented on the 25th day of July in the last Session of Parliament, and the order of leave to bring in the said Bill, made on the second day of August in the last Session of Parliament, be now read; and that thereupon the said Bill be read a first time and second time, and referred to a Select Committee consisting of four Members and the Mover, three to form a quorum; and that the promoters have leave from day to day to print the evidence taken before such Committee.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. MR. CASEY : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend an Act intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to Justices of the Peace and for other purposes.*"
2. MR. PURVES : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the law relating to the admission of attorneys, solicitors, and proctors.
3. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to repeal "*The Harbor Trust Act 1876.*"

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS.—Motion respecting—Resumption of debate.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

4. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a list of all the appointments made in each of the Government departments between the 11th and 21st May 1877.
5. MR. KERNOT : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of all instructions issued to truant officers by the late Government and by the present one.
6. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a list of all the Civil Servants, showing the offices respectively held by them, and the salary and allowance attached to each of these offices.
7. MR. TUCKER : To move, That in the opinion of this House, the fencing in of any public road is unlawful, and an infringement upon the rights of the people of this colony, and that steps should at once be taken to compel the opening through of every public road in Victoria.
8. DR. MACARTNEY : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers and correspondence relating to the land selection of Jeremiah Dwyer, at Brandy Creek, South-Gippsland.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of the age of all life-sentenced prisoners, the term of imprisonment they have undergone, and the state of their health, mentally and bodily ; and the register number of all life-prisoners incapacitated from hard labor from such reason.
2. MR. MACPHERSON : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of the under-mentioned documents :—
 - (1.) Minutes and all papers connected with the dismissal of Lieutenant Tandy.
 - (2.) Minutes and other papers on his application for re-appointment.
 - (3.) Minutes and other papers having reference to the resignation of Captain Panter.
 - (4.) Report of Commodore Hoskins and Lieutenant Dugdale on the *Cerberus*.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LONGMORE : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to enable certain lands to be granted to the Corporation of the City of Melbourne for the establishment of a General Market in the said city and for other purposes.
2. MAJOR W. C. SMITH : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Waterworks Act 1865*," and for other purposes.
3. MR. LALOR : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Melbourne Harbor Trust Act 1876*."

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. REGULATION AND INSPECTION OF MINES BILL.—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 5TH JULY.

1. MR. MCINTYRE : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if the Government has any objection to the appointment of a Select Committee for the purpose of enquiring into and reporting upon the working of the Tariff, with the view of assisting the House to an equitable revision thereof.

General Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. COLLINGWOOD, FITZROY, AND DISTRICT GAS AND COKE COMPANY EXTENSION OF POWERS BILL.—Motion for production of Papers at Prothonotary's office.—Resumption of debate.

TUESDAY, 10TH JULY.

1. MR. CASEY :—
 - (1.) To enquire whether the Government have determined upon taking action on the statement made by Mr. Speaker on the 26th June last, relative to the issue of writs before the time had expired within which petitions could have been presented.
 - (2.) And, if it be proposed to refer the subject to the Standing Orders Committee, whether he would have any objection to invite consideration by the Committee of the further question, whether the Governor may or may not issue writs to fill vacancies occurring after a general election, and before the appointment of a Speaker.
2. MR. COPE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands if he will stop all sales by auction of agricultural lands until an Amended Land Bill has been passed into law.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
2. SUPPLY.—To be considered in Committee.
3. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be considered in Committee.
4. EXTRADITION BILL.—Second reading.

General Business :—

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. DR. MACARTNEY : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause a sum not exceeding £12,000 to be placed on the Estimates for 1877-8, for making the main roads through the Brandy Creek settlement to the railway station on the Gippsland line.
2. MR. MUNRO : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Electoral Act Amendment Act 1876*."

WEDNESDAY, 11TH JULY.

Private Bill Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LANGRIDGE : To move, That the Petition for the Rosstown Junction Railway Bill, which was presented on the 2nd day of August in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill, made on the 9th day of August in the last Session of Parliament, be now read, and that thereupon the said Bill be read a first and second time and referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Mr. King, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Zox, Mr. Fraser, and the Mover, four to form a quorum ; and that the promoter have leave, from day to day, to print the evidence taken before such Committee.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move,—

- (1.) That in the opinion of this House the postage upon all letters delivered within the Colony of Victoria shall be at the uniform rate of one penny.
- (2.) That all newspapers printed and published in this colony should be post free, and that they should leave the colony by rail or steamer free.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. UNIVERSITY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

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Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 3.
Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 4.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 4.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[4]
University of Melbourne—Report, &c., for the year ending 31st May 1877. No. 22.
Order in Council—Voidance of Licence, &c. No. 24.
Order in Council—State Forests Act 1876—Regulations. No. 25.
Order in Council—Land Act 1869—Regulation. No. 27.
Order in Council—Polling-places for the Beechworth and Gippsland Mining Districts. No. 29.
Order in Council—Polling-places for the Maryborough Mining District. No. 30.
Order in Council—Polling-places for the Beechworth and Ballarat Mining Districts. No. 31.
Order in Council—Mining Operations at Dunolly Reservoir. No. 32.
Order in Council—Authority to carry on Mining Operations, &c. No. 33.
Order in Council—Fees for the Survey of Mining Tenements in the Ballarat Mining District. No. 34.
Regulation and Inspection of Mines Bill.—[9] (To Members of Assembly only.)



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 10TH JULY 1877.

Questions.

1. MR. CASEY :—

(1.) To enquire whether the Government have determined upon taking action on the statement made by Mr. Speaker on the 26th June last, relative to the issue of writs before the time had expired within which petitions could have been presented.

(2.) And, if it be proposed to refer the subject to the Standing Orders Committee, whether he would have any objection to invite consideration by the Committee of the further question, whether the Governor may or may not issue writs to fill vacancies occurring after a general election, and before the appointment of a Speaker.

2. MR. COPE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands if he will stop all sales by auction of agricultural lands until an Amended Land Bill has been passed into law.

3. MR. JOHNSTONE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines when the settling ponds at the Lovely Banks Reservoir will be completed.

4. MR. MCINTYRE : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if the Government has any objection to the appointment of a Select Committee for the purpose of enquiring into and reporting upon the working of the Tariff, with the view of assisting the House to an equitable revision thereof.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WOODS : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to authorize the construction of certain lines of railway by the State.

2. MR. LONGMORE : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to enable certain lands to be granted to the Corporation of the City of Melbourne for the establishment of a General Market in the said city and for other purposes.

3. MAJOR W. C. SMITH : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Waterworks Act 1865*," and for other purposes.

4. MR. LALOR : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Melbourne Harbor Trust Act 1876*."

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

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

2. SUPPLY.—To be considered in Committee.

3. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be considered in Committee.

4. EXTRADITION BILL.—Second reading.

5. ELECTION PETITIONS.—Motion for reference to Committee of Elections and Qualifications—Resumption of debate.

6. REGULATION AND INSPECTION OF MINES BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. DR. MACARTNEY : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause a sum not exceeding £12,000 to be placed on the Estimates for 1877-8, for making the main roads through the Brandy Creek settlement to the railway station on the Gippsland line.

2. MR. MUNRO : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Electoral Act Amendment Act 1876*."

3. MR. ZOZ : To move, That in the opinion of this House instruction should be given to Professor Pearson to report upon the suitability or otherwise of the school books now in use in the State schools ; also whether they contain religious dogma contrary to the provisions of the Act, which provides for secular education only, and if so, to what extent.

4. DR. MADDEN : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend *The Dog Act 1864*.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. COLLINGWOOD, FITZROY, AND DISTRICT GAS AND COKE COMPANY EXTENSION OF POWERS BILL.—Motion for production of Papers at Prothonotary's office.—Resumption of debate.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH JULY.

Question.

1. MR. LAURENS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands if he will cause a survey to be made of that portion of the West Melbourne Swamp lying north of the railway, including the Moonee Ponds Creek up to the Flemington Bridge, and will also cause an estimate of the probable cost of effectively draining and reclaiming the same to be made.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LANGRIDGE : To move, That the Petition for the Rosstown Junction Railway Bill, which was presented on the 2nd day of August in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill, made on the 9th day of August in the last Session of Parliament, be now read, and that thereupon the said Bill be read a first and second time and referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Mr. King, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Zox, Mr. Fraser, and the Mover, four to form a quorum ; and that the promoter have leave, from day to day, to print the evidence taken before such Committee.
2. MR. MUNRO : To move, That the Petition for the Bill intituled "*A Bill to enable the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company to extend the provisions of an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate a Company to be called the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company, and for other purposes,'*" which was presented on the 25th day of July in the last Session of Parliament, and the order of leave to bring in the said Bill, made on the second day of August in the last Session of Parliament, be now read ; and that thereupon the said Bill be read a first time and second time, and referred to a Select Committee consisting of four Members and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; and that the promoters have leave from day to day to print the evidence taken before such Committee.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILL :—

1. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to repeal "*The Harbor Trust Act 1876.*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. UNIVERSITY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. ATTORNIES, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading.
4. FENCING OF PUBLIC ROADS—Motion respecting—Resumption of debate.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move,—
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House the postage upon all letters delivered within the Colony of Victoria shall be at the uniform rate of one penny.
 - (2.) That all newspapers printed and published in this colony should be post free, and that they should leave the colony by rail or steamer free.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 10th July.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 5TH JULY.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 5.
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[5]
 Order in Council—Regulations respecting Leases of Crown Lands for Tramways for Mining purposes. No. 35.
 Regulation and Inspection of Mines Bill.—[9] (Issue completed.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH JULY 1877.

Questions.

1. MR. LAURENS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands if he will cause a survey to be made of that portion of the West Melbourne Swamp lying north of the railway, including the Moonee Ponds Creek up to the Flemington Bridge, and will also cause an estimate of the probable cost of effectively draining and reclaiming the same to be made.
2. MR. L. L. SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction whether parents are compelled to send word to the teachers that they are not in a position to pay for the books, and school requisites required, before the master can supply them.
3. MR. BILLSON : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if it is the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill this session for the better management of our Charitable Institutions.
4. MR. COPE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands if he will stop all sales by auction of agricultural lands until an Amended Land Bill has been passed into law.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. LANGRIDGE : To move, That the Petition for the Rosstown Junction Railway Bill, which was presented on the 2nd day of August in the last Session of Parliament, and the Order of leave for bringing in the said Bill, made on the 9th day of August in the last Session of Parliament, be now read, and that thereupon the said Bill be read a first and second time and referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Mr. King, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Zox, Mr. Fraser, and the Mover, four to form a quorum ; and that the promoter have leave, from day to day, to print the evidence taken before such Committee.
2. MR. MUNRO : To move, That the Petition for the Bill intituled “ *A Bill to enable the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company to extend the provisions of an Act intituled ‘ An Act to incorporate a Company to be called the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company, and for other purposes,’*” which was presented on the 25th day of July in the last Session of Parliament, and the order of leave to bring in the said Bill, made on the second day of August in the last Session of Parliament, be now read ; and that thereupon the said Bill be read a first time and second time, and referred to a Select Committee consisting of four Members and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; and that the promoters have leave from day to day to print the evidence taken before such Committee.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS:—

1. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to repeal “ *The Harbor Trust Act 1876.*”
2. DR. MADDEN : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend “ *The Dog Act 1864.*”

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. UNIVERSITY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. ATTORNIES, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading.
4. FENCING OF PUBLIC ROADS—Motion respecting—Resumption of debate.—The question is; “ That in the opinion of this House, the fencing in of any public road is unlawful, and an infringement upon the rights of the people of this colony, and that steps should at once be taken to compel the opening through of every public road in Victoria.”
5. COLLINGWOOD, FITZROY, AND DISTRICT GAS AND COKE COMPANY EXTENSION OF POWERS BILL.—Motion for production of Papers at Prothonotary's office.—Resumption of debate.—The question is, “ That the House of Assembly grant leave to the Clerk of Private Bills to produce all the papers lodged or filed in connection with the passage of the said company's Bill through the House in support of the taxation of Mr. John Hopkins' Bill of Charges as the Parliamentary Agent for the said company, before the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court, at his office in Lonsdale street, in the city of Melbourne, on Tuesday next, the 3rd day of July 1877, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and thence from day to day until the said taxation shall be completed.”

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move—
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House the postage upon all letters delivered within the Colony of Victoria shall be at the uniform rate of one penny.
 - (2.) That all newspapers printed and published in this colony should be post free, and that they should leave the colony by rail or steamer free.
2. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all reports in the Railway Department in relation to the Railway Surveys from Maryborough to St. Arnaud.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. LONGMORE : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to enable certain lands to be granted to the Corporation of the City of Melbourne for the establishment of a General Market in the said city and for other purposes.
2. MR. LALOR : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend “ *The Melbourne Harbor Trust Act 1876.*”

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. EXTRADITION BILL.—Second reading.
2. REGULATION AND INSPECTION OF MINES BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, 12TH JULY.

Questions.

1. MR. FINCHAM: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs—
 - (1.) If any duty was paid upon two locomotive engines imported by or for the Moama and Deniliquin Railway Company, and which were erected at the Williamstown workshops.
 - (2.) Is any duty paid on locomotive engines imported for or by the Victorian Government, and, if so, how much.
 - (3.) Is duty paid on all or any dutiable material, plant, or articles imported by or for the Victorian Government.
2. MR. FINCHAM: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways—
 - (1.) Were two engines erected at the Williamstown workshops for the Moama and Deniliquin Railway Company with the sanction of the Government.
 - (2.) If so, were they imported or indented by the Government or by the company.
3. MR. G. PATON SMITH: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether he has received a petition from the attendants at Kew Asylum relative to their position in the Public Service; and, if so, whether the Government have taken it into consideration; and also, whether the Government will cause the petition to be printed as an Appendix to the Report of the Commission on the Kew Lunatic Asylum.
4. MR. MCINTYRE: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if the Board appointed in June 1874, to enquire into the best method of signalling in mines, has submitted its report.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. FINCHAM: To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing—
 - (1.) The entire cost of erecting two locomotive engines at the Williamstown workshops for the Moama and Deniliquin Railway Company, with cost of transit to Echuca; stating the amount, if any, allowed in such cost for interest on capital, wear and tear, and general management of the workshops.
 - (2.) The amount paid by the company for such erection and for transit to Echuca.
2. MR. MCINTYRE: To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the total number of mechanics and laborers respectively employed in each of the Government Railway workshops at Williamstown, Geelong, Melbourne, Sandhurst, and Ballarat.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. WATERWORKS ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MIRAMS: To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the total area of the roads now enclosed, specifying the Acts under which they have been enclosed, and distinguishing between those enclosed prior to 1st October 1863, those enclosed between that date and 1st January 1875, and those enclosed subsequent to 1st January 1875; together with the total amount of revenue, if any, which has been obtained by the Crown from the persons who have enclosed them.
2. MR. BARR: To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing—
 - (1.) The names of the auditors appointed under *The Local Government Act 1874*, distinguishing between the Government and the local auditor.
 - (2.) The number of days occupied at each audit.
 - (3.) The fees, travelling expenses, and allowances paid each auditor at each audit.

TUESDAY, 17TH JULY.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Second reading.
2. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
3. SUPPLY.—To be considered in Committee.
4. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 24TH JULY.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 11th July.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 5TH JULY.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 4.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 5.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 6.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[6]

Finance 1875-6—The Treasurer's Statement, &c. A.—No. 1.

Victorian Railways—Estimate of Expenditure, &c. A.—No. 2.

Justices of the Peace Act Amendment Bill.—[19]

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 17TH JULY 1877.

Questions.

1. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands if he is aware that the police receive a fee of 5s. for every conviction they obtain of persons found cutting and removing timber from Crown lands without a license.
2. MR. BAYLES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works if he will take steps to carry out the recommendations of Mr. Cosmo Newberry for testing the quantity and quality of Mount Abrupt freestone.
3. MR. LANGRIDGE : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will appoint a deputy registrar of births, deaths, and marriages for each of the districts of Collingwood and Fitzroy.
4. MR. L. L. SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General whether he would have any objection to allow all State war telegrams which arrive on the Sunday, and which are transmitted to the up-country papers on that date, to pass through at the usual press rates, irrespective of the day ; and, if not in the case of the dailies, will he in that of the weeklies and bi-weeklies, which receive no benefit from such Sunday's transmission.
5. DR. MACARTNEY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways when those sections of the Gippsland railway line between Oakleigh and Bunyip, and Moe and Morwell, will be opened for passengers and traffic.
6. MR. TUCKER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands if he will give instructions to have the Return to an Order of this House on the 17th June 1875, for the enumeration and definition, by means of a map for each municipal district, of every surveyed road and every reserved road, and every proclaimed road, street, or public highway within every municipal district in Victoria, completed and furnished without further delay.
7. MR. FINCHAM : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs—
 - (1.) If any duty was paid upon two locomotive engines imported by or for the Moama and Deniliquin Railway Company, and which were erected at the Williamstown workshops.
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NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. FINCHAM : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing—
 - (1.) The entire cost of erecting two locomotive engines at the Williamstown workshops for the Moama and Deniliquin Railway Company, with cost of transit to Echuca ; stating the amount, if any, allowed in such cost for interest on capital, wear and tear, and general management of the workshops.
 - (2.) The amount paid by the company for such erection and for transit to Echuca.
2. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the total number of mechanics and laborers respectively employed in each of the Government Railway workshops at Williamstown, Geelong, Melbourne, Sandhurst, and Ballarat.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LALOR : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Melbourne Harbor Trust Act 1876.*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPPLY.—To be considered in Committee.
2. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be considered in Committee.
3. RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 18TH JULY.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS:—

1. MR. A. T. CLARK: To move for leave to introduce a Bill to repeal "*The Harbor Trust Act 1876.*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. DOG ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. UNIVERSITY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
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TUESDAY, 24TH JULY.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH JULY.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That the Petition for the Bill intituled "*A Bill to enable the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company to extend the provisions of an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate a Company to be called the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company, and for other purposes,'*" which was presented on the 25th day of July in the last Session of Parliament, and the order of leave to bring in the said Bill, made on the second day of August in the last Session of Parliament, be now read; and that thereupon the said Bill be read a first time and second time, and referred to a Select Committee consisting of four Members and the Mover, thrée to form a quorum; and that the promoters have leave from day to day to print the evidence taken before such Committee.

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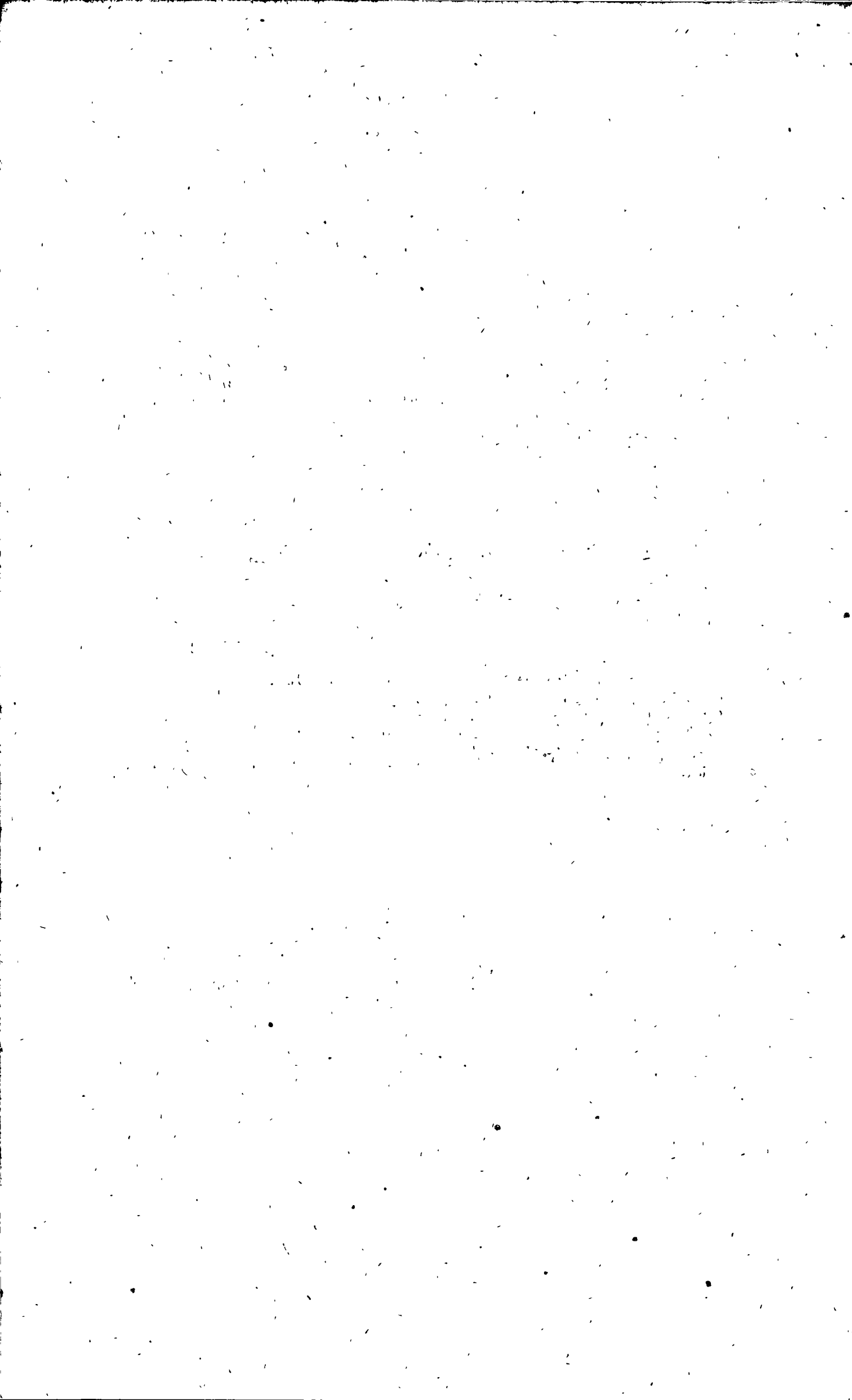
MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 17th July.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 12TH JULY.

- Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 7.
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[7]
 Statistical Register for 1876. Part I.—Blue Book. No. 19.
 Dog Act 1864 Amendment Bill.—[23] (To Members of Assembly only.)
 Regulation of Mines Bill.—Amendments by Major W. C. Smith. (To Members of Assembly only.)



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH JULY 1877.

Questions.

1. MR. NIMMO : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands if he intends to place a sum on an additional Estimate for still further improving the Albert Park during the present year.
2. MR. RAMSAY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction when it is intended to use the Nelson series of reading books in the State schools.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

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6. MR. FINCHAM : To move, That in the opinion of this House, it is not expedient that the Williamstown workshops should be used for the construction or erection of any engines, plant, or material required by private individuals or companies, unless under exceptional circumstances, and then with the permission of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways.
7. MR. FINCHAM : To move, That in the opinion of this House duty ought to be and ought to have been collected upon all dutiable articles and material passing through the Customs, whether such articles or material be imported by Government or private individuals or companies.
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NOTICES OF MOTION (Unopposed) :—

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Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **VICTORIAN RAILWAYS—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE UNDER ACT NO. 531.**—Consideration of Report.
2. **RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.**—To be further considered in Committee.
3. **REGULATION AND INSPECTION OF MINES.**—Consideration of Report.
4. **SUPPLY.**—To be considered in Committee.
5. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—To be considered in Committee.
6. **MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.**—Second reading.
7. **MELBOURNE MARKET SITE BILL.**—Second reading.
8. **EXTRADITION BILL.**—Second reading.
9. **WATERWORKS ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 19TH JULY.

Question.

1. **MR. BOSISTO** : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether he is aware that the price charged at the Melbourne Mint to purchasers of silver is 5s. 1d. per oz. standard quality, and in other parts of the world 4s. 6d. per oz. and less ; and whether he will direct that the price be reduced to the English rate, viz., 4s. 6d. per oz.

TUESDAY, 24TH JULY.

Question.

1. **MR. LYELL** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether it is the intention of the Government during the present Session to introduce a Bill to Establish a Marine Board for Victoria.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. LYELL** : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence with the New South Wales Government in reference to the removal of the existing restrictions to the admission of sheep from Victoria into New South Wales.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

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WEDNESDAY, 25TH JULY.

Question.

1. **MR. LAURENS** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will, during the present session, bring in a Bill to amend "*The Public Health Amendment Act, No. 310*, so as to give Local Boards of Health the power of recovering from persons on whose behalf such Boards may make an order to drain over the property of third persons, pursuant to the provisions of Section 48, the amount of equitable compensation which that section directs shall be paid to the owners of such property by the Board making such order.

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WEDNESDAY, 1ST AUGUST.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That in the opinion of this House—

- (1.) The wishes, intentions, and acts of past Parliaments, having for their object the permanent settlement of a freehold proprietary on the public lands of this colony have been set at defiance, evaded, and defeated by designing and unscrupulous persons.
- (2.) Amongst other methods and pretexts resorted to for the purpose of thwarting the will of Parliament, and rendering abortive the law of the colony, a system of usury has been established, the object and effect of which is so to entangle and embarrass those whom the law has placed in possession of areas of land under stated conditions; that the occupants are forced to part with the interest they have acquired in such areas in order to satisfy the exorbitant and unjust demands of the aforesaid usurers.
- (3.) The practices of these usurers are attended with the most deplorable consequences, so far as their victims are concerned, and with many and serious evils, deliberately planned and plainly directed against the common weal.
- (4.) The financial necessities of those whom the State has placed in possession of specified lands has been used, and is now being used, as an excuse for evicting the population placed by law on certain lands, and putting those lands to a purpose different to that contemplated by Parliament and embodied in its Acts.
- (5.) The present Parliament is morally bound either to repeal the existing Act regulating the terms, conditions, and extent of individual settlement, or to take prompt and effective measures to carry out the spirit and intention of the violated Acts of Parliament, and to put a stop to the evictions now in progress.
- (6.) In order to attain this object, to foster and protect settlement on the lands in accordance with the existing law, and to prevent the dangerous aggregation of extensive areas of land contrary to the stipulations and conditions of Parliament, this House deems it desirable to establish a National Bank of Issue and Deposit, with a circulating capital equal to half the present market value of all the unsold land in Victoria (reserves excepted), and with power to advance money on the security of the unimproved value of lands at a fixed rate of interest.
- (7.) *Contingent on the foregoing resolutions being adopted by this House*, That the Honorable the Premier be requested to prepare and submit for the consideration of Parliament a measure which will embody and give effect to the same.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DOW : To move, in *Committee on the Railway Construction Bill*, That sub-section three of section three, and the Third Schedule in the said Bill, be struck out, and that the following sub-section and Schedule inserted in lieu thereof :—

Sub-section III.—A railway commencing at a point on the Avoca line, and terminating at St. Arnaud, in the line and upon the lands described in the Third Schedule hereto, to be called the Avoca and St. Arnaud Railway.

THIRD SCHEDULE.

AVOCA AND ST. ARNAUD RAILWAY.

Commencing at the terminus of the Avoca Railway and passing through the parishes of Avoca, Boolerch, Warrenmang, Moyreisk, Redbank, Boola Boloke, Carapoece, Moolerr, to the township of St. Arnaud, at no point exceeding three miles from the existing surveyed line between Avoca and St. Arnaud.

2. MR. BOWMAN : To move, in *Committee on the Railway Construction Bill*, That a line running direct from Maryborough to St. Arnaud be added.
3. MR. COPE : To move, in *Committee on the Railway Construction Bill*, That a line of railway be inserted in Third Schedule to be constructed from Casterton to Branxholme, connecting it with the railway now in course of construction between Portland and Hamilton at Branxholme.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 18th July.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at one o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 12TH JULY.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 5.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 6.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 8.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[8]

Statistical Register for 1876. Part II.—Population. No. 20.

Victorian Railways—Report, &c., for half-year ending 31st December 1876. No. 21.

Statistical Register for 1876. Part III.—Finance, &c. No. 23.

Observatory—Twelfth Report of the Board of Visitors ; with the Annual Report of the Government Astronomer. No. 26.

Sydney Exhibition of 1876—Report of the Victorian Commissioners. No. 36.

Order in Council—Land Act 1869—Fees payable under Section 49. No. 38.

Melbourne General Market Site Bill.—[17]

Railway Construction Bill.—[18]

Dog Act 1864 Amendment Bill.—[23] (Issue completed.)

Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors Admission Bill.—[24]

Railway Construction Bill.—Amendment by Mr. Munro. (To Members of Assembly only.)

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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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2. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN ACT 1872, FIRST SCHEDULE, ITEM 7.—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1877-8.—To be considered in Committee.
3. VICTORIAN RAILWAYS ACT No. 468.—SECOND SCHEDULE, ITEM 4.—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1877-8.—To be considered in Committee.
4. RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
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WEDNESDAY, 1ST AUGUST.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. UNIVERSITY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That in the opinion of this House—
- (1.) The wishes, intentions, and acts of past Parliaments, having for their object the permanent settlement of a freehold proprietary on the public lands of this colony have been set at defiance, evaded, and defeated by designing and unscrupulous persons.
 - (2.) Amongst other methods and pretexts resorted to for the purpose of thwarting the will of Parliament, and rendering abortive the law of the colony, a system of usury has been established, the object and effect of which is so to entangle and embarrass those whom the law has placed in possession of areas of land under stated conditions that the occupants are forced to part with the interest they have acquired in such areas, in order to satisfy the exorbitant and unjust demands of the aforesaid usurers.
 - (3.) The practices of these usurers are attended with the most deplorable consequences, so far as their victims are concerned, and with many and serious evils, deliberately planned and plainly directed against the common weal.
 - (4.) The financial necessities of those whom the State has placed in possession of specified lands has been used, and is now being used, as an excuse for evicting the population placed by law on certain lands, and putting those lands to a purpose different to that contemplated by Parliament and embodied in its Acts.
 - (5.) The present Parliament is morally bound either to repeal the existing Act regulating the terms, conditions, and extent of individual settlement, or to take prompt and effective measures to carry out the spirit and intention of the violated Acts of Parliament, and to put a stop to the evictions now in progress.
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CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DOW : To move, in *Committee on the Railway Construction Bill*, That sub-section three of section three, and the Third Schedule in the said Bill, be struck out, and that the following sub-section and Schedule inserted in lieu thereof :—

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C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Thursday, 19th July.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at one o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 19th JULY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[9]

Estimates of Expenditure under Votes for the year ending 30th June 1878—Message. B.—No. 1.

Railway Loan Act 1876—Estimate of Expenditure, &c. A.—No. 4.

Public Works Loan Act 1872—Estimate of Salaries, &c. A.—No. 6. (To Members of Assembly only.)

Public Works Loan Act 1872—An Estimate, &c. A.—No. 7. (To Members of Assembly only.)

Railway Loan Act 1873—An Estimate, &c. A.—No. 8. (To Members of Assembly only.)

Justices of the Peace Act Amendment Bill.—[19] As reported 18th July. (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 24TH JULY 1877.

Questions.

1. MR. LYELL: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether it is the intention of the Government during the present Session to introduce a Bill to Establish a Marine Board for Victoria.
2. MR. BARR: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if it is the intention of the Government to place a sum of money upon an Additional Estimate for 1877-8 for prospecting for gold.
3. DR. MACARTNEY: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether he will appoint a Board to inquire into the circumstances under which Mr. Jeremiah Dwyer obtained the Crown grant for 320 acres at Brandy Creek; without fulfilling the conditions of the license.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. LALOR: To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Melbourne Harbor Trust Act 1876.*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN ACCOUNT APPLICATION BILL.—Third reading.
2. RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. REGULATION AND INSPECTION OF MINES BILL.—Consideration of Report.
4. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
6. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
7. MELBOURNE MARKET SITE BILL.—Second reading.
8. EXTRADITION BILL.—Second reading.
9. WATERWORKS ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. LYELL: To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence with the New South Wales Government in reference to the removal of the existing restrictions to the admission of sheep from Victoria into New South Wales.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH JULY.

Questions.

1. MR. LAURENS: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will, during the present session, bring in a Bill to amend "*The Public Health Amendment Act, No. 310*, so as to give Local Boards of Health the power of recovering from the owners of premises upon whom notice has been served, as provided by the 47th section of the Act, the equitable compensation payable under the 48th section thereof.
2. MR. LEVIEN: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether he will endeavour to devise some means whereby the delay which occurs in issuing "permits to occupy" to land selectors can be remedied.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MUNRO: To move, That the Petition for the Bill intituled "*A Bill to enable the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company to extend the provisions of an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate a Company to be called the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company, and for other purposes,'*" which was presented on the 25th day of July in the last Session of Parliament, and the order of leave to bring in the said Bill, made on the second day of August in the last Session of Parliament, be now read; and that thereupon the said Bill be read a first time and second time, and referred to a Select Committee consisting of Mr. Langridge, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Sainsbury, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; and that the promoters have leave from day to day to print the evidence taken before such Committee.

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS:—

1. MR. J. T. SMITH: To move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Corporation of the City of Melbourne to rate unoccupied land.
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General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Third reading.
2. ATTORNIES, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

3. **FENCING OF PUBLIC ROADS**—Motion respecting—Resumption of debate.—*The question is*, "That in the opinion of this House, the fencing in of any public road is unlawful, and an infringement upon the rights of the people of this colony, and that steps should at once be taken to compel the opening through of every public road in Victoria," and the amendment thereon, To omit from line 2 the words "unlawful and".
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WEDNESDAY, 1ST AUGUST.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

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7. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, *on the House going into Committee of Supply*, That, in the opinion of this House, the present allowance granted by way of long service pay to constables, on the completion of a service of seven years and upwards, is very inadequate, and that the Government should increase their allowance, and should take steps to provide each of such constables with a suit of uniform.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 24th July.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at eleven o'clock.
ROSTOWN JUNCTION RAILWAY BILL—at two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 20TH JULY.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 6.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 9.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[10]

Railway Loan Act 1876—Statement, &c. A.—No. 5.

Public Works Loan Act 1872—Estimate of Salaries, &c. A.—No. 7.

Public Works Loan Act 1872—An Estimate of Expenditure, &c. A.—No. 8.

Railway Loan Act 1873—An Estimate of Expenditure, &c. A.—No. 9.

Order in Council—Land Act 1869—Regulations respecting Licenses to cut Timber. No. 39.

Naval Defences of Victoria—Reports by Commodore Hoskins, Captain Townsend, and Lieutenant Dugdale. No. 40.

Public Works Loan Application Bill.—[26] As reported 19th July. (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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WEDNESDAY, 25TH JULY 1877.

Questions.

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NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence and papers in connection with Mr. Graham Mitchell, M.R.C.V.S., and Mr. Kerr, relative to the so-called Cumberland disease.
2. MR. COOPER : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of the application of L. R. Carter, and party, for a portion of the ten thousand pounds voted for the discovery of new gold fields, with all papers connected therewith.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. REGULATION AND INSPECTION OF MINES BILL.—Consideration of Report.
3. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
6. MELBOURNE MARKET SITE BILL.—Second reading.
7. EXTRADITION BILL.—Second reading.
8. WATERWORKS ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST AUGUST.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. UNIVERSITY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That in the opinion of this House—
 - (1.) The wishes, intentions, and acts of past Parliaments, having for their object the permanent settlement of a freehold proprietary on the public lands of this colony have been set at defiance, evaded, and defeated by designing and unscrupulous persons.

- (2.) Amongst other methods and pretexts resorted to for the purpose of thwarting the will of Parliament, and rendering abortive the law of the colony, a system of usury has been established, the object and effect of which is so to entangle and embarrass those whom the law has placed in possession of areas of land under stated conditions that the occupants are forced to part with the interest they have acquired in such areas, in order to satisfy the exorbitant and unjust demands of the aforesaid usurers.
- (3.) The practices of these usurers are attended with the most deplorable consequences, so far as their victims are concerned, and with many and serious evils, deliberately planned and plainly directed against the common weal.
- (4.) The financial necessities of those whom the State has placed in possession of specified lands has been used, and is now being used, as an excuse for evicting the population placed by law on certain lands, and putting those lands to a purpose different to that contemplated by Parliament and embodied in its Acts.
- (5.) The present Parliament is morally bound either to repeal the existing Act regulating the terms, conditions, and extent of individual settlement, or to take prompt and effective measures to carry out the spirit and intention of the violated Acts of Parliament, and to put a stop to the evictions now in progress.
- (6.) In order to attain this object, to foster and protect settlement on the lands in accordance with the existing law, and to prevent the dangerous aggregation of extensive areas of land contrary to the stipulations and conditions of Parliament, this House deems it desirable to establish a National Bank of Issue and Deposit, with a circulating capital equal to half the present market value of all the unsold land in Victoria (reserves excepted), and with power to advance money on the security of the unimproved value of lands at a fixed rate of interest.
- (7.) *Contingent on the foregoing resolutions being adopted by this House*, That the Honorable the Premier be requested to prepare and submit for the consideration of Parliament a measure which will embody and give effect to the same.

TUESDAY, 7TH AUGUST.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DOW: To move, *in Committee on the Railway Construction Bill*, That sub-section three of section three, and the Third Schedule in the said Bill, be struck out, and that the following sub-section and Schedule inserted in lieu thereof:—

Sub-section III.—A railway commencing at a point on the Avoca line, and terminating at St. Arnaud, in the line and upon the lands described in the Third Schedule hereto, to be called the Avoca and St. Arnaud Railway.

THIRD SCHEDULE.

AVOCA AND ST. ARNAUD RAILWAY.

Commencing at the terminus of the Avoca Railway and passing through the parishes of Avoca, Boolerch, Warrenmang, Moyreisk, Redbank, Boola Boloke, Carapooee, Moolerr, to the township of St. Arnaud, at no point exceeding three miles from the existing surveyed line between Avoca and St. Arnaud.

2. MR. BOWMAN: To move, *in Committee on the Railway Construction Bill*, That a line running direct from Maryborough to St. Arnaud be added.
3. MR. COPE: To move, *in Committee on the Railway Construction Bill*, That a line of railway be inserted in Third Schedule to be constructed from Casterton to Branzholme, connecting it with the railway now in course of construction between Portland and Hamilton at Branzholme.
4. MR. HUNT: To move, *in Committee on the Railway Construction Bill*, That a railway to Kilmore, from a point north of the Dividing Range, on the North-Eastern line, be included in the Bill.
5. MR. BILLSON: To move, *in Committee on the Railway Construction Bill*, That a line from Everton to Myrtleford be substituted instead of the line from Woodend to Daylesford, as set forth in the Schedules of the said Bill.
6. MR. KERNOT: To move, *in Committee on the Railway Construction Bill*, That a new schedule be added to the Railway Construction Bill authorising the construction of a railway from Geelong to Queenscliff, commencing at a point on the Geelong and Colac railway, 2 miles 1 chain 48 links from the Geelong railway station to a point set forth in the township of Queenscliff.
7. MR. L. L. SMITH: To move, *on the House going into Committee of Supply*, That, in the opinion of this House, the present allowance granted by way of long service pay to constables, on the completion of a service of seven years and upwards, is very inadequate, and that the Government should increase their allowance, and should take steps to provide each of such constables with a suit of uniform.
8. MR. RAMSAY: To move, *in Committee on the Railway Construction Bill*, That a line running from Spencer street through Brunswick to Coburg and Preston be added.
9. MR. RAMSAY: To move, *in Committee on the Railway Construction Bill*, That a railway to Heidelberg, *viâ* Northcote and Alphington, be added.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 25th July.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at one o'clock.

Wednesday, 1st August.

ROSTOWN JUNCTION RAILWAY BILL—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 20TH JULY.

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

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 10 and No. 11.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[11]

Public Works Loan Act, No. 428—Statement, &c. A.—No. 6.

Products Exported—Value of—Return. C.—No. 1.

Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery—Report of the Trustees, &c., for the year 1875-6. No. 11.

Waterworks Act 1865 Amendment Bill.—[15]

Justices of the Peace Act Amendment Bill.—New clause to be proposed by Mr. Ramsay. (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 26TH JULY 1877.

Question.

1. DR. MACARTNEY: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways and Roads whether he will place a sum on the Estimates to clear for traffic the surveyed track between Traralgon and Walhalla.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH: To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence and papers in connection with Mr. Graham Mitchell, M.R.C.V.S., and Mr. Kerr, relative to the so-called Cumberland disease.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. REGULATION AND INSPECTION OF MINES BILL.—Consideration of Report.
3. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
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5. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
6. MELBOURNE MARKET SITE BILL.—Second reading.
7. EXTRADITION BILL.—Second reading.
8. WATERWORKS ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BOWMAN: To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a list of the names of persons to whom free railway tickets have been issued for the opening of the railway to Colac, and showing the number given to each person.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST AUGUST.

Question.

1. MR. FERGUSON: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways and Roads whether the Government are prepared to favorably consider the just claims made by the Council of the Shire of Oakleigh and Mulgrave for the extra expenditure entailed on them, caused by the heavy traffic of railway material over their roads, for the Gippsland railway.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS:—

1. MR. A. T. CLARK: To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Electoral Law.
2. DR. MADDEN: To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend *The Dog Act* 1864; and to move, with the leave of the House, that the said Bill be then read a first and second time.
3. MR. GAUNSON: To move for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish Dower.
4. MR. A. T. CLARK: To move for leave to introduce a Bill to repeal "*The Harbor Trust Act* 1876."

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. UNIVERSITY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MELBOURNE RATING BILL.—Second reading.
3. JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Third reading.
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5. COLLINGWOOD, FITZROY, AND DISTRICT GAS AND COKE COMPANY EXTENSION OF POWERS BILL.—Motion for production of Papers at Prothonotary's office.—Resumption of debate.—*The question is*, "That the House of Assembly grant leave to the Clerk of Private Bills to produce all the papers lodged or filed in connection with the passage of the said company's Bill through the House in support of the taxation of Mr. John Hopkins' Bill of Charges as the Parliamentary Agent for the said company, before the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court, at his office in Lonsdale street, in the city of Melbourne, on Tuesday next, the 3rd day of July 1877, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and thence from day to day until the said taxation shall be completed."

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That in the opinion of this House—
 - (1.) The wishes, intentions, and acts of past Parliaments, having for their object the permanent settlement of a freehold proprietary on the public lands of this colony have been set at defiance, evaded, and defeated by designing and unscrupulous persons.
 - (2.) Amongst other methods and pretexts resorted to for the purpose of thwarting the will of Parliament, and rendering abortive the law of the colony, a system of usury has been established, the object and effect of which is so to entangle and embarrass those whom the law has placed in possession of areas of land under stated conditions that the occupants are forced to part with the interest they have acquired in such areas, in order to satisfy the exorbitant and unjust demands of the aforesaid usurers.
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 - (5.) The present Parliament is morally bound either to repeal the existing Act regulating the terms, conditions, and extent of individual settlement, or to take prompt and effective measures to carry out the spirit and intention of the violated Acts of Parliament, and to put a stop to the evictions now in progress.
 - (6.) In order to attain this object, to foster and protect settlement on the lands in accordance with the existing law, and to prevent the dangerous aggregation of extensive areas of land contrary to the stipulations and conditions of Parliament, this House deems it desirable to establish a National Bank of Issue and Deposit, with a circulating capital equal to half the present market value of all the unsold land in Victoria (reserves excepted), and with power to advance money on the security of the unimproved value of lands at a fixed rate of interest.
 - (7.) *Contingent on the foregoing resolutions being adopted by this House*, That the Honorable the Premier be requested to prepare and submit for the consideration of Parliament a measure which will embody and give effect to the same.
2. MR. J. T. SMITH : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the efficacy of Mr. Greathead's specific for the cure of diphtheria and scarlet fever; such Committee to consist of Mr. Bent, Mr. Munro, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bayles, Mr. Dixon, Mr. L. L. Smith, Mr. Barr, and the Mover; with power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
3. MR. TUCKER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that a system of State Life Assurance and the granting of Government Annuities, similar to that now in operation in Great Britain, and adopted a few years since by the Colony of New Zealand with very successful results, should, as soon as possible, be established in connection with the Post-office Department in this Colony.
4. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all reports in the Railway Department in relation to the Railway Surveys from Maryborough to St. Arnaud.
5. MR. FINCHAM : To move, That in the opinion of this House, it is not expedient that the Williamstown workshops should be used for the construction or erection of any engines, plant, or material required by private individuals or companies, unless under exceptional circumstances; and then with the permission of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways.
6. MR. FINCHAM : To move, That in the opinion of this House duty ought to be and ought to have been collected upon all dutiable articles and material passing through the Customs; whether such articles or material be imported by Government or private individuals or companies.
7. MR. D. CAMERON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should take steps to provide a fund out of which money may be lent to selectors who have improved their land, in order that the land policy of this colony shall have full effect, and that selectors should be preserved from falling into the hands of persons who lend money at high interest.
8. MR. ORR : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the means of communication between this colony and New South Wales across the River Murray, as to new bridges required and the conditions under which the bridges and punts now in existence are available for public traffic; such Committee to consist of Mr. Woods, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Billson, Mr. Wright, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Kerferd, and the Mover; and to have power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
9. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing—
 - (1.) The names of the auditors appointed under *The Local Government Act 1874*, distinguishing between the Government and the local auditor.
 - (2.) The number of days occupied at each audit.
 - (3.) The fees, travelling expenses, and allowances paid each auditor at each audit.
10. MR. LYELL : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence with the New South Wales Government in reference to the removal of the existing restrictions to the admission of sheep from Victoria into New South Wales.

TUESDAY, 7TH AUGUST.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH AUGUST.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That the Petition for the Bill intituled "*A Bill to enable the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company to extend the provisions of an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate a Company to be called the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company, and for other purposes,'*" which was presented on the 25th day of July in the last Session of Parliament, and the order of leave to bring in the said Bill, made on the second day of August in the last Session of Parliament, be now read; and that thereupon the said Bill be read a first time and second time, and referred to a Select Committee consisting of Mr. Langridge, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Sainsbury, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; and that the promoters have leave from day to day to print the evidence taken before such Committee.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move—
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House the postage upon all letters delivered within the Colony of Victoria shall be at the uniform rate of one penny.
 - (2.) That all newspapers printed and published in this colony should be post free, and that they should leave the colony by rail or steamer free.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

In Committee on the Railway Construction Bill :—

1. MR. HUNT : To move, That a railway to Kilmore, from a point north of the Dividing Range, on the North-Eastern line, be included in the Bill.
2. MR. BILLSON : To move, That a line from Everton to Myrtleford be substituted instead of the line from Woodend to Daylesford, as set forth in the Schedules of the said Bill.
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4. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That a line running from Spencer street through Brunswick to Coburg and Preston be added.
5. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That a railway to Heidelberg, *via* Northcote and Alphington, be added.

On going into Committee of Supply :—

6. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the present allowance granted by way of long service pay to constables, on the completion of a service of seven years and upwards, is very inadequate, and that the Government should increase their allowance, and should take steps to provide each of such constables with a suit of uniform.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 26th July.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at one o'clock.

Tuesday, 31st July.

STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 26TH JULY.

- Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 12.
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[12]
 Lunatic Asylums—Return of the Inspector for the six months ending 30th June 1877. No. 41.
 Despatches from the Secretary of State for the Colonies respecting the Mission of His Excellency Sir W. F. Drummond Jervois, &c. No. 44.
 Justices of the Peace Act Amendment Bill.—New clauses to be proposed by Mr. Service. (To Members of Assembly only.)
 Railway Construction Bill.—New Schedule by Mr. Cope. (To Members of Assembly only.)
 Railway Construction Bill.—New Schedule. (To Members of Assembly only.)



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 31ST JULY 1877.

Questions.

1. MR. BILLSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways and Roads if he will place a sum of money on an Additional Estimate for 1877-8 to continue the making of the road between Harrierville and the Omeo.
2. MR. BILLSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways and Roads if he will place a sum of money on an Additional Estimate for 1877-8 for the purpose of supplying the Wodonga Shire with metal or gravel for repairing the road through the township of Wodonga.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Consideration of Report.
2. REGULATION AND INSPECTION OF MINES BILL.—Consideration of Report.
3. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
6. MELBOURNE MARKET SITE BILL.—Second reading.
7. EXTRADITION BILL.—Second reading.
8. WATERWORKS ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, in any future loan to be effected, provision should be made for the continuation of the main line to Wentworth.
2. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a list of the names of persons to whom free railway tickets have been issued for the opening of the railway to Colac, showing the number given to each person.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST AUGUST.

Question.

1. MR. FERGÚSSON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways and Roads whether the Government are prepared to favorably consider the just claims made by the Council of the Shire of Oakleigh and Mulgrave for the extra expenditure entailed on them, caused by the heavy traffic of railway material over their roads, for the Gippsland railway.

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THURSDAY, 2ND AUGUST.

Question.

1. MR. BELL : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he intends erecting additional workshops at Ballarat for the purpose of repairing and manufacturing rolling stock.

TUESDAY, 7TH AUGUST.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH AUGUST.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That the Petition for the Bill intituled "*A Bill to enable the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company to extend the provisions of an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate a Company to be called the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company, and for other purposes,'*" which was presented on the 25th day of July in the last Session of Parliament, and the order of leave to bring in the said Bill, made on the second day of August in the last Session of Parliament, be now read; and that thereupon the said Bill be read a first time and second time, and referred to a Select Committee consisting of Mr. Langridge, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Sainsbury, and the Mover; three to form a quorum; and that the promoters have leave from day to day to print the evidence taken before such Committee.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 31st July.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at one o'clock.

STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE—at half-past three o'clock.

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ROSTOWN JUNCTION RAILWAY BILL—at eleven o'clock.

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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 27TH JULY.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 7.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[13]

Railway Construction Bill.—Schedules—Melbourne and Ballarat Railway, Warrenheip to Gordons; Goulburn Valley Railway, Avenel to Shepparton; and Geelong to Queenscliff Railway. (To Members of Assembly only.)

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST AUGUST 1877.

Questions.

1. MR. FERGUSSON: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways and Roads whether the Government are prepared to favorably consider the just claims made by the Council of the Shire of Oakleigh and Mulgrave for the extra expenditure entailed, on them, caused by the heavy traffic of railway material over their roads, for the Gippsland railway.
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General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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6. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN ACTS, NOS. 428 AND 531—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1877-8.—To be considered in Committee.
2. RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. REGULATION AND INSPECTION OF MINES BILL.—Consideration of Report.
4. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
6. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
7. MELBOURNE MARKET SITE BILL.—Second reading.
8. EXTRADITION BILL.—Second reading.
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THURSDAY, 2ND AUGUST.

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1. MR. BELL : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he intends erecting additional workshops at Ballarat for the purpose of repairing and manufacturing rolling stock.

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1. MR. ZOX : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands if it is his intention to insert a non-residential clause in the Amended Land Act.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH AUGUST.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

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On the third reading of the Justices of the Peace Statute Amendment Bill:—

7. MR. RAMSAY: To move the following new clause:—

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8. MR. SERVICE: To move the following new clauses:—

A. Justices may make an order under the forty-first section of "*The Justices of the Peace Statute 1865*" for any of the causes of complaint therein mentioned when the matter of complaint shall have arisen within two years of the making of such complaint, anything in the fifty-first section of the said Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

B. So much of the twenty-third section of the Act No. DLXV. as limits the term of entering into a recognizance to two days shall be and the same is hereby repealed, and any recognizance or recognizances in such section mentioned shall be entered into within seven days next after the day on which the cause or matter of appeal mentioned in such section shall have arisen, and shall be a sufficient recognizance or recognizances as therein enacted.

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 1st August.

ROSTOWN JUNCTION RAILWAY BILL—at eleven o'clock.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at two o'clock.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE—at three o'clock.

Thursday, 2nd August.

SEAMEN AND SHIPPING—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 27TH JULY.

Supreme Court Bill.—[10]

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 14.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[14]

Statistical Register for 1876. Part IV.—Vital Statistics, &c. No. 28.

Paris Universal Exhibition—Despatches, &c. No. 45.

Paris Exhibition, 1878—First Report of Royal Commission. No. 49.

Regulation and Inspection of Mines Bill.—[9] As re-reported 26th July. (To Members of Assembly only.)

Mining on Private Property Bill.—[16]

Railway Construction Bill.—[18] As reported 26th July. (To Members of Assembly only.)

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NOTICE OF MOTION :—

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- (6.) In order to attain this object, to foster and protect settlement on the lands in accordance with the existing law, and to prevent the dangerous aggregation of extensive areas of land contrary to the stipulations and conditions of Parliament, this House deems it desirable to establish a National Bank of Issue and Deposit, with a circulating capital equal to half the present market value of all the unsold land in Victoria (reserves excepted), and with power to advance money on the security of the unimproved value of lands at a fixed rate of interest.
- (7.) *Contingent on the foregoing resolutions being adopted by this House,* That the Honorable the Premier be requested to prepare and submit for the consideration of Parliament a measure which will embody and give effect to the same.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On the third reading of the Justices of the Peace Statute Amendment Bill :—

1. MR. RAMSAY : To move the following new clause :—

Where any person who has been convicted or against whom an order has been made by any justice shows by affidavit to the Supreme Court or a judge thereof that such justice had no jurisdiction to convict or make such order or exceeded his jurisdiction in so doing or that the conviction or order is bad on its face or ought not in law to have been made, he may within one month from the making thereof apply to such Court or a judge for a rule or order calling on the informant or complainant upon whose information or complaint the conviction or order was made to show cause to the Court why the said conviction or order should not be quashed, and upon the return of such rule or order the Court may quash the conviction or order or may discharge the rule or order as the case may be with or without costs in either case as to the said Court shall seem just.

2. MR. SERVICE : To move the following new clauses :—

A. Justices may make an order under the forty-first section of "*The Justices of the Peace Statute 1865*" for any of the causes of complaint therein mentioned when the matter of complaint shall have arisen within two years of the making of such complaint, anything in the fifty-first section of the said Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

B. So much of the twenty-third section of the Act No. DLXV. as limits the term of entering into a recognizance to two days shall be and the same is hereby repealed, and any recognizance or recognizances in such section mentioned shall be entered into within seven days next after the day on which the cause or matter of appeal mentioned in such section shall have arisen, and shall be a sufficient recognizance or recognizances as therein enacted.

On going into Committee of Supply:—

3. MR. L. L. SMITH: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the present allowance granted by way of long service pay to constables, on the completion of a service of seven years and upwards, is very inadequate, and that the Government should increase their allowance, and should take steps to provide each of such constables with a suit of uniform.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 2nd August.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at half-past three o'clock.
SEAMEN AND SHIPPING—at half-past three o'clock.

Tuesday, 7th August.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at eleven o'clock.
STANDING ORDERS—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 2ND AUGUST

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

Weekly Report of Divisions No. 1.

Public Works Loan Act No. 428 and Railway Loan Act No. 531—An Estimate, &c. A.—No. 10.
Statement of Expenditure under Schedule D to Acts 18 & 19 Vict. cap. 55 during the Year
1876-7. No. 42.

Education—Report of the Minister of Public Instruction for the year 1876-7. No. 47.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 7TH AUGUST 1877.

Questions.

1. **MR. ZOX :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands if it is his intention to insert a non-residential clause in the Amended Land Act.
2. **MR. TYTHERLEIGH :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands if he has issued any instructions to Crown Lands bailiffs to inform selectors that they are working in contravention of the Land Act by applying themselves to their respective trades on their selections.
3. **MR. CASEY :** To bring under the notice of the Honorable the Minister of Lands the provision of the 20th section of *The Land Act* 1869, whereby selectors who have obtained their certificates of improvements are entitled * * to demand and obtain from the Governor a Crown grant upon payment of fourteen shillings for each acre or fractional part of an acre * * or may obtain a lease * * * or at any time during the term (of the lease) upon payment of the difference between the amount of rent actually paid and the entire sum of one pound for each acre, the lessee or his representatives shall be entitled to a grant in fee of the lands leased ; and to enquire if there be any, and if so, what objection to issue Crown grants to lessees who have complied with the terms of the above section.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. **MR. MIRAMS :** To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House—
 - (1.) A complete abstract of the receipts and disbursements of the Education Department for the financial year commencing on the 1st July 1876 and ending on the 30th June 1877.
 - (2.) A statement of the total amount expended by the Department from 1st January 1873 to 30th June 1877 upon school premises, separating the items under the following heads—purchase of land and buildings ; erection of new school buildings ; enlargement, alteration, and repair of school buildings ; purchase, erection, alteration, and repair of teachers' quarters, school furniture, miscellaneous expenditure upon school property not otherwise enumerated.
2. **MR. MUNRO :** To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing—
 - (1.) Exports of flour from 1st January to date, of Victorian manufacture.
 - (2.) Exports of flour between the same dates, other than Victorian manufacture.
 - (3.) Transhipments of flour, not included in the foregoing, for the same period.
 - (4.) Exports of wheat from 1st January to date, of Victorian production.
 - (5.) Exports of wheat between the same dates, other than Victorian production.
 - (6.) Transhipments of wheat, not included in the foregoing, for same period.
 - (7.) Quantity of wheat gristed in bond since 1st January to date, showing its disposition, whether duty has been paid on any portion of the same for home consumption and the quantity exported.
 - (8.) Imports of flour and wheat from the 1st January to date, upon which duty has been paid.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Consideration of Report.
2. REGULATION AND INSPECTION OF MINES BILL.—Consideration of Report.
3. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
4. WATERWORKS ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
5. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
6. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
7. EXTRADITION BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH AUGUST.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. MUNRO :** To move, That the Petition for the Bill intituled "*A Bill to enable the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company to extend the provisions of an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate a Company to be called the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company, and for other purposes,'*" which was presented on the 25th day of July in the last Session of Parliament, and the order of leave to bring in the said Bill, made on the second day of August in the last Session of Parliament, be now read ; and that thereupon the said Bill be read a first time and second time, and referred to a Select Committee consisting of Mr. Langridge, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Sainsbury, and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; and that the promoters have leave from day to day to print the evidence taken before such Committee.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS:—

1. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Electoral Law.
2. DR. MADDEN : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend *The Dog Act 1864*; and to move, with the leave of the House, that the said Bill be then read a first and second time.
3. MR. GAUNSON : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish Dower.
4. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to repeal "*The Harbor Trust Act 1876*."

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MELBOURNE RATING BILL.—Second reading.
2. JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Third reading.
3. FENCING OF PUBLIC ROADS—Motion respecting.—Resumption of debate.—*The question is*, "That in the opinion of this House, the fencing in of any public road is unlawful, and an infringement upon the rights of the people of this colony, and that steps should at once be taken to compel the opening through of every public road in Victoria," and the amendment thereon, To omit from line 2 the words "unlawful and".
4. COLLINGWOOD, FITZROY, AND DISTRICT GAS AND COKE COMPANY EXTENSION OF POWERS BILL.—Motion for production of Papers at Prothonotary's office.—Resumption of debate.—*The question is*, "That the House of Assembly grant leave to the Clerk of Private Bills to produce all the papers lodged or filed in connection with the passage of the said company's Bill through the House in support of the taxation of Mr. John Hopkins' Bill of Charges as the Parliamentary Agent for the said company, before the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court, at his office in Lonsdale street, in the city of Melbourne, on Tuesday next, the 3rd day of July 1877, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and thence from day to day until the said taxation shall be completed."
5. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move—
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House the postage upon all letters delivered within the Colony of Victoria shall be at the uniform rate of one penny.
 - (2.) That all newspapers printed and published in this colony should be post free, and that they should leave the colony by rail or steamer free.
2. MR. J. T. SMITH : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the efficacy of Mr. Greathead's specific for the cure of diphtheria and scarlet fever; such Committee to consist of Mr. Bent, Mr. Munro, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bayles, Mr. Dixon, Mr. L. L. Smith, Mr. Barr, and the Mover; with power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
3. MR. TUCKER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that a system of State-Life Assurance and the granting of Government Annuities, similar to that now in operation in Great Britain, and adopted a few years since by the Colony of New Zealand with very successful results, should, as soon as possible, be established in connection with the Post-office Department in this Colony.
4. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all reports in the Railway Department in relation to the Railway Surveys from Maryborough to St. Arnaud.
5. MR. FINCHAM : To move, That in the opinion of this House, it is not expedient that the Williamstown workshops should be used for the construction or erection of any engines, plant, or material required by private individuals or companies, unless under exceptional circumstances, and then with the permission of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways.
6. MR. FINCHAM : To move, That in the opinion of this House duty ought to be and ought to have been collected upon all dutiable articles and material passing through the Customs, whether such articles or material be imported by Government or private individuals or companies.
7. MR. D. CAMERON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should take steps to provide a fund out of which money may be lent to selectors who have improved their land, in order that the land policy of this colony shall have full effect, and that selectors should be preserved from falling into the hands of persons who lend money at high interest.
8. MR. ORR : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the means of communication between this colony and New South Wales across the River Murray, as to new bridges required and the conditions under which the bridges and punts now in existence are available for public traffic; such Committee to consist of Mr. Woods, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Billson, Mr. Wright, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Kerferd, and the Mover; and to have power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
9. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing—
 - (1.) The names of the auditors appointed under *The Local Government-Act 1874*, distinguishing between the Government and the local auditor.
 - (2.) The number of days occupied at each audit.
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10. MR. LYELL : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence with the New South Wales Government in reference to the removal of the existing restrictions to the admission of sheep from Victoria into New South Wales.
11. SIR JOHN O'SHANASSY : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the value of all imports consumed or used in Victoria under leading heads for the years 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, and 1876.

12. **MR. MIRAMS:** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable and necessary that a re-assessment of the squatters' runs should be made immediately.
13. **MR. LAURENS:** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the claim of William Monie, for works in connection with Contract No. 117, Victorian Water Supply; such Committee to consist of Mr. Mirams, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Macgregor, Mr. Cook, and the Mover; with power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
14. **MR. F. L. SMYTH:** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, in any future loan to be effected, provision should be made for the continuation of the main line to Wentworth.
15. **MR. BOWMAN:** To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a list of the names of persons to whom free railway tickets have been issued for the opening of the railway to Colac, showing the number given to each person.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH AUGUST.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. UNIVERSITY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. L. L. SMITH:** To move, That in the opinion of this House—
- (1.) The wishes, intentions, and acts, of past Parliaments, having for their object the permanent settlement of a freehold proprietary on the public lands of this colony have been set at defiance, evaded, and defeated by designing and unscrupulous persons.
 - (2.) Amongst other methods and pretexts resorted to for the purpose of thwarting the will of Parliament, and rendering abortive the law of the colony, a system of usury has been established, the object and effect of which is so to entangle and embarrass those whom the law has placed in possession of areas of land under stated conditions that the occupants are forced to part with the interest they have acquired in such areas, in order to satisfy the exorbitant and unjust demands of the aforesaid usurers.
 - (3.) The practices of these usurers are attended with the most deplorable consequences, so far as their victims are concerned, and with many and serious evils, deliberately planned and plainly directed against the common weal.
 - (4.) The financial necessities of those whom the State has placed in possession of specified lands has been used, and is now being used, as an excuse for evicting the population placed by law on certain lands, and putting those lands to a purpose different to that contemplated by Parliament and embodied in its Acts.
 - (5.) The present Parliament is morally bound either to repeal the existing Act regulating the terms, conditions, and extent of individual settlement, or to take prompt and effective measures to carry out the spirit and intention of the violated Acts of Parliament, and to put a stop to the evictions now in progress.
 - (6.) In order to attain this object, to foster and protect settlement on the lands in accordance with the existing law, and to prevent the dangerous aggregation of extensive areas of land contrary to the stipulations and conditions of Parliament, this House deems it desirable to establish a National Bank of Issue and Deposit, with a circulating capital equal to half the present market value of all the unimproved land in Victoria (reserves excepted), and with power to advance money on the security of the unimproved value of lands at a fixed rate of interest.
 - (7.) *Contingent on the foregoing resolutions being adopted by this House,* That the Honorable the Premier be requested to prepare and submit for the consideration of Parliament a measure which will embody and give effect to the same.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION:—

On the third reading of the Justices of the Peace Statute Amendment Bill:—

1. **MR. RAMSAY:** To move the following new clause:—

Where any person who has been convicted or against whom an order has been made by any justice shows by affidavit to the Supreme Court or a judge thereof that such justice had no jurisdiction to convict or make such order or exceeded his jurisdiction in so doing or that the conviction or order is bad on its face or ought not in law to have been made, he may within one month from the making thereof apply to such Court or a judge for a rule or order calling on the informant or complainant upon whose information or complaint the conviction or order was made to show cause to the Court why the said conviction or order should not be quashed, and upon the return of such rule or order the Court may quash the conviction or order or may discharge the rule or order as the case may be with or without costs in either case as to the said Court shall seem just.

2. **MR. SERVICE:** To move the following new clauses:—

A. Justices may make an order under the forty-first section of "*The Justices of the Peace Statute 1865*" for any of the causes of complaint therein mentioned when the matter of complaint shall have arisen within two years of the making of such complaint, anything in the fifty-first section of the said Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

B. So much of the twenty-third section of the Act No. DLXV. as limits the term of entering into a recognizance to two days shall be and the same is hereby repealed, and any recognizance or recognizances in such section mentioned shall be entered into within seven days next after the day on which the cause or matter of appeal mentioned in such section shall have arisen, and shall be a sufficient recognizance or recognizances as therein enacted.

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 7th August.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at eleven o'clock.
STANDING ORDERS—at three o'clock.
SEAMEN AND SHIPPING—at four o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 3RD AUGUST.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly, No. 15 and No. 16.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[16]
Railway Construction Bill.—[18] As re-reported 1st August. (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH AUGUST 1877.

Questions.

1. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if it is the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill to amend the Constitution Act, and if so, when.
2. MR. JOHNSTONE : To bring under the notice of the Honorable the Minister of Railways the murderous attack made upon William Pierce on the 3rd instant whilst travelling in the train from Colac to Geelong, by a man named Batty ; and to ask him whether he will take immediate steps to cause signals to be placed in railway carriages by means of which the guard in charge of the train may be communicated with in any case of emergency.
3. MR. MACPHERSON : To bring under the notice of the Honorable the Chief Secretary the present electoral divisions of the districts, and also to the power contained in the Amending Electoral Act 1876, of altering the same within twelve months ; and to ask if he will take steps to bring them into conformity with the requirements of the country as indicated by the late elections.
4. SIR JOHN O'SHANASSY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction that as the percentage of attendances in State schools for the year 1876-7 appears to be but 46 per cent. of the children enrolled, and the school system has been vastly enlarged by the erection of numerous schools and the appointment of a largely increased number of teachers, together with the fact that capitulation and private schools have been abrogated by the operation of the Education Act, if there is any reason why the per-centage is so much under that of the previous law, which never went below 66 per cent. of the children enrolled, although the parents had formerly to pay for school instruction, whereas it is now free.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That the Petition for the Bill intituled "*A Bill to enable the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company to extend the provisions of an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate a Company to be called the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company, and for other purposes,'*" which was presented on the 25th day of July in the last Session of Parliament, and the order of leave to bring in the said Bill, made on the second day of August in the last Session of Parliament, be now read ; and that thereupon the said Bill be read a first time and second time, and referred to a Select Committee consisting of Mr. Langridge, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Sainsbury, and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; and that the promoters have leave from day to day to print the evidence taken before such Committee.

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17. SIR JOHN O'SHANASSY : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing—
 - (1.) The number of children enrolled in the State schools for the year 1876-7.
 - (2.) How many of such children did not attend school in accordance with the Education Act.
 - (3.) The number of daily attendances of each child for the year 1876-7.
 - (4.) The number of children who attended as follows :—
 1. For sixty days.
 2. For ninety days.
 3. For a hundred and twenty days.
 4. For two hundred days and upwards.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the number of children under school age, of school age, and over school age, who attended State schools during the Year ending 31st December 1876, distinguishing between those attending day schools and night schools.

2. **MR. A. T. CLARK :** To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all applications by Peter McArthur, or by other persons, for land in which either of them claimed an interest, in the parishes of Elingamite and Ecklin ; together with all papers in connection therewith.
3. **MR. MIRAMS :** To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing—
 - (1.) The number of acres occupied by the pastoral tenants of the Crown in this country; the total amount received by the State as rent for the same; the average rate of rent per acre; the assessed grazing capacity of the runs; the number of horses, cattle, and sheep paid for by these tenants; the number of horses, cattle, and sheep depastured on these runs, and the value of the produce obtained from the same for each year, from 1867 to 1876 inclusive; showing also, the number of persons employed by these tenants in each year during the same period.
 - (2.) The total amount received by the State in rent or fees for the entry upon or use of Crown lands in this country, for each and every purpose, together with the area occupied excepting the sums received from and the area occupied by pastoral tenants, and also excepting the sums received from selectors towards the purchase money of their selections and the area occupied by the same for each year from 1867 to 1876, inclusive; showing, also, the number of persons engaged or employed upon these holdings in each year during the same period.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. REGULATION AND INSPECTION OF MINES BILL.—Third reading.
2. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
3. WATERWORKS ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Consideration of Report.
4. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
6. EXTRADITION BILL.—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 9TH AUGUST.

Question.

1. **MR. KERNOT :** To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if it is the intention of the Government to confirm the appointments made recently by the late Government of Inspectors of Public houses under the Publicans Act.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH AUGUST.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. UNIVERSITY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. L. L. SMITH :** To move, That in the opinion of this House—
 - (1.) The wishes, intentions, and acts of past Parliaments, having for their object the permanent settlement of a freehold proprietary on the public lands of this colony have been set at defiance, evaded, and defeated by designing and unscrupulous persons.
 - (2.) Amongst other methods and pretexts resorted to for the purpose of thwarting the will of Parliament, and rendering abortive the law of the colony, a system of usury has been established, the object and effect of which is so to entangle and embarrass those whom the law has placed in possession of areas of land under stated conditions that the occupants are forced to part with the interest they have acquired in such areas, in order to satisfy the exorbitant and unjust demands of the aforesaid usurers.
 - (3.) The practices of these usurers are attended with the most deplorable consequences, so far as their victims are concerned, and with many and serious evils, deliberately planned and plainly directed against the common weal.
 - (4.) The financial necessities of those whom the State has placed in possession of specified lands has been used, and is now being used, as an excuse for evicting the population placed by law on certain lands, and putting those lands to a purpose different to that contemplated by Parliament and embodied in its Acts.
 - (5.) The present Parliament is morally bound either to repeal the existing Act regulating the terms, conditions, and extent of individual settlement, or to take prompt and effective measures to carry out the spirit and intention of the violated Acts of Parliament, and to put a stop to the evictions now in progress.
 - (6.) In order to attain this object, to foster and protect settlement on the lands in accordance with the existing law, and to prevent the dangerous aggregation of extensive areas of land contrary to the stipulations and conditions of Parliament, this House deems it desirable to establish a National Bank of Issue and Deposit, with a circulating capital equal to half the present market value of all the unsold land in Victoria (reserves excepted), and with power to advance money on the security of the unimproved value of lands at a fixed rate of interest.
 - (7.) *Contingent on the foregoing resolutions being adopted by this House,* That the Honorable the Premier be requested to prepare and submit for the consideration of Parliament a measure which will embody and give effect to the same.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On the third reading of the Justices of the Peace Statute Amendment Bill :—

1. **MR. RAMSAY :** To move the following new clause :—

Where any person who has been convicted or against whom an order has been made or warrant issued by any justice shows by affidavit to the Supreme Court or a judge thereof that such

justice had no jurisdiction to convict or make such order or issue such warrant or exceeded his jurisdiction in so doing or that the conviction order or warrant is bad on its face or ought not in law to have been made or issued, he may within one month from the making or issuing thereof apply to such Court or a judge for a rule or order calling on the informant or complainant upon whose information or complaint the conviction or order was made or warrant issued to show cause to the Court why the said conviction order or warrant should not be quashed, and upon the return of such rule or order the Court may quash the conviction order or warrant or may discharge the rule or order as the case may be with or without costs in either case as to the said Court shall seem just.

2. MR. SERVICE : To move the following new clauses :—

A. Justices may make an order under the forty-first section of "*The Justices of the Peace Statute 1865*" for any of the causes of complaint therein mentioned when the matter of complaint shall have arisen within two years of the making of such complaint, anything in the fifty-first section of the said Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

B. So much of the twenty-third section of the Act No. DLXV. as limits the term of entering into a recognizance to two days shall be and the same is hereby repealed, and any recognizance or recognizances in such section mentioned shall be entered into within seven days next after the day on which the cause or matter of appeal mentioned in such section shall have arisen, and shall be a sufficient recognizance or recognizances as therein enacted.

On going into Committee of Supply :—

3. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the present allowance granted by way of long service pay to constables, on the completion of a service of seven years and upwards, is very inadequate, and that the Government should increase their allowance, and should take steps to provide each of such constables with a suit of uniform.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 8th August.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at one o'clock.

ROSTOWN JUNCTION RAILWAY BILL—at half-past three o'clock.

Tuesday, 14th August.

SEAMEN AND SHIPPING—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 3RD AUGUST.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 8.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 16† and No. 17.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[17]

Victorian Water Supply—Statement, &c. A.—No. 11.

Regulation and Inspection of Mines Bill.—[9] As re-reported 2nd August. (To Members of Assembly only.)

Railway Construction Bill.—[18] As re-reported 1st August. (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 9TH AUGUST, 1877.

Questions.

1. MR. KERNOT : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if it is the intention of the Government to confirm the appointments made recently by the late Government of Inspectors of Public houses under the Publicans Act.
2. SIR JOHN O'SHANASSY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction that as the percentage of attendances in State schools for the year 1876-7 appears to be but 46 per cent. of the children enrolled, and the school system has been vastly enlarged by the erection of numerous schools and the appointment of a largely increased number of teachers, together with the fact that capitulation and private schools have been abrogated by the operation of the Education Act, if there is any reason why the per-centage is so much under that of the previous law, which never went below 66 per cent. of the children enrolled, although the parents had formerly to pay for school instruction, whereas it is now free.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. GRAVES : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return and a Plan showing absolutely or approximately the total area of Crown lands reserved from selection on the plea of being auriferous.
2. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing separately :—
 - (1.) The cost of construction of the line from Wangaratta to Beechworth, distinguishing between Everton and Wangaratta to Beechworth.
 - (2.) The cost of the land.
 - (3.) The annual cost of working such line.
 - (4.) The annual interest on the cost of such line.
 - (5.) The return arising from goods traffic.
 - (6.) The return arising from passenger traffic.
3. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all applications by Peter McArthur, or by other persons, for land in which either of them claimed an interest, in the parishes of Elingamite and Ecklin ; together with all papers in connection therewith.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BERRY : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend and consolidate the laws relating to Friendly Societies.
2. MR. GRANT : To move for leave to introduce a Bill for awarding costs in certain cases of Private Bills, and for the taxation of costs awarded by Committees of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly respectively.
3. MR. BERRY : To move, That this House declares that any person having been at any time a minister of any religious denomination, who may, prior to his election as a Member of this Assembly, have publicly ceased to profess to be such minister, and evidenced the cessation of his ministry by some public act, is, in the opinion of this House, capable of being elected a Member of this Assembly, and is not within the disqualifying proviso of the eleventh section of the Constitution Act.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
2. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. EXTRADITION BILL.—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 14TH AUGUST.

Question.

1. MR. MACPHERSON : To bring under the notice of the Honorable the Chief Secretary the present electoral divisions of the districts, and also the power contained in the Amending Electoral Act, 1876, of altering the same within twelve months ; and to ask if he will take steps to bring them into conformity with the requirements of the country as indicated by the late elections.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. R. CLARK (Sandhurst) : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing—
 - (1.) The population in each electorate of the colony at the late general election.
 - (2.) The number of male residents in each electorate over 21 years of age.
 - (3.) The number of electors on the ratepayers and general rolls respectively in every division of every electorate.
 - (4.) The number of electors in every division of every electorate who voted, distinguishing the rate-payers from the general voters.
 - (5.) The number of votes received by each candidate in each electorate.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH AUGUST.

Question.

1. MR. R. CLARK (Sandhurst): To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines—
 - (1.) If it is his intention to amend the Mining Statute this session.
 - (2.) If he intends providing one uniform mining bye-law for the whole colony, as suggested by the conference held in Melbourne in 1875.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS:—

1. MR. A. T. CLARK: To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Electoral Law.
2. DR. MADDEN: To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend *The Dog Act 1864*; and to move, with the leave of the House, that the said Bill be then read a first and second time.
3. MR. GAUNSON: To move for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish Dower.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. UNIVERSITY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MELBOURNE RATING BILL.—Second reading.
3. JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Third reading.
4. FENCING OF PUBLIC ROADS—Motion respecting—Resumption of debate.—*The question is*, "That in the opinion of this House, the fencing in of any public road is unlawful, and an infringement upon the rights of the people of this colony, and that steps should at once be taken to compel the opening through of every public road in Victoria," and *the amendment thereon*, To omit from line 2 the words "unlawful and".
5. COLLINGWOOD, FITZROY, AND DISTRICT GAS AND COKE COMPANY EXTENSION OF POWERS BILL.—Motion for production of Papers at Prothonotary's office.—Resumption of debate.—*The question is*, "That the House of Assembly grant leave to the Clerk of Private Bills to produce all the papers lodged or filed in connection with the passage of the said company's Bill through the House in support of the taxation of Mr. John Hopkins' Bill of Charges as the Parliamentary Agent for the said company, before the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court, at his office in Lonsdale street, in the city of Melbourne, on Tuesday next, the 3rd day of July 1877, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and thence from day to day until the said taxation shall be completed."
6. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
7. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH: To move, That in the opinion of this House—
 - (1.) The wishes, intentions, and acts of past Parliaments, having for their object the permanent settlement of a freehold proprietary on the public lands of this colony have been set at defiance, evaded, and defeated by designing and unscrupulous persons.
 - (2.) Amongst other methods and pretences resorted to for the purpose of thwarting the will of Parliament, and rendering abortive the law of the colony, a system of usury has been established, the object and effect of which is so to entangle and embarrass those whom the law has placed in possession of areas of land under stated conditions that the occupants are forced to part with the interest they have acquired in such areas, in order to satisfy the exorbitant and unjust demands of the aforesaid usurers.
 - (3.) The practices of these usurers are attended with the most deplorable consequences, so far as their victims are concerned, and with many and serious evils, deliberately planned and plainly directed against the common weal.
 - (4.) The financial necessities of those whom the State has placed in possession of specified lands has been used, and is now being used, as an excuse for evicting the population placed by law on certain lands, and putting those lands to a purpose different to that contemplated by Parliament and embodied in its Acts.
 - (5.) The present Parliament is morally bound either to repeal the existing Act regulating the terms, conditions, and extent of individual settlement, or to take prompt and effective measures to carry out the spirit and intention of the violated Acts of Parliament, and to put a stop to the evictions now in progress.
 - (6.) In order to attain this object, to foster and protect settlement on the lands in accordance with the existing law, and to prevent the dangerous aggregation of extensive areas of land contrary to the stipulations and conditions of Parliament, this House deems it desirable to establish a National Bank of Issue and Deposit, with a circulating capital equal to half the present market value of all the unsold land in Victoria (reserves excepted), and with power to advance money on the security of the unimproved value of lands at a fixed rate of interest.
 - (7.) *Contingent on the foregoing resolutions being adopted by this House*, That the Honorable the Premier be requested to prepare and submit for the consideration of Parliament a measure which will embody and give effect to the same.
2. MR. J. T. SMITH: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the efficacy of Mr. Greathead's specific for the cure of diphtheria and scarlet fever; such Committee to consist of Mr. Bent, Mr. Munro, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bayles, Mr. Dixon, Mr. L. L. Smith, Mr. Barr, and the Mover; with power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
3. MR. TUCKER: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that a system of State Life Assurance and the granting of Government Annuities, similar to that now in operation in Great Britain, and adopted a few years since by the Colony of New Zealand with very successful results, should, as soon as possible, be established in connection with the Post-office Department in this Colony.

4. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all reports in the Railway Department in relation to the Railway Surveys from Maryborough to St. Arnaud.
5. MR. FINCHAM : To move, That in the opinion of this House, it is not expedient that the Williamstown workshops should be used for the construction or erection of any engines, plant, or material required by private individuals or companies, unless under exceptional circumstances, and then with the permission of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways.
6. MR. FINCHAM : To move, That in the opinion of this House duty ought to be and ought to have been collected upon all dutiable articles and material passing through the Customs, whether such articles or material be imported by Government or private individuals or companies.
7. MR. D. CAMERON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should take steps to provide a fund out of which money may be lent to selectors who have improved their land, in order that the land policy of this colony shall have full effect, and that selectors should be preserved from falling into the hands of persons who lend money at high interest.
8. MR. ORR : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the means of communication between this colony and New South Wales across the River Murray, as to new bridges required and the conditions under which the bridges and punts now in existence are available for public traffic ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Woods, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Billson, Mr. Wright, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Kerferd, and the Mover ; and to have power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
9. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing—
 - (1.) The names of the auditors appointed under *The Local Government Act 1874*, distinguishing between the Government and the local auditor.
 - (2.) The number of days occupied at each audit.
 - (3.) The fees, travelling expenses, and allowances paid each auditor at each audit.
10. MR. LYELL : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence with the New South Wales Government in reference to the removal of the existing restrictions to the admission of sheep from Victoria into New South Wales.
11. SIR JOHN O'SHANASSY : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the value of all imports consumed or used in Victoria under leading heads for the years 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, and 1876.
12. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable and necessary that a re-assessment of the squatters' rates should be made immediately.
13. MR. LAURENS : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the claim of William Monie, for works in connection with Contract No. 117, Victorian Water Supply ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Mirams, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Macgregor, Mr. Cook, and the Mover ; with power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
14. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, in any future loan to be effected, provision should be made for the continuation of the main line to Wentworth.
15. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a list of the names of persons to whom free railway tickets have been issued for the opening of the railway to Colac, showing the number given to each person.
16. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the expediency for increased facilities of communication, by railroad or tramway, between Melbourne and the junction of the Darling and the Murray at Wentworth, from any point to be determined upon ; such Committee to consist of Sir John O'Shanassy, Mr. Gillies, Mr. MacBain, Mr. Woods, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Bent, Mr. Graves, Mr. Service, and the Mover ; with power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
17. SIR JOHN O'SHANASSY : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing—
 - (1.) The number of children enrolled in the State schools for the year 1876-7.
 - (2.) How many of such children did not attend school in accordance with the Education Act.
 - (3.) The number of daily attendances of each child for the year 1876-7.
 - (4.) The number of children who attended as follows :—
 1. For sixty days.
 2. For ninety days.
 3. For a hundred and twenty days.
 4. For two hundred days and upwards.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND AUGUST.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That the Petition for the Bill intituled "*A Bill to enable the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company to extend the provisions of an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate a Company to be called the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company, and for other purposes,'*" which was presented on the 25th day of July in the last Session of Parliament, and the order of leave to bring in the said Bill, made on the second day of August in the last Session of Parliament, be now read ; and that thereupon the said Bill be read a first time and second time, and referred to a Select Committee consisting of Mr. Langridge, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Sainsbury, and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; and that the promoters have leave from day to day to print the evidence taken before such Committee.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move—

- (1.) That in the opinion of this House the postage upon all letters delivered within the Colony of Victoria shall be at the uniform rate of one penny.
- (2.) That all newspapers printed and published in this colony should be post free, and that they should leave the colony by rail or steamer free.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On the third reading of the Justices of the Peace Statute Amendment Bill :—

1. MR. RAMSAY : To move the following new clause :—

Where any person who has been convicted or against whom an order has been made or warrant issued by any justice shows by affidavit to the Supreme Court or a judge thereof that such justice had no jurisdiction to convict or make such order or issue such warrant or exceeded his jurisdiction in so doing or that the conviction order or warrant is bad on its face or ought not in law to have been made or issued, he may within one month from the making or issuing thereof apply to such Court or a judge for a rule or order calling on the informant or complainant upon whose information or complaint the conviction or order was made or warrant issued to show cause to the Court why the said conviction order or warrant should not be quashed, and upon the return of such rule or order the Court may quash the conviction order or warrant or may discharge the rule or order as the case may be with or without costs in either case as to the said Court shall seem just.

2. MR. SERVICE : To move the following new clauses :—

A. Justices may make an order under the forty-first section of "*The Justices of the Peace Statute 1865*" for any of the causes of complaint therein mentioned when the matter of complaint shall have arisen within two years of the making of such complaint, anything in the fifty-first section of the said Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

B. So much of the twenty-third section of the Act No. DLXV. as limits the term of entering into a recognizance to two days shall be and the same is hereby repealed, and any recognizance or recognizances in such section mentioned shall be entered into within seven days next after the day on which the cause or matter of appeal mentioned in such section shall have arisen, and shall be a sufficient recognizance or recognizances as therein enacted.

On going into Committee of Supply :—

3. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the present allowance granted by way of long service pay to constables, on the completion of a service of seven years and upwards, is very inadequate, and that the Government should increase their allowance, and should take steps to provide each of such constables with a suit of uniform.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 9th August.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at half-past three o'clock.

Tuesday, 14th August.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at one o'clock.

SEAMEN AND SHIPPING—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 9TH AUGUST.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 8.

Melbourne General Market Site Bill.—[17] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Public Works Loan Account Application Bill.—[26] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[18]

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 14TH AUGUST 1877.

Questions.

1. MR. MACPHERSON : To bring under the notice of the Honorable the Chief Secretary the present electoral divisions of the districts, and also the power contained in the Amending Electoral Act 1876, of altering the same within twelve months ; and to ask if he will take steps to bring them into conformity with the requirements of the country as indicated by the late elections.
2. MR. GRAVES : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if it is the intention of the Government to provide for the expenses of carrying into effect the provisions of "*The Diseases of Animals Acts*" (Nos. 370 and 451, known as the Scab and Stock Acts), by an annual preferential charge or contribution payable by the owners of stock, as is the case in the neighboring colonies.
3. MR. SERVICE : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 - (1.) If the Government is in communication with a particular shipping firm in London with a view to subsidizing a special line of steamers to this colony.
 - (2.) If the Government propose entering into any contract to subsidize one particular line of steamers without first submitting the terms and conditions to this House.
4. MR. COOPER : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether he will cause the war telegrams received from the Agent-General to be sent to and posted at the various telegraph offices in country districts.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. R. CLARK (Sandhurst) : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing—
 - (1.) The population in each electorate of the colony at the late general election.
 - (2.) The number of male residents in each electorate over 21 years of age.
 - (3.) The number of electors on the ratepayers and general rolls respectively in every division of every electorate.
 - (4.) The number of electors in every division of every electorate who voted, distinguishing the ratepayers from the general voters.
 - (5.) The number of votes received by each candidate in each electorate in each electoral division.
2. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing separately :—
 - (1.) The cost of construction of the line from Wangaratta to Beechworth, distinguishing between Everton and Wangaratta to Beechworth.
 - (2.) The cost of the land.
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 - (1.) The number of children enrolled in the State schools for the year 1876-7.
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 - (4.) The number of children who attended as follows :—
 1. For sixty days.
 2. For ninety days.
 3. For a hundred and twenty days.
 4. For two hundred days and upwards.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BERRY : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend and consolidate the laws relating to Friendly Societies.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSTITUTION ACT—CLAUSE 11.—Motion respecting—Resumption of debate.—*The question is*, "That this House declares that any person having been at any time a minister of any religious denomination, who may, prior to his election as a Member of this Assembly, have publicly ceased to profess to be such minister, and evidenced the cessation of his ministry by some public act, is, in the opinion of this House, capable of being elected a Member of this Assembly, and is not within the disqualifying proviso of the eleventh section of the Constitution Act," and the amendment thereon, To add the words, "and that a Bill be brought in to carry out this resolution."
2. VICTORIAN RAILWAYS—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE UNDER ACTS 331, 468, AND 531, FOR 1877-8.—To be considered in Committee.
3. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
4. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
6. EXTRADITION BILL.—Second reading.
7. PARLIAMENTARY COSTS BILL.—Second reading.

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

1. **MR. DOW** : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing :—
 - (1.) What has been the total cost to the country of the working of the Prevention of Diseases in Stock Act since its beginning in December 1872, up to the end of June 1877.
 - (2.) The total cost per annum for the years 1873, 1874, 1875, and 1876.
 - (3.)
 - A. The total number of officials employed in the stock department.
 - B. The names of their several offices.
 - C. Their duties.
 - D. Their qualifications.
 - E. The amount of their salaries and allowances, specifying what the latter are for.
 - (4.)
 - A. The names of the diseases reported to the department since the passing of the Act, and
 - B. The steps that have been taken with regard to each.
 - (5.)
 - A. The number of convictions obtained for each of the years named, and
 - B. The nature of the penalties imposed.
 - (6.) The reason why the stock department does not furnish an annual report descriptive of its working.
2. **MR. GAVAN DUFFY** : To move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the following resolutions :—
 - (1.) That the disinterested and distinguished services of the late Mr. Wilson Gray, formerly a member of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, in his endeavors to promote the distribution of land among the people are entitled to the grateful recognition of this House.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate the sum of £300 for the purchase of a portrait of Mr. Gray, which shall be kept in the Parliament Library.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH AUGUST.

Question.

1. **MR. R. CLARK (Sandhurst)** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines—
 - (1.) If it is his intention to amend the Mining Statute this session.
 - (2.) If he intends providing one uniform mining bye-law for the whole colony, as suggested by the conference held in Melbourne in 1875.

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 - (2.) Amongst other methods and pretexts resorted to for the purpose of thwarting the will of Parliament, and rendering abortive the law of the colony, a system of usury has been established, the object and effect of which is so to entangle and embarrass those whom the law has placed in possession of areas of land under stated conditions that the occupants are forced to part with the interest they have acquired in such areas, in order to satisfy the exorbitant and unjust demands of the aforesaid usurers.
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WEDNESDAY, 22ND AUGUST.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

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General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move—
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House the postage upon all letters delivered within the Colony of Victoria shall be at the uniform rate of one penny.
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On the third reading of the Justices of the Peace Statute Amendment Bill :—

1. MR. RAMSAY : To move the following new clause :—

Where any person who has been convicted or against whom an order has been made or warrant issued by any justice shows by affidavit to the Supreme Court or a judge thereof that such justice had no jurisdiction to convict or make such order or issue such warrant or exceeded his jurisdiction in so doing or that the conviction order or warrant is bad on its face or ought not in law to have been made or issued, he may within one month from the making or issuing thereof apply to such Court or a judge for a rule or order calling on the informant or complainant upon whose information or complaint the conviction or order was made or warrant issued to show cause to the Court why the said conviction order or warrant should not be quashed, and upon the return of such rule or order the Court may quash the conviction order or warrant or may discharge the rule or order as the case may be with or without costs in either case as to the said Court shall seem just.

2. MR. SERVICE : To move the following new clauses :—

A. Justices may make an order under the forty-first section of "*The Justices of the Peace Statute 1865*" for any of the causes of complaint therein mentioned when the matter of complaint shall have arisen within two years of the making of such complaint, anything in the fifty-first section of the said Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

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On going into Committee of Supply :—

3. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the present allowance granted by way of long service pay to constables, on the completion of a service of seven years and upwards, is very inadequate, and that the Government should increase their allowance, and should take steps to provide each of such constables with a suit of uniform.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 14th August.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at one o'clock.

SEAMEN AND SHIPPING—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 10TH AUGUST.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 19.

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Electoral Act Amendment Bill.—[31] (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH AUGUST 1877.

Questions.

1. MR. R. CLARK (Sandhurst): To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines—
 - (1.) If it is his intention to amend the Mining Statute this session.
 - (2.) If he intends providing one uniform mining bye-law for the whole colony, as suggested by the conference held in Melbourne in 1875.
2. MR. TUCKER: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works—whether it has become the practice in his Department to let any works otherwise than by public tender, such works not being published in the contractors' room; and, if so, whether he will cause a regulation similar to that made by a former Minister—ordering public competition to be invited for every work, the estimated cost of which exceeded five pounds—to be put into force, in order that every contractor may have an equal opportunity of tendering for the same.
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17. **MR. DOW** : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing :—
- (1.) What has been the total cost to the country of the working of the Prevention of Diseases in Stock Act since its beginning in December 1872, up to the end of June 1877.
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 - (3.) A. The total number of officials employed in the stock department.
B. The names of their several offices.
C. Their duties.
D. Their qualifications.
E. The amount of their salaries and allowances, specifying what the latter are for.
 - (4.) A. The names of the diseases reported to the department since the passing of the Act, and
B. The steps that have been taken with regard to each.
 - (5.) A. The number of convictions obtained for each of the years named, and
B. The nature of the penalties imposed.
 - (6.) The reason why the stock department does not furnish an annual report descriptive of its working.
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Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. BERRY** : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend and consolidate the laws relating to Friendly Societies.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **VICTORIAN RAILWAYS—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE UNDER ACTS 331, 468, AND 531, FOR 1877–8.**—To be considered in Committee.
2. **MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.**—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
3. **SUPPLY.**—To be further considered in Committee.
4. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—To be further considered in Committee.
5. **EXTRADITION BILL.**—Second reading.
6. **PARLIAMENTARY COSTS BILL.**—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 21ST AUGUST.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. **MR. TUCKER** : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the names of individuals or firms who have been charged with offending against the Customs laws or regulations during the period from 22nd June 1873 to 31st July 1877, the nature of the offence, and the decision of the Commissioner in each case.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND AUGUST.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

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Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 15th August.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at one o'clock.

Thursday, 16th August.

SEAMEN AND SHIPPING—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 10TH AUGUST.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 9.

Regulation and Inspection of Mines Bill.—[9] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Waterworks Act 1865 Amendment Bill.—[15] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Railway Construction Bill.—[18] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 18, No. 19†, No. 20, and No. 20††.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[20]

Weekly Report of Divisions No. 2.

Grenville Election—Report &c. D.—No. 2.

Wimmera Election—Report, &c. D.—No. 3.

South Gippsland Election—Report, &c. D.—No. 4.

Parliamentary Costs Bill.—[22]

City of Melbourne Rating Bill.—[30]

Electoral Act Amendment Bill.—[31]

National Insurance Company of Australasia Limited Extension of Powers Bill. (*Private.*)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 16TH AUGUST 1877.

Questions.

1. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways when are the twelve miles of the Gippsland Railway, from Morewell to Moe, to be opened for traffic.
2. MR. D. M. DAVIES : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if it be a fact that only eight horses, whether light or heavy, are allowed to be conveyed in one truck along the Government Railways; if so, whether he has any objection to allow a larger number of light than of heavy draught horses to be conveyed in one truck.
3. MR. RAMSAY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands and Agriculture whether, in view of the present unsatisfactory state of the impounding laws, it is the intention of the Government to introduce an amending measure during the present session.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MAJOR W. C. SMITH : To move, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the laws relating to explosive substances.
2. MR. BERRY : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend and consolidate the laws relating to Friendly Societies.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. VICTORIAN RAILWAYS—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE UNDER ACTS 331, 468, AND 531, FOR 1877-8.—To be considered in Committee.
2. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. EXTRADITION BILL.—Second reading.
5. PARLIAMENTARY COSTS BILL.—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 21ST AUGUST.

Questions.

1. MR. GAUNSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands if he will in future take steps to cause persons whose *bona fides* are questioned, and before they are called on to show cause why their licenses should not be forfeited, to be fully informed of the complaint lodged against them.
2. MR. MUNRO : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice if he will enquire into the custom which at present obtains in the "Lands Titles" Office of refusing to transfer or mortgage certificates of title when such certificates do not disclose any encumbrance, with a view to discontinue such custom.
3. MR. GAUNSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands if he will cause enquiry to be made as to the wholesale destruction of the wattle tree and export of the bark, and the best means to preserve such tree from extinction.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. TUCKER : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the names of individuals or firms who have been charged with offending against the Customs laws or regulations during the period from 22nd June 1873 to 31st July 1877, the nature of the offence, and the decision of the Commissioner in each case.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND AUGUST.

Question.

1. MR. LEVIEN : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether he will introduce a Bill dealing with the matter of compensation to tenant farmers for improvements effected by them, and fulfilling, so far as is applicable to this colony, the purposes of "The Agricultural Holdings Act (England) 1875."

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That the Petition for the Bill intituled "A Bill to enable the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company to extend the provisions of an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate a company to be called the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company, and for other purposes,'" which was presented on the 25th day of July in the last Session of Parliament, and the order of leave to bring in the said Bill, made on the second day

of August in the last Session of Parliament, be now read; and that thereupon the said Bill be read a first time and second time, and referred to a Select Committee consisting of Mr. Langridge, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Sainsbury, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; and that the promoters have leave from day to day to print the evidence taken before such Committee.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS:—

1. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Electoral Law.
2. DR. MADDEN : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend *The Dog Act* 1864; and to move, with the leave of the House, that the said Bill be then read a first and second time.
3. MR. GAUNSON : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish Dower.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. UNIVERSITY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MELBOURNE RATING BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Third reading.
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6. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
7. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

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15. **MR. F. L. SMYTH** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, in any future loan to be effected for railway purposes, provision should be made for the continuation of the line to Wentworth from a point to be determined on by the House.
16. **MR. BOWMAN** : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a list of the names of persons to whom free railway tickets have been issued for the opening of the railway to Colac, showing the number given to each person.
17. **MR. F. L. SMYTH** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the expediency for increased facilities of communication, by railroad or tramway, between Melbourne and the junction of the Darling and the Murray at Wentworth, from any point to be determined upon; such Committee to consist of Sir John O'Shanassy, Mr. Gillies, Mr. MacBain, Mr. Woods, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Bent, Mr. Graves, Mr. Service, and the Mover; with power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
18. **MR. DOW** : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing :—
- (1.) What has been the total cost to the country of the working of the Prevention of Diseases in Stock Act since its beginning in December 1872, up to the end of June 1877.
 - (2.) The total cost per annum for the years 1873, 1874, 1875, and 1876.
 - (3.)
 - A. The total number of officials employed in the stock department.
 - B. The names of their several offices.
 - C. Their duties.
 - D. Their qualifications.
 - E. The amount of their salaries and allowances, specifying what the latter are for.
 - (4.)
 - A. The names of the diseases reported to the department since the passing of the Act, and
 - B. The steps that have been taken with regard to each.
 - (5.)
 - A. The number of convictions obtained for each of the years named, and
 - B. The nature of the penalties imposed.
 - (6.) The reason why the stock department does not furnish an annual report descriptive of its working.
19. **MR. GAVAN DUFFY** : To move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the following resolutions :—
- (1.) That the disinterested and distinguished services of the late Mr. Wilson Gray, formerly a member of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, in his endeavors to promote the distribution of land among the people are entitled to the grateful recognition of this House.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate the sum of £300 for the purchase of a portrait of Mr. Gray, which shall be kept in the Parliament Library.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH AUGUST.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. L. L. SMITH** : To move, That in the opinion of this House—
- (1.) The wishes, intentions, and acts of past Parliaments, having for their object the permanent settlement of a freehold proprietary on the public lands of this colony have been set at defiance, evaded, and defeated by designing and unscrupulous persons.
 - (2.) Amongst other methods and pretexts resorted to for the purpose of thwarting the will of Parliament, and rendering abortive the law of the colony, a system of usury has been established, the object and effect of which is so to entangle and embarrass those whom the law has placed in possession of areas of land under stated conditions that the occupants are forced to part with the interest they have acquired in such areas, in order to satisfy the exorbitant and unjust demands of the aforesaid usurers.
 - (3.) The practices of these usurers are attended with the most deplorable consequences, so far as their victims are concerned, and with many and serious evils, deliberately planned and plainly directed against the common weal.
 - (4.) The financial necessities of those whom the State has placed in possession of specified lands has been used, and is now being used, as an excuse for evicting the population placed by law on certain lands, and putting those lands to a purpose different to that contemplated by Parliament and embodied in its Acts.

- (5.) The present Parliament is morally bound either to repeal the existing Act regulating the terms, conditions, and extent of individual settlement, or to take prompt and effective measures to carry out the spirit and intention of the violated Acts of Parliament, and to put a stop to the evictions now in progress.
- (6.) In order to attain this object, to foster and protect settlement on the lands in accordance with the existing law, and to prevent the dangerous aggregation of extensive areas of land contrary to the stipulations and conditions of Parliament, this House deems it desirable to establish a National Bank of Issue and Deposit, with a circulating capital equal to half the present market value of all the unsold land in Victoria (reserves excepted), and with power to advance money on the security of the unimproved value of lands at a fixed rate of interest.
- (7.) *Contingent on the foregoing resolutions being adopted by this House*, That the Honorable the Premier be requested to prepare and submit for the consideration of Parliament a measure which will embody and give effect to the same.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On the third reading of the Justices of the Peace Statute Amendment Bill :—

1. MR. RAMSAY : To move the following new clause :—

Where any person who has been convicted or against whom an order has been made or warrant issued by any justice shows by affidavit to the Supreme Court or a judge thereof that such justice had no jurisdiction to convict or make such order or issue such warrant or exceeded his jurisdiction in so doing or that the conviction order or warrant is bad on its face or ought not in law to have been made or issued, he may within one month from the making or issuing thereof apply to such Court or a judge for a rule or order calling on the informant or complainant upon whose information or complaint the conviction or order was made or warrant issued to show cause to the Court why the said conviction order or warrant should not be quashed, and upon the return of such rule or order the Court may quash the conviction order or warrant or may discharge the rule or order as the case may be with or without costs in either case as to the said Court shall seem just.

2. MR. SERVICE : To move the following new clauses :—

A. Justices may make an order under the forty-first section of "*The Justices of the Peace Statute 1865*" for any of the causes of complaint therein mentioned when the matter of complaint shall have arisen within two years of the making of such complaint, anything in the fifty-first section of the said Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

B. So much of the twenty-third section of the Act No. DLXV. as limits the term of entering into a recognizance to two days shall be and the same is hereby repealed, and any recognizance or recognizances in such section mentioned shall be entered into within seven days next after the day on which the cause or matter of appeal mentioned in such section shall have arisen, and shall be a sufficient recognizance or recognizances as therein enacted.

On going into Committee of Supply :—

3. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the present allowance granted by way of long service pay to constables, on the completion of a service of seven years and upwards, is very inadequate, and that the Government should increase their allowance, and should take steps to provide each of such constables with a suit of uniform.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 16th August.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at one o'clock.

SEAMEN AND SHIPPING—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 16TH AUGUST.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 9.

Melbourne Market Site Bill.—[17] As reported 14th August. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[21]

Bank Liabilities and Assets—Summaries of Sworn Returns for the Quarter ended 31st December 1876 and 31st March 1877. A.—No. 3.

Friendly Societies—Final Report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the working of the Friendly Societies Statute. No. 51.

Land Act 1869—Regulations respecting Licenses to cut and remove Timber. No. 53.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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Questions.

1. MR. GAUNSON: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands if he will in future take steps to cause persons whose *bona fides* are questioned, and before they are called on to show cause why their licenses should not be forfeited, to be fully informed of the complaint lodged against them.
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3. MR. GAUNSON: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands if he will cause enquiry to be made as to the wholesale destruction of the wattle tree and export of the bark, and the best means to preserve such tree from extinction.
4. MR. G. PATON SMITH: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice whether his attention has been called to the conduct of a magistrate at Rochester, named Spencer, and whether the Minister proposes to remove the said Mr. Spencer from the Commission of the Peace.
5. MR. L. L. SMITH: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether any portion of the gratuities granted to prisoners by regulation, according to a scale laid down by Government on the recommendation of the Royal Commission, is withheld by the authorities of the Penal Department over and above punishment inflicted for misconduct; and, if so, the circumstances and authority under which they are so deprived of their earnings.
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Government Business.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES.—Resolution to be considered in Committee.
3. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. EXTRADITION BILL.—Second reading.
6. PARLIAMENTARY COSTS BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BROPHY: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the claim of the Alma Consols Company, and the claim of Mr. Edward O'Farrell for compensation in respect to leases granted to them and him in the district of Maryborough; such Committee to consist of Mr. Bowman, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Gaunson, Mr. Graves, and the Mover; three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
2. MR. LANGRIDGE: To move, That the affidavits laid on the Table of this House during last session in the case of one Frank Sperrin, be printed.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND AUGUST.

Question.

1. MR. LEVIEN: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether he will introduce a Bill dealing with the matter of compensation to tenant farmers for improvements effected by them, and fulfilling, so far as is applicable to this colony, the purposes of "The Agricultural Holdings Act (England) 1875."

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

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2. **MR. LANGRIDGE** : To move, That the Report of the Select Committee on a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the construction of the Rosstown Junction Railway and for other purposes,*" be now taken into consideration.
3. **MR. CARTER** : To move, That a Bill intituled "*A Bill to give additional powers to the National Insurance Company of Australasia Limited and for other purposes,*" be now read a second time.

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 - A. The total number of officials employed in the stock department.
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 - B. The steps that have been taken with regard to each.
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- (1.) That the disinterested and distinguished services of the late Mr. Wilson Gray, formerly a member of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, in his endeavors to promote the distribution of land among the people are entitled to the grateful recognition of this House.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate the sum of £300 for the purchase of a portrait of Mr. Gray, which shall be kept in the Parliament Library.

THURSDAY, 23RD AUGUST.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. MACGREGOR** : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing—
- (1.) The total cost in connection with the Central Training School for the years 1874, 1875, 1876, and 1877 respectively, under the following heads :—
 1. Salaries to the training staff.
 2. Allowances to the trainees.
 3. Other expenses.
 - (2.) The total amount paid to the Associated Schools for training purposes in each year.
 - (3.) The number of students in training in the Central Training School, and in the Associated Schools, also the number that passed at each yearly examination.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH AUGUST.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. L. L. SMITH** : To move, That in the opinion of this House—
- (1.) The wishes, intentions, and acts of past Parliaments, having for their object the permanent settlement of a freehold proprietary on the public lands of this colony have been set at defiance, evaded, and defeated by designing and unscrupulous persons.
 - (2.) Amongst other methods and pretences resorted to for the purpose of thwarting the will of Parliament, and rendering abortive the law of the colony, a system of usury has been established, the object and effect of which is so to entangle and embarrass those whom the law has placed in possession of areas of land under stated conditions that the occupants are forced to part with the interest they have acquired in such areas, in order to satisfy the exorbitant and unjust demands of the aforesaid usurers.

- (3.) The practices of these usurers are attended with the most deplorable consequences, so far as their victims are concerned, and with many and serious evils, deliberately planned and plainly directed against the common weal.
- (4.) The financial necessities of those whom the State has placed in possession of specified lands has been used, and is now being used, as an excuse for evicting the population placed by law on certain lands, and putting those lands to a purpose different to that contemplated by Parliament and embodied in its Acts.
- (5.) The present Parliament is morally bound either to repeal the existing Act regulating the terms, conditions, and extent of individual settlement, or to take prompt and effective measures to carry out the spirit and intention of the violated Acts of Parliament, and to put a stop to the evictions now in progress.
- (6.) In order to attain this object, to foster and protect settlement on the lands in accordance with the existing law, and to prevent the dangerous aggregation of extensive areas of land contrary to the stipulations and conditions of Parliament, this House deems it desirable to establish a National Bank of Issue and Deposit, with a circulating capital equal to half the present market value of all the unsold land in Victoria (reserves excepted), and with power to advance money on the security of the unimproved value of lands at a fixed rate of interest.
- (7.) *Contingent on the foregoing resolutions being adopted by this House*, That the Honorable the Premier be requested to prepare and submit for the consideration of Parliament a measure which will embody and give effect to the same.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On the third reading of the Justices of the Peace Statute Amendment Bill :—

1. MR. RAMSAY : To move the following new clause :—

Where any person who has been convicted or against whom an order has been made or warrant issued by any justice shows by affidavit to the Supreme Court or a judge thereof that such justice had no jurisdiction to convict or make such order or issue such warrant or exceeded his jurisdiction in so doing or that the conviction order or warrant is bad on its face or ought not in law to have been made or issued, he may within one month from the making or issuing thereof apply to such Court or a judge for a rule or order calling on the informant or complainant upon whose information or complaint the conviction or order was made or warrant issued to show cause to the Court why the said conviction order or warrant should not be quashed, and upon the return of such rule or order the Court may quash the conviction order or warrant or may discharge the rule or order as the case may be with or without costs in either case as to the said Court shall seem just.

2. MR. SERVICE : To move the following new clauses :—

A. Justices may make an order under the forty-first section of "*The Justices of the Peace Statute 1865*" for any of the causes of complaint therein mentioned when the matter of complaint shall have arisen within two years of the making of such complaint, anything in the fifty-first section of the said Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

B. So much of the twenty-third section of the Act No. DLXV. as limits the term of entering into a recognizance to two days shall be and the same is hereby repealed, and any recognizance or recognizances in such section mentioned shall be entered into within seven days next after the day on which the cause or matter of appeal mentioned in such section shall have arisen, and shall be a sufficient recognizance or recognizances as therein enacted.

On going into Committee of Supply :—

3. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the present allowance granted by way of long service pay to constables, on the completion of a service of seven years and upwards, is very inadequate, and that the Government should increase their allowance, and should take steps to provide each of such constables with a suit of uniform.

C. GAVAN-DUFFY,

Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 21st August.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at one o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 17TH AUGUST.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 21 and No. 22.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[22.]

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND AUGUST 1877.

Questions.

1. MR. LEVIEN: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether he will introduce a Bill dealing with the matter of compensation to tenant farmers for improvements effected by them, and fulfilling, so far as is applicable to this colony; the purposes of "The Agricultural Holdings Act (England), 1875."
2. MR. F. L. SMYTH: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works whether he has received any communication relative to the unfinished bridge at Talbotville, Crooked River; and whether there is, or is to be, any sum placed on the Estimates available to complete the same, or to construct temporary accommodation for the children to cross the river to go to the State school.
3. MR. L. L. SMITH: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary what steps, if any, are intended to be taken to carry out the recommendation of the Royal Commission anent the life sentenced prisoners.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MUNRO: To move, That the Petition for the Bill intituled "*A Bill to enable the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company to extend the provisions of an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate a Company to be called the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company, and for other purposes,'*" which was presented on the 25th day of July in the last Session of Parliament, and the order of leave to bring in the said Bill, made on the second day of August in the last Session of Parliament, be now read; and that thereupon the said Bill be read a first time and second time, and referred to a Select Committee consisting of Mr. Langridge, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Sainsbury, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; and that the promoters have leave from day to day to print the evidence taken before such Committee.
2. MR. LANGRIDGE: To move, That the Report of the Select Committee on a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the construction of the Rosstown Junction Railway and for other purposes,*" be now taken into consideration.
3. MR. CARTER: To move, That a Bill intituled "*A Bill to give additional powers to the National Insurance Company of Australasia Limited and for other purposes,*" be now read a second time.
4. MR. BILLSON: To move, That Standing Orders, numbered respectively 6, 10, and 18, be suspended; and that leave be given to introduce a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Beechworth Waterworks Act 1860.*"

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS:—

1. MR. A. T. CLARK: To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Electoral Law.
2. DR. MADDEN: To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend *The Dog Act 1864*; and to move, with the leave of the House, that the said Bill be then read a first and second time.
3. MR. GAUNSON: To move for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish Dower.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. UNIVERSITY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MELBOURNE RATING BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Third reading.
4. FENCING OF PUBLIC ROADS—Motion respecting—Resumption of debate.—*The question is*, "That in the opinion of this House, the fencing in of any public road is unlawful, and an infringement upon the rights of the people of this colony, and that steps should at once be taken to compel the opening through of every public road in Victoria," and the amendment thereon, To omit from line 2 the words "unlawful and".
5. COLLINGWOOD, FITZROY, AND DISTRICT GAS AND COKE COMPANY EXTENSION OF POWERS BILL.—Motion for production of Papers at Prothonotary's office.—Resumption of debate.—*The question is*, "That the House of Assembly grant leave to the Clerk of Private Bills to produce all the papers lodged or filed in connection with the passage of the said company's Bill through the House in support of the taxation of Mr. John Hopkins' Bill of Charges as the Parliamentary Agent for the said company, before the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court, at his office in Lonsdale street, in the city of Melbourne, on Tuesday next, the 3rd day of July 1877, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and thence from day to day until the said taxation shall be completed."
6. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
7. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH: To move—
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House the postage upon all letters delivered within the Colony of Victoria shall be at the uniform rate of one penny.
 - (2.) That all newspapers printed and published in this colony should be post free, and that they should leave the colony by rail or steamer free.

2. **MR. BOWMAN** : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House—
- (1.) Copies of all papers and documents connected with the transfer of the Post Office at Moyston from the charge of Mr. Moon to Mr. Sullivan, the head teacher at that place.
 - (2.) A Return giving the names of the offices transferred from business sites to the residence of State school teachers or State schools, from 21st May till 30th June, together with the number of money order and Savings Bank transactions, and the amount of correspondence passed through each office so transferred for the six months ended 30th June.
3. **MR. J. T. SMITH** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the efficacy of Mr. Greathead's specific for the cure of diphtheria and scarlet fever ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Bent, Mr. Munro, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bayles, Mr. Dixon, Mr. L. L. Smith, Mr. Barr, and the Mover; with power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
4. **MR. TUCKER** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that a system of State Life Assurance and the granting of Government Annuities, similar to that now in operation in Great Britain, and adopted a few years since by the Colony of New Zealand with very successful results, should, as soon as possible, be established in connection with the Post-office Department in this Colony.
5. **MR. BOWMAN** : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all reports in the Railway Department in relation to the Railway Surveys from Maryborough to St. Arnaud.
6. **MR. FINCHAM** : To move, That in the opinion of this House, it is not expedient that the Williamstown workshops should be used for the construction or erection of any engines, plant, or material required by private individuals or companies, unless under exceptional circumstances, and then with the permission of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways.
7. **MR. FINCHAM** : To move, That in the opinion of this House duty ought to be and ought to have been collected upon all dutiable articles and material passing through the Customs, whether such articles or material be imported by Government or private individuals or companies.
8. **MR. D. CAMERON** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should take steps to provide a fund out of which money may be lent to selectors who have improved their land, in order that the land policy of this colony shall have full effect, and that selectors should be preserved from falling into the hands of persons who lend money at high interest.
9. **MR. ORR** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the means of communication between this colony and New South Wales across the River Murray, as to new bridges required and the conditions under which the bridges and punts now in existence are available for public traffic ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Woods, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Billson, Mr. Wright, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Kerferd, and the Mover ; and to have power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
10. **MR. BARR** : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing—
- (1.) The names of the auditors appointed under *The Local Government Act 1874*, distinguishing between the Government and the local auditor.
 - (2.) The number of days occupied at each audit.
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11. **MR. LYELL** : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence with the New South Wales Government in reference to the removal of the existing restrictions to the admission of sheep from Victoria into New South Wales.
12. **MR. MIRAMS** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable and necessary that a re-assessment of the squatters' runs should be made immediately.
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19. MR. LANGRIDGE : To move, That the affidavits laid on the Table of this House during last session in the case of one Frank Sperrin, be printed.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. NIMMO : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return of the amount of fees received under the Patents Statute 1865, and the amounts received to his own proper use by each successive Attorney-General.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES.—Resolution to be considered in Committee.
3. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. EXTRADITION BILL.—Second reading.
6. PARLIAMENTARY COSTS BILL.—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 23RD AUGUST.

1. MR. MUNRO : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice if he will enquire into the custom which at present obtains in the "Lands Titles" Office of refusing to transfer or mortgage certificates of title when such certificates do not disclose any encumbrance, with a view to discontinue such custom.
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General Business.

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WEDNESDAY, 29TH AUGUST.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That in the opinion of this House—
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TUESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION:—

On the third reading of the Justices of the Peace Statute Amendment Bill:—

1. MR. RAMSAY: To move the following new clause:—

Where any person who has been convicted or against whom an order has been made or warrant issued by any justice shows by affidavit to the Supreme Court or a judge thereof that such justice had no jurisdiction to convict, or make such order or issue such warrant or exceeded his jurisdiction in so doing or that the conviction order or warrant is bad on its face or ought not in law to have been made or issued, he may within one month from the making or issuing thereof apply to such Court or a judge for a rule or order calling on the informant or complainant upon whose information or complaint the conviction or order was made or warrant issued to show cause to the Court why the said conviction order or warrant should not be quashed, and upon the return of such rule or order the Court may quash the conviction order or warrant or may discharge the rule or order as the case may be with or without costs in either case as to the said Court shall seem just.

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4. MR. SERVICE: To call attention to the question of an Ocean Steam Ship Service, *via* the Cape of Good Hope.

In Committee on the Land Tax:—

5. MR. NIMMO: To move, That provision be made in any Bill introduced by the Government that, in addition to the revenue tax proposed by the Government, a progressive area tax be imposed on all landed estates held by one person, above 5,000 acres, which have been acquired or shall be acquired previous to the 1st of October 1877.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 22nd August.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at one o'clock.
SEAMEN AND SHIPPING—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 17TH AUGUST.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 10.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 23.

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

Estimates of Revenue, Special Appropriations, and Further Estimates of Expenditure for the Year ending 30th June 1878—Message. B.—No. 2.

Fitzroy Election—Report, &c. D.—No. 1.

Fitzroy Election—Additional Report, &c. D.—No. 5.

Rosstown Junction Railway Bill.—Report from Select Committee; with Proceedings of Committee and Minutes of Evidence. (*Private.*)

Rosstown Junction Railway Bill. (*Private.*)

Beechworth Waterworks Act Amendment Bill. (*Private.*)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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4. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if the Public Libraries and Mechanics Institutes are supplied with copies of *Hansard*; and, if not, will he take steps to provide the said institutions with them.
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6. MR. BARR : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if the new regulations for licenses for cutting timber are intended to apply to miners cutting timber for use at their mines or for domestic use from Crown lands.
7. MR. BOWMAN : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if it is the intention of the Government to amend the Poisons Act, so as to allow patent medicines to be sold as heretofore by storekeepers.
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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MELBOURNE MARKET SITE BILL.—Amendments of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.
2. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES.—Resolution to be considered in Committee.
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TUESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That the Petition for the Bill intituled "*A Bill to enable the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company to extend the provisions of an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate a Company to be called the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company, and for other purposes.'*" which was presented on the 25th day of July in the last Session of Parliament, and the order of leave to bring in the said Bill, made on the second day of August in the last Session of Parliament, be now read; and that thereupon the said Bill be read a first time and second time, and referred to a Select Committee consisting of Mr. Langridge, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Sainsbury, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; and that the promoters have leave from day to day to print the evidence taken before such Committee.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
2. UNIVERSITY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

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C. GAVAN DUFFY,
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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 23rd August.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at one o'clock.

Tuesday, 28th August.

SEAMEN AND SHIPPING—at three o'clock.

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Government Business.

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1. **MAJOR W. C. SMITH**: To move for leave to bring in a Bill to sanction the application to certain purposes of moneys raised under "*The Public Works Loan Act 1868*," "*The Public Works Loan Act 1872*," and "*The Railway Loan Act 1876*."

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1. **WAYS AND MEANS**.—Resolution to be reported.
2. **WAYS AND MEANS**.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. **MELBOURNE MARKET SITE BILL**.—Amendments of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.
4. **EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES**.—Resolution to be considered in Committee.
5. **MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL**.—To be further considered in Committee.
6. **SUPPLY**.—To be further considered in Committee.
7. **EXTRADITION BILL**.—Second reading.
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General Business.

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TUESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That the Petition for the Bill intituled "*A Bill to enable the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company to extend the provisions of an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate a Company to be called the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company, and for other purposes,'*" which was presented on the 25th day of July in the last Session of Parliament, and the order of leave to bring in the said Bill, made on the second day of August in the last Session of Parliament, be now read; and that thereupon the said Bill be read a first time and second time, and referred to a Select Committee consisting of Mr. Langridge, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Sainsbury, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; and that the promoters have leave from day to day to print the evidence taken before such Committee.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

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 (1.) That in the opinion of this House the postage upon all letters delivered within the Colony of Victoria shall be at the uniform rate of one penny.
 (2.) That all newspapers printed and published in this colony should be post free, and that they should leave the colony by rail or steamer free.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
 2. UNIVERSITY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION:—

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1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That in the opinion of this House, the present allowance granted by way of long service pay to constables, on the completion of a service of seven years and upwards, is very inadequate, and that the Government should increase their allowance, and should take steps to provide each of such constables with a suit of uniform.
 2. MR. SERVICE : To call attention to the question of an Ocean Steam Ship Service, *via* the Cape of Good Hope.

On going into Committee of Ways and Means:—

3. MR. NIMMO : To move, That no Bill imposing a land tax will be satisfactory to this House unless it provides for a progressive area tax on all landed estates held by one person above 5,000 acres, which may be acquired subsequent to the 1st of October 1877.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 28th August.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at one o'clock.
 SEAMEN AND SHIPPING—at three o'clock;
 ALMA CONSOLS COMPANY—at four o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED, 24TH AUGUST.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 11.
 Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 12.
 Justices of the Peace Bill.—[19] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 25.
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[25]
 Statistical Register for 1876. Part V.—Production. No. 37.
 Statistical Register for 1876. Part VI.—Accumulation. No. 48.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH AUGUST 1877.

Questions.

1. MR. R. CLARK (Sandhurst): To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if he will introduce a Workman's Lien Bill this session.
2. MR. COOPER: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands if he has any objection to supply a copy of the new map of Victoria, issued by his department, to the various Mechanics' Institutes and Free Libraries.
3. MR. HUNT: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works whether he has placed a sum of money on the Estimates for the construction and repair of roads and bridges outside municipalities; and, if so, where such money is to be expended.
4. MR. R. CLARK (Sandhurst): To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works whether he has made provision on the Estimates for the removal and rebuilding of the Powder Magazine at Sandhurst; and, if not, will he make such provision.
5. MR. RAMSAY: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands and Agriculture whether, in view of the present unsatisfactory state of the impounding laws, it is the intention of the Government to introduce an amending measure during the present session.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. LANGRIDGE: To move, That the Report of the Select Committee on a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the construction of the Rosstown Junction Railway and for other purposes,*" be now taken into consideration.
2. MR. CARTER: To move, That a Bill intituled "*A Bill to give additional powers to the National Insurance Company of Australasia (Limited),*" be referred to a Select Committee consisting of Mr. King, Mr. Lyell, Mr. Fergusson, Mr. Zox, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; and that leave be given to print the evidence taken before such Committee day by day.
3. MR. BILLSON: To move, That the Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Beechworth Waterworks Act 1860,*" be now read a second time.

ORDER OF THE DAY RELATING TO PRIVATE BILL:—

1. COLLINGWOOD, FITZROY, AND DISTRICT GAS AND COKE COMPANY .EXTENSION OF POWERS BILL.—Motion for production of Papers at Prothonotary's office.—Resumption of debate.—*The question is, "That the House of Assembly grant leave to the Clerk of Private Bills to produce all the papers lodged or filed in connection with the passage of the said company's Bill through the House in support of the taxation of Mr. John Hopkins' Bill of Charges as the Parliamentary Agent for the said company, before the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court, at his office in Lonsdale street, in the city of Melbourne, on Tuesday next, the 3rd. day of July 1877, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and thence from day to day until the said taxation shall be completed."*

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS:—

1. MR. A. T. CLARK: To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Electoral Law.
2. DR. MADDEN: To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend *The Dog Act 1864*; and to move, with the leave of the House, that the said Bill be then read a first and second time.
3. MR. BENT: To move for leave to introduce a Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Brighton for public recreation.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

1. CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MELBOURNE RATING BILL.—Consideration of Report.
2. FENCING OF PUBLIC ROADS—Motion respecting—Resumption of debate.—*The question is, "That in the opinion of this House, the fencing in of any public road is unlawful, and an infringement upon the rights of the people of this colony, and that steps should at once be taken to compel the opening through of every public road in Victoria," and the amendment thereon, To omit from line 2 the words "unlawful and"*
3. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. L. L. SMITH :** To move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following resolutions :—
That—
 - (1.) The wishes, intentions, and acts of past Parliaments, having for their object the permanent settlement of a freehold proprietary on the public lands of this colony have been set at defiance, evaded, and defeated by designing and unscrupulous persons.
 - (2.) Amongst other methods and pretexts resorted to for the purpose of thwarting the will of Parliament, and rendering abortive the law of the colony, a system of usury has been established, the object and effect of which is so to entangle and embarrass those whom the law has placed in possession of areas of land under stated conditions that the occupants are forced to part with the interest they have acquired in such areas, in order to satisfy the exorbitant and unjust demands of the aforesaid usurers.
 - (3.) The practices of these usurers are attended with the most deplorable consequences, so far as their victims are concerned, and with many and serious evils, deliberately planned and plainly directed against the common weal.
 - (4.) The financial necessities of those whom the State has placed in possession of specified lands has been used, and is now being used, as an excuse for evicting the population placed by law on certain lands, and putting those lands to a purpose different to that contemplated by Parliament and embodied in its Acts.
 - (5.) The present Parliament is morally bound either to repeal the existing Act regulating the terms, conditions, and extent of individual settlement, or to take prompt and effective measures to carry out the spirit and intention of the violated Acts of Parliament, and to put a stop to the evictions now in progress.
 - (6.) In order to attain this object, to foster and protect settlement on the lands in accordance with the existing law, and to prevent the dangerous aggregation of extensive areas of land contrary to the stipulations and conditions of Parliament, this House deems it desirable to establish a National Bank of Issue and Deposit, with a circulating capital equal to half the present market value of all the unsold land in Victoria (reserves excepted), and with power to advance money on the security of the unimproved value of lands at a fixed rate of interest.
 - (7.) *Contingent on the foregoing resolutions being adopted by this House,* That the Honorable the Premier be requested to prepare and submit for the consideration of Parliament a measure which will embody and give effect to the same.
2. **MR. BOWMAN :** To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House—
 - (1.) Copies of all papers and documents connected with the transfer of the Post Office at Moyston from the charge of Mr. Moon to Mr. Sullivan, the head teacher at that place.
 - (2.) A Return giving the names of the offices transferred from business sites to the residence of State school teachers or State schools, from 21st May till 30th June, together with the number of money order and Savings Bank transactions, and the amount of correspondence passed through each office so transferred for the six months ended 30th June.
3. **MR. J. T. SMITH :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the efficacy of Mr. Greathead's specific for the cure of diphtheria and scarlet fever ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Bent, Mr. Munro, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bayles, Mr. Dixon, Mr. L. L. Smith, Mr. Barr, and the Mover ; with power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
4. **MR. TUCKER :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that a system of State Life Assurance and the granting of Government Annuities, similar to that now in operation in Great Britain, and adopted a few years since by the Colony of New Zealand with very successful results, should, as soon as possible, be established in connection with the Post-office Department in this Colony.
5. **MR. BOWMAN :** To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all reports in the Railway Department in relation to the Railway Surveys from Maryborough to St. Arnaud.
6. **MR. FINCHAM :** To move, That in the opinion of this House, it is not expedient that the Williamstown workshops should be used for the construction or erection of any engines, plant, or material required by private individuals or companies, unless under exceptional circumstances, and then with the permission of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways.
7. **MR. FINCHAM :** To move, That in the opinion of this House duty ought to be and ought to have been collected upon all dutiable articles and material passing through the Customs, whether such articles or material be imported by Government or private individuals or companies.
8. **MR. D. CAMERON :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should take steps to provide a fund out of which money may be lent to selectors who have improved their land, in order that the land policy of this colony shall have full effect, and that selectors should be preserved from falling into the hands of persons who lend money at high interest.
9. **MR. LYELL :** To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence with the New South Wales Government in reference to the removal of the existing restrictions to the admission of sheep from Victoria into New South Wales.
10. **MR. MIRAMS :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable and necessary that a re-assessment of the squatters' runs should be made immediately.
11. **MR. LAURENS :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the claim of William Mobie, for works in connection with Contract No. 117, Victorian Water Supply ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Mirams, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Macgregor, Mr. Cook, and the Mover ; with power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
12. **MR. F. L. SMYTH :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, in any future loan to be effected for railway purposes, provision should be made for the continuation of the line to Wentworth from a point to be determined on by the House.

13. **MR. BOWMAN** : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a list of the names of persons to whom free railway tickets have been issued for the opening of the railway to Colac, showing the number given to each person.
14. **MR. F. L. SMYTH** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the expediency for increased facilities of communication, by railroad or tramway, between Melbourne and the junction of the Darling and the Murray at Wentworth, from any point to be determined upon; such Committee to consist of Sir John O'Shanassy, Mr. Gillies, Mr. MacBain, Mr. Woods, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Bent, Mr. Graves, Mr. Service, and the Mover; with power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
15. **MR. DOW** : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing :—
- (1.) What has been the total cost to the country of the working of the Prevention of Diseases in Stock Act since its beginning in December 1872, up to the end of June 1877.
 - (2.) The total cost per annum for the years 1873, 1874, 1875, and 1876.
 - (3.) A. The total number of officials employed in the stock department.
B. The names of their several offices.
C. Their duties.
D. Their qualifications.
E. The amount of their salaries and allowances, specifying what the latter are for.
 - (4.) A. The names of the diseases reported to the department since the passing of the Act, and
B. The steps that have been taken with regard to each.
 - (5.) A. The number of convictions obtained for each of the years named, and
B. The nature of the penalties imposed.
 - (6.) The reason why the stock department does not furnish an annual report descriptive of its working.
16. **MR. GAVAN DUFFY** : To move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the following resolutions :—
- (1.) That the disinterested and distinguished services of the late Mr. Wilson Gray, formerly a member of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, in his endeavors to promote the distribution of land among the people are entitled to the grateful recognition of this House.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate the sum of £300 for the purchase of a portrait of Mr. Gray, which shall be kept in the Parliament Library.
17. **MR. LANGRIDGE** : To move, That the affidavits laid on the Table of this House during last session in the case of one Frank Sperrin, be printed.
18. **MR. GAUNSON** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the administration of the Lands Department in connection with land selected in the parishes of Elingamite and Ecklin, in which Mr. Peter McArthur claimed to be interested; and also in connection with such other cases as shall be brought under the notice of and decided to be investigated by the Committee; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. MacPherson, Mr. A. T. Clark, Mr. Graves, Mr. Lalor, Mr. Kerferd, Mr. Cope, Sir James McCulloch, and the Mover, five to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers, to meet on days on which the House does not sit, and to move from place to place.
19. **MR. MACGREGOR** : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing—
- (1.) The total cost in connection with the Central Training School for the years 1874, 1875, 1876, and 1877 respectively, under the following heads :—
1. Salaries to the training staff.
2. Allowances to the trainees.
3. Other expenses.
 - (2.) The total amount paid to the Associated Schools for training purposes in each year.
 - (3.) The number of students in training in the Central Training School, and in the Associated Schools, also the number that passed at each yearly examination.
20. **MR. ORR** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the means of communication between this colony and New South Wales across the River Murray, as to new bridges required and the conditions under which the bridges and punts now in existence are available for public traffic; such Committee to consist of Mr. Woods, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Billson, Mr. Wright, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Kerferd, and the Mover; and to have power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. **MR. L. L. SMITH** : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of the evidence taken by the Board, and all papers in connection with the discharge of Mr. Thos. Sunderland.
2. **MR. ZOX** : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the number of watches and clocks respectively imported during the year 1876, and the amounts of duty received upon those articles respectively.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MAJOR W. C. SMITH** : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to validate certain payments heretofore made out of moneys raised under "*The Public Works Loan Act 1868*," "*The Public Works Loan Act 1872*," and "*The Railway Loan Act 1876*."
2. **MR. LALOR** : To move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the *Melbourne Harbor Trust Act 1876*.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **SUPPLY**.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. **MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL**.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. **MELBOURNE MARKET SITE BILL**.—Amendments of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.
4. **EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES**.—Resolution to be considered in Committee.
5. **WAYS AND MEANS**.—To be further considered in Committee.
6. **EXTRADITION BILL**.—Second reading.
7. **PARLIAMENTARY COSTS BILL**.—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 30TH AUGUST.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. LAND TAX BILL.—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER.

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1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That the Petition for the Bill intituled "*A Bill to enable the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company to extend the provisions of an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate a Company to be called the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company, and for other purposes,'*" which was presented on the 25th day of July in the last Session of Parliament, and the order of leave to bring in the said Bill, made on the second day of August in the last Session of Parliament, be now read; and that thereupon the said Bill be read a first time and second time, and referred to a Select Committee consisting of Mr. Langridge, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Sainsbury, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; and that the promoters have leave from day to day to print the evidence taken before such Committee.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

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Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPREME COURT BILL.—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 29th August.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at one o'clock.

Thursday, 30th August.

ALMA CONSOLS COMPANY—at two o'clock.

Tuesday, 4th September.

SEAMEN AND SHIRPING—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 24TH AUGUST.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 12.
Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 13.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 26.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[26]
Life-sentenced Prisoners—Return. C.—No. 2.
Progress Report of the Committee on Standing Orders. D.—No. 7.
Education—Petition. E.—No. 1.
Mining on Private Property.—Petition. E.—No. 2.
Land Act—Petition. E.—No. 3.
Central Board of Health—Seventeenth Report of the Board. No. 54.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 30TH AUGUST 1877.

Questions.

1. **MR. R. CLARK (Sandhurst)**: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if he will take any action with regard to an application sent to his department, in December last, from the Sandhurst School of Mines, or allow the Managers of the School some consideration for the expense they incurred in sending a man to California to ascertain and report on the different modes of mining in that country.
2. **MR. LEVIEN**: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether he will have maps prepared and exhibited at some public place in each district indicating where the best lands are available for selection.
3. **DR. MACARTNEY**: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works whether he will offer a premium for the ascertainment of the best track whereby to connect the southern portions of South Gippsland with the Gippsland railway line at Traralgon.
4. **DR. MACARTNEY**: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works what provision he purposes making for the construction of the roads recommended by the officers of his department to be formed in the Brandy Creek, Moe, and Traralgon districts.
5. **MR. HUNT**: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works whether he has placed a sum of money on the Estimates for the construction and repair of roads and bridges outside municipalities; and, if so, where such money is to be expended.
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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. **SUPPLY**.—Resolutions to be reported.
2. **LAND TAX BILL**.—Second reading.
3. **MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL**.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. **PUBLIC WORKS LOAN EXPENDITURE VALIDATING BILL**.—Second reading.
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9. **PARLIAMENTARY COSTS BILL**.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. ZOX**: To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the number of gunny and other bags made, or partially made, by prison labor, the amount paid per dozen respectively, and for whom they are manufactured.
2. **MR. BENT**: To move, That all fees that may be incurred by the promoters of the Bill to vest land in the mayor, councillors, and burgesses of the borough of Brighton, for the purposes of public recreation, on its passage through the House, be remitted.
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TUESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER.

Government Business.

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General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to secure the right of appeal in criminal cases.
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General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. SUPREME COURT BILL.—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION:—

On going into Committee of Supply:—

1. **MR. SERVICE**: To call attention to the question of an Ocean Steam Ship Service, *via* the Cape of Good Hope.

On going into Committee of Ways and Means:—

2. **MR. NIMMO**: To move, That no Bill imposing a land tax will be satisfactory to this House unless it provides for a progressive area tax on all landed estates held by one person above 5,000 acres, which may be acquired subsequent to the 1st of October 1877.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 30th August.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at one o'clock.
ALMA CONSOLS COMPANY—at two o'clock.

Tuesday, 4th September.

SEAMEN AND SHIPPING—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 30TH AUGUST.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 13.
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City of Melbourne Corporation Rating Bill.—[30] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 27.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[27]
Education Department—Receipts and Expenditure—Return. C.—No. 3.
Attendance at State Schools—Return. C.—No. 5.
Reports of the Mining Surveyors and Registrars—Quarter ended 30th June 1877. No. 43.
Land Tax Bill.—[7]
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER 1877.

Questions.

1. **DR. MACARTNEY**: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works whether he will offer a premium for the ascertainment of the best track whereby to connect the southern portions of South Gippsland with the Gippsland railway line at Traralgon.
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- MR. HUNT**: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works whether he has placed a sum of money on the Estimates for the construction and repair of roads and bridges outside municipalities; and, if so, where such money is to be expended.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. **MR. F. L. SMYTH**: To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and correspondence connected with the application of John Schutt, made on the 30th November 1876, to purchase certain lands in the parish of Cut Paw Paw, shire of Braybrook, near Footscray, together with any opinion of counsel upon the matter.
2. **MR. MCINTYRE**: To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return of the gross receipts from each of the Government railway stations, for the year ending 30th June 1877, showing the amounts received under the head of passengers, goods, stock, parcels, &c.; also the gross expenditure and the number of persons employed at each station.
3. **MR. TUCKER**: To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing all contracts in the Metropolitan District entered into by the Public Works Department during the past two years, such works not having been thrown open to public competition by being placed in the ordinary way in the Contractors' Room, and being also over the sum of Twenty pounds for each work; also furnishing the names of the contractors who executed the work, the amount of the contract, and the names of the persons to whom each work was submitted for competition by the department.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. **SUPPLY**.—Resolutions to be reported.
2. **LAND TAX BILL**.—Second reading.
3. **MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL**.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. **EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES BILL**.—Second reading.
5. **PARLIAMENTARY COSTS BILL**.—Consideration of Report.
6. **WAYS AND MEANS**.—To be further considered in Committee.
7. **EXTRADITION BILL**.—Second reading.
8. **FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAWS AMENDMENT BILL**.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. ZOX**: To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the number of gunny and other bags made, or partially made, by prison labor, the amount paid per dozen respectively, and for whom they are manufactured.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER.

Questions.

1. **MR. SHARPE**: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands if he is aware of the fact that the banks now refuse to advance money to selectors on their leases, and whether he will take such steps as will enable selectors to legally mortgage their leases to the banks so as to obtain advances.
2. **MR. SHARPE**: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands if it is his intention to bring in an amended Land Bill, and, if so, when.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. MUNRO**: To move, That the Petition for the Bill intituled "*A Bill to enable the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company to extend the provisions of an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate a Company to be called the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company, and for other purposes,'*" which was presented on the 25th day of July in the last Session of Parliament, and the order of leave to bring in the said Bill, made on the second day of August in the last Session of Parliament, be now read; and that thereupon the said Bill be read a first time and second time, and referred to a Select Committee consisting of Mr. Langridge, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Sainsbury, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; and that the promoters have leave from day to day to print the evidence taken before such Committee.

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General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS:—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH: To move for leave to bring in a Bill to secure the right of appeal in criminal cases.
2. MR. A. T. CLARK: To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Electoral Law.
3. MR. BENT: To move for leave to bring in a Bill for the prevention of contagious diseases.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
2. UNIVERSITY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. FENCING OF PUBLIC ROADS—Motion respecting—Resumption of debate.—*The question is, "That in the opinion of this House, the fencing in of any public road is unlawful, and an infringement upon the rights of the people of this colony, and that steps should at once be taken to compel the opening through of every public road in Victoria," and the amendment thereon, To omit from line 2 the words "unlawful and".*
4. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

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2. SUPREME COURT BILL.—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. BRIGHTON LAND VESTING BILL.—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. **MR. SERVICE** : To call attention to the question of an Ocean Steam Ship Service, *viâ* the Cape of Good Hope.

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

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 Land Act 1869—Regulations relating to Timber Cutting, &c. No. 55.
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1. BEECHWORTH WATERWORKS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

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NOTICE OF MOTION (Unopposed) :—

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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **SUPPLY**.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. **LAND TAX BILL**.—Message of His Excellency the Governor to be considered in Committee.
3. **LAND TAX BILL**.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. **SUPPLY**.—Resolutions to be reported.
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6. **EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES BILL**.—Second reading.
7. **PARLIAMENTARY COSTS BILL**.—Consideration of Report.
8. **WAYS AND MEANS**.—To be further considered in Committee.
9. **EXTRADITION BILL**.—Second reading.
10. **SUPREME COURT BILL**.—Second reading.
11. **FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAWS AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER.

Question.

1. MR. B. G. DAVIES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works when the new Government offices will be ready for occupancy by the various Departments ; and if he will specify the Departments to be located there, and what saving he anticipates will accrue (if any) to the State by the erection of the said offices.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. BRIGHTON LAND VESTING BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BENT : To move, That a Bill intituled "*A Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors and Burgesses of the Borough of Brighton for purposes of public recreation*" be now read a second time.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

In Committee on the Mining on Private Property Bill :—

1. MR. MCINTYRE : To move the following proviso be added to clause 16 :—

Provided that where any agreement now exists and mining operations are being carried on under such agreement upon any such exempted lands no such consent will be required and it will be competent for a lease to issue under this Act.

2. MR. BIRD : To move the following new clause :—

All contracts and agreements made between owners and occupiers of land and other persons for mining in and upon such land for gold and silver if registered within six months after the passing of this Act shall be binding at law and in equity.

On going into Committee of Supply :—

3. MR. SERVICE : To call attention to the question of an Ocean Steam Ship Service, *viâ* the Cape of Good Hope.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 5th September.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at one o'clock.

ALMA CONSOLS COMPANY—at two o'clock.

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General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BIRD: To move: That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the total amount of money spent in connection with the Experimental Farm at Dookie, with the various items of expenditure; also, the total expenditure of the Department of Agriculture for the last five years, showing how the money has been distributed.

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NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS:—

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General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

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NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. MUNRO :** To move, That the Petition for the Bill intituled "*A Bill to enable the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company to extend the provisions of an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate a Company to be called the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company, and for other purposes,'*" which was presented on the 25th day of July in the last Session of Parliament, and the order of leave to bring in the said Bill, made on the second day of August in the last Session of Parliament, be now read; and that thereupon the said Bill be read a first time and second time, and referred to a Select Committee consisting of Mr. Langridge, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Sainsbury, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; and that the promoters have leave from day to day to print the evidence taken before such Committee.

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 (6.) In order to attain this object, to foster and protect settlement on the lands in accordance with the existing law, and to prevent the dangerous aggregation of extensive areas of land contrary to the stipulations and conditions of Parliament, this House deems it desirable to establish a National Bank of Issue and Deposit, with a circulating capital equal to half the present market value of all the unsold land in Victoria (reserves excepted), and with power to advance money on the security of the unimproved value of lands at a fixed rate of interest.
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Thursday, 6th September.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at half-past three o'clock.

Tuesday, 11th September.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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TUESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER 1877.

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NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

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 - (3.) The rate per proof gallon duty paid.
 - (4.) The number of gallons proof left in bond (if any).
 - (5.) The number of gallons proof (methylated).
 - (6.) The amount of duty paid since last return.
 - (7.) The total amount of duty paid upon beet root spirit made at Staughton Vale Distillery.
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3. MR. BIRD : To move : That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the total amount of money spent in connection with the Experimental Farm at Dookie, with the various items of expenditure ; also, the total expenditure of the Department of Agriculture for the last five years, showing how the money has been distributed.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LAND TAX BILL.—Consideration of Report.
2. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
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4. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES BILL.—Second reading.
6. PARLIAMENTARY COSTS BILL.—Consideration of Report.
7. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
8. EXTRADITION BILL.—Second reading.
9. SUPREME COURT BILL.—Second reading.
10. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. BRIGHTON LAND VESTING BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

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20. **MR. DWYER** : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of the papers in connection with the removal from the commission of the peace of Mr. Jeremiah Ryan, Bacchus Marsh.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. MUNRO** : To move, That the Petition for the Bill intituled "*A Bill to enable the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company to extend the provisions of an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate a Company to be called the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company, and for other purposes,'*" which was presented on the 25th day of July in the last Session of Parliament, and the order of leave to bring in the said Bill, made on the second day of August in the last Session of Parliament, be now read; and that thereupon the said Bill be read a first time and second time, and referred to a Select Committee consisting of Mr. Langridge, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Sainsbury, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; and that the promoters have leave from day to day to print the evidence taken before such Committee.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. L. L. SMITH** : To move—
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House the postage upon all letters delivered within the Colony of Victoria shall be at the uniform rate of one penny.
 - (2.) That all newspapers printed and published in this colony should be post free, and that they should leave the colony by rail or steamer free.

2. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following resolutions :—

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- (4.) The financial necessities of those whom the State has placed in possession of specified lands has been used, and is now being used, as an excuse for evicting the population placed by law on certain lands, and putting those lands to a purpose different to that contemplated by Parliament and embodied in its Acts.
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Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 17.

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

Land Tax Bill.—[7] As reported 6th September. (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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WEDNESDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER 1877.

Questions.

1. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education if he is aware that State school teachers are charging children a higher price for school requisites than they can be obtained at stationers' shops ; also, does he not think it injurious to booksellers and the trade for State school teachers to sell school requisites.
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 - (3.) The number of students in training in the Central Training School, and in the Associated Schools, also the number that passed at each yearly examination.
19. **MR. ORR** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the means of communication between this colony and New South Wales across the River Murray, as to new bridges required and the conditions under which the bridges and punts now in existence are available for public traffic ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Woods, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Billson, Mr. Wright, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Kerferd, and the Mover ; and to have power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
20. **MR. DWYER** : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of the papers in connection with the removal from the commission of the peace of Mr. Jeremiah Ryan, Bacchus Marsh.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
4. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES BILL.—Second reading.
6. PARLIAMENTARY COSTS BILL.—Consideration of Report.
7. EXTRADITION BILL.—Second reading.
8. SUPREME COURT BILL.—Second reading.
9. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. MUNRO** : To move, That the Petition for the Bill intituled "*A Bill to enable the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company to extend the provisions of an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate a Company to be called the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company, and for other purposes,'*" which was presented on the 25th day of July in the last Session of Parliament; and the order of leave to bring in the said Bill, made on the second day of August in the last Session of Parliament, be now read; and that thereupon the said Bill be read a first time and second time, and referred to a Select Committee consisting of Mr. Langridge, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Sainsbury, and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; and that the promoters have leave from day to day to print the evidence taken before such Committee.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. L. L. SMITH** : To move—
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House the postage upon all letters delivered within the Colony of Victoria shall be at the uniform rate of one penny.
 - (2.) That all newspapers printed and published in this colony should be post free, and that they should leave the colony by rail or steamer free.
2. **MR. L. L. SMITH** : To move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following resolutions :—

That—

 - (1.) The wishes, intentions, and acts of past Parliaments, having for their object the permanent settlement of a freehold proprietary on the public lands of this colony have been set at defiance, evaded, and defeated by designing and unscrupulous persons.
 - (2.) Amongst other methods and pretexts resorted to for the purpose of thwarting the will of Parliament, and rendering abortive the law of the colony, a system of usury has been established, the object and effect of which is so to entangle and embarrass those whom the law has placed in possession of areas of land under stated conditions that the occupants are forced to part with the interest they have acquired in such areas, in order to satisfy the exorbitant and unjust demands of the aforesaid usurers.
 - (3.) The practices of these usurers are attended with the most deplorable consequences, so far as their victims are concerned, and with many and serious evils; deliberately planned and plainly directed against the common weal.
 - (4.) The financial necessities of those whom the State has placed in possession of specified lands has been used, and is now being used, as an excuse for evicting the population placed by law on certain lands, and putting those lands to a purpose different to that contemplated by Parliament and embodied in its Acts.

- (5.) The present Parliament is morally bound either to repeal the existing Act regulating the terms, conditions, and extent of individual settlement, or to take prompt and effective measures to carry out the spirit and intention of the violated Acts of Parliament, and to put a stop to the evictions now in progress.
- (6.) In order to attain this object, to foster and protect settlement on the lands in accordance with the existing law, and to prevent the dangerous aggregation of extensive areas of land contrary to the stipulations and conditions of Parliament, this House deems it desirable to establish a National Bank of Issue and Deposit, with a circulating capital equal to half the present market value of all the unsold land in Victoria (reserves excepted), and with power to advance money on the security of the unimproved value of lands at a fixed rate of interest.
- (7.) *Contingent on the foregoing resolutions being adopted by this House*, That the Honorable the Premier be requested to prepare and submit for the consideration of Parliament a measure which will embody and give effect to the same.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

In Committee on the Mining on Private Property Bill :—

1. MR. MCINTYRE : To move the following proviso be added to clause 16 :—
Provided that where any agreement now exists and mining operations are being carried on under such agreement upon any such exempted lands no such consent will be required and it will be competent for a lease to issue under this Act.
2. MR. BIRD : To move the following new clause :—
All contracts and agreements made before the passing of this Act between owners and occupiers of land and other persons for mining in and upon such land for gold and silver if registered within six months after the passing of this Act shall be binding at law and in equity.

On going into Committee of Supply :—

3. MR. SERVICE : To call attention to the question of an Ocean Steam Ship Service, *viâ* the Cape of Good Hope.
4. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move (on Wednesday, 19th September instant), That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly or in part out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. on Sundays during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest at least in every seven days, or at the option of the employes' compensation in the form of additional annual salary to be given to such employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 12th September.

ALMA CONSOLS COMPANY—at two o'clock.
ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at half-past three o'clock.
PRINTING—at half-past three o'clock.

Tuesday, 18th September.

SEAMEN AND SHIPPING—at half-past two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 7TH SEPTEMBER.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 18.
Land Tax Bill.—[7] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 32.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[32]
Weekly Report of Divisions No. 3.
Order in Council—Post Office and Telegraph Department—Extension of Time for receiving Press Messages for the Evening Newspapers. No. 56.
Parliamentary Costs Bill.—[22] As re-reported 11th September. (To Members of Assembly only.)
Friendly Societies Bill.—[35]
Contagious Diseases Prevention Bill.—[42]
National Insurance Company of Australasia Extension of Powers Bill—Report from Select Committee; with Proceedings of Committee and Minutes of Evidence. (*Private.*)
National Insurance Company of Australasia Extension of Powers Bill. (*Private.*)
Metropolitan Gas Company Bill. (*Private.*)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER, 1877.

Questions.

1. MR. BARR : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if clergymen of the Church of England are allowed to travel on the Victorian Railways at reduced fares ; and, if so, is it intended to allow clergymen of other denominations a similar privilege.
2. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands if any and how many licenses to erect swing gates have been granted since the 1st January 1877.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. DOW : To move, That there be laid before this House a Return showing :—
 - (1.) What has been the total cost to the country of the working of the Prevention of Diseases in Stock Act since its beginning in December 1872, up to the end of June 1877.
 - (2.) The total cost per annum for the years 1873, 1874, 1875, and 1876.
 - (3.) A. The total number of officials employed in the stock department.
B. The names of their several offices.
C. Their duties.
D. Their qualifications.
E. The amount of their salaries and allowances, specifying what the latter are for.
 - (4.) A. The names of the diseases reported to the department since the passing of the Act, and
B. The steps that have been taken with regard to each.
 - (5.) A. The number of convictions obtained for each of the years named, and
B. The nature of the penalties imposed.
 - (6.) The reason why the stock department does not furnish an annual report descriptive of its working.
2. MR. DWYER : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of the papers in connection with the removal from the commission of the peace of Mr. Jeremiah Ryan, Bacchus Marsh.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. PARLIAMETARY COSTS BILL.—Consideration of Report.
3. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
5. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
6. EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES BILL.—Second reading.
7. EXTRADITION BILL.—Second reading.
8. SUPREME COURT BILL.—Second reading.
9. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. RICHARDSON : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the best method of securing correct reports of the proceedings of Parliament, with the view of publishing them daily ; such Committee to consist of Sir John O'Shanassy, Mr. Munro, Mr. A. T. Clark, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover ; to have power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.

TUESDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER.

Questions.

1. MR. BARR : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if it is the intention of the Government to carry out the recommendations of the late Select Committee on Mr. Eaton's case as embodied in the report ; and, if so, when.
2. MR. LEVIEN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways when the station at Mount Moriac will be made available for public use.
3. MR. LEVIEN : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether it is the intention of the Government to require all Catholic children boarded out from the Industrial schools to be sent to the State schools, or whether any objection would be made to their attending Catholic schools.
4. MR. LAURENS : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he intends to appoint, under the provisions of the 95th section of the Local Government Act, one auditor for the year 1876-7 to each and every municipality in the colony.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER.

Questions.

1. **MR. SHARPE** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether, having in view the construction of a railway from the Springs to Wahgunyah, he will place himself in communication with the Government of New South Wales to ascertain if arrangements can be made between the two Governments and the promoters of the Wahgunyah bridge so as to purchase the same, and make it a free bridge that the public of Wahgunyah and Corowa may enjoy the same advantages in that respect as that at present enjoyed by the people of Wodonga and Albury.
2. **MR. FERGUSON** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs whether the Government will continue the reward for the capture and destruction of sharks in Hobson's and Port Phillip Bays.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)**NOTICES OF MOTION :—**

1. **MR. MUNRO** : To move, That the Petition for the Bill intituled "*A Bill to enable the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company to extend the provisions of an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate a Company to be called the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company, and for other purposes,'*" which was presented on the 25th day of July in the last Session of Parliament, and the order of leave to bring in the said Bill, made on the second day of August in the last Session of Parliament, be now read; and that thereupon the said Bill be read a first time and second time, and referred to a Select Committee consisting of Mr. Langridge, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Sainsbury, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; and that the promoters have leave from day to day to print the evidence taken before such Committee.
2. **MR. LANGRIDGE** : To move, That the Report of the Select Committee on a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the construction of the Rosstown Junction Railway and for other purposes,*" be now taken into consideration.
3. **MR. BENT** : To move, That the Standing Orders relating to Private Bills be suspended, and that the Bill intituled "*A Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Brighton for purposes of public recreation,*" be now committed to a Committee of the whole Assembly.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)**NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—**

1. **MR. A. T. CLARK** : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Electoral Law.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)**ORDERS OF THE DAY :—**

1. **CRIMINAL CASES APPEAL BILL.**—Second reading.
2. **CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL.**—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
3. **DOWER ABOLITION BILL.**—Second reading.
4. **UNIVERSITY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
5. **FENCING OF PUBLIC ROADS.**—Motion respecting—Resumption of debate.—*The question is, "That in the opinion of this House, the fencing in of any public road is unlawful, "and" an infringement upon the rights of the people of this colony, and that steps should at once be taken to compel the opening through of every public road in Victoria," and the amendment thereon, To omit all the words after the word "and" in line 2 to the end of the question, in order to insert instead thereof the words "that this House is further of opinion that the Government should as soon as possible introduce a Bill declaring that such classes of public roads as this House shall consider necessary shall be opened and continue permanently opened for public use in future."*
6. **ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.**—To be further considered in Committee.
7. **ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)**NOTICES OF MOTION :—**

1. **MR. L. L. SMITH** : To move—
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House the postage upon all letters delivered within the Colony of Victoria shall be at the uniform rate of one penny.
 - (2.) That all newspapers printed and published in this colony should be post free, and that they should leave the colony by rail or steamer free.
2. **MR. L. L. SMITH** : To move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following resolutions :—

That—

- (1.) The wishes, intentions, and acts of past Parliaments, having for their object the permanent settlement of a freehold proprietary on the public lands of this colony have been set at defiance, evaded, and defeated by designing and unscrupulous persons.
- (2.) Amongst other methods and pretexts resorted to for the purpose of thwarting the will of Parliament, and rendering abortive the law of the colony, a system of usury has been established, the object and effect of which is so to entangle and embarrass those whom the law has placed in possession of areas of land under stated conditions that the occupants are forced to part with the interest they have acquired in such areas, in order to satisfy the exorbitant and unjust demands of the aforesaid usurers.
- (3.) The practices of these usurers are attended with the most deplorable consequences, so far as their victims are concerned, and with many and serious evils, deliberately planned and plainly directed against the common weal.

- (4.) The financial necessities of those whom the State has placed in possession of specified lands has been used, and is now being used, as an excuse for evicting the population placed by law on certain lands, and putting those lands to a purpose different to that contemplated by Parliament and embodied in its Acts.
- (5.) The present Parliament is morally bound either to repeal the existing Act regulating the terms, conditions, and extent of individual settlement, or to take prompt and effective measures to carry out the spirit and intention of the violated Acts of Parliament, and to put a stop to the evictions now in progress.
- (6.) In order to attain this object, to foster and protect settlement on the lands in accordance with the existing law, and to prevent the dangerous aggregation of extensive areas of land contrary to the stipulations and conditions of Parliament, this House deems it desirable to establish a National Bank of Issue and Deposit, with a circulating capital equal to half the present market value of all the unsold land in Victoria (reserves excepted), and with power to advance money on the security of the unimproved value of lands at a fixed rate of interest.
- (7.) *Contingent on the foregoing resolutions being adopted by this House*, That the Honorable the Premier be requested to prepare and submit for the consideration of Parliament a measure which will embody and give effect to the same.
3. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That there be laid before this House—
- (1.) Copies of all papers and documents connected with the transfer of the Post Office at Moyston from the charge of Mr. Moon to Mr. Sullivan, the head teacher at that place.
- (2.) A Return giving the names of the offices transferred from business sites to the residence of State school teachers or State schools, from 21st May till 30th June, together with the number of money order and Savings Bank transactions, and the amount of correspondence passed through each office so transferred for the six months ended 30th June.
4. MR. J. T. SMITH : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the efficacy of Mr. Greathead's specific for the cure of diphtheria and scarlet fever ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Bent, Mr. Munro, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bayles, Mr. Dixon, Mr. L. L. Smith, Mr. Barr, and the Mover; with power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
5. MR. TUCKER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that a system of State Life Assurance and the granting of Government Annuities, similar to that now in operation in Great Britain, and adopted a few years since by the Colony of New Zealand with very successful results, should, as soon as possible, be established in connection with the Post-office Department in this Colony.
6. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all reports in the Railway Department in relation to the Railway Surveys from Maryborough to St. Arnaud.
7. MR. FINCHAM : To move, That in the opinion of this House, it is not expedient that the Williamstown workshops should be used for the construction or erection of any engines, plant, or material required by private individuals or companies, unless under exceptional circumstances, and then with the permission of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways.
8. MR. FINCHAM : To move, That in the opinion of this House duty ought to be and ought to have been collected upon all dutiable articles and material passing through the Customs, whether such articles or material be imported by Government or private individuals or companies.
9. MR. D. CAMERON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should take steps to provide a fund out of which money may be lent to selectors who have improved their land, in order that the land policy of this colony shall have full effect, and that selectors should be preserved from falling into the hands of persons who lend money at high interest.
10. MR. LYELL : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all correspondence with the New South Wales Government in reference to the removal of the existing restrictions to the admission of sheep from Victoria into New South Wales.
11. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable and necessary that a re-assessment of the squatters' runs should be made immediately.
12. MR. LAURENS : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the claim of William Monie, for works in connection with Contract No. 117, Victorian Water Supply ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Mirams, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Macgregor, Mr. Cook, and the Mover ; with power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
13. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, in any future loan to be effected for railway purposes, provision should be made for the continuation of the line to Wentworth from a point to be determined on by the House.
14. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That there be laid before this House a list of the names of persons to whom free railway tickets have been issued for the opening of the railway to Colac, showing the number given to each person.
15. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the expediency for increased facilities of communication, by railroad or tramway, between Melbourne and the junction of the Darling and the Murray at Wentworth, from any point to be determined upon ; such Committee to consist of Sir John O'Shanassy, Mr. Gillies, Mr. MacBain, Mr. Woods, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Bent, Mr. Graves, Mr. Service, and the Mover ; with power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
16. MR. GAVAN DUFFY : To move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the following resolutions :—
- (1.) That the disinterested and distinguished services of the late Mr. Wilson Gray, formerly a member of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, in his endeavors to promote the distribution of land among the people are entitled to the grateful recognition of this House.
- (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate the sum of £300 for the purchase of a portrait of Mr. Gray, which shall be kept in the Parliament House.

17. **MR. LANGRIDGE** : To move, That the affidavits laid on the Table of this House during last session in the case of, one Frank Sperrin, be printed.
18. **MR. GAUNSON** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the administration of the Lands Department in connection with land selected in the parishes of Elingamite and Ecklin, in which Mr. Peter McArthur claimed to be interested; and also in connection with such other cases as shall be brought under the notice of and decided to be investigated by the Committee; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. MacPherson, Mr. A. T. Clark, Mr. Graves, Mr. Lalor, Mr. Kerferd, Mr. Cope, Sir James McCulloch, and the Mover, five to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers, to meet on days on which the House does not sit, and to move from place to place.
19. **MR. MACGREGOR** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The total cost in connection with the Central Training School for the years 1874, 1875, 1876, and 1877 respectively, under the following heads:—
 1. Salaries to the training staff.
 2. Allowances to the trainees.
 3. Other expenses.
 - (2.) The total amount paid to the Associated Schools for training purposes in each year.
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In Committee on the Mining on Private Property Bill :—

1. **MR. MCINTYRE** : To move the following proviso be added to clause 16 :—
Provided that where any agreement now exists and mining operations are being carried on under such agreement upon any such exempted lands no such consent will be required and it will be competent for a lease to issue under this Act.
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C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 13th September.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at one o'clock.
ALMA CONSOLS COMPANY—at two o'clock.
STANDING ORDERS—at four o'clock.

Tuesday, 18th September.

SEAMEN AND SHIPPING—at half-past two o'clock.

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Criminal Cases Appeal Bill.—[43]

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER 1877.

Questions.

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Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BERRY : To move, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Thursday, 27th September instant.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. PARLIAMENTARY COSTS BILL.—Consideration of Report.
3. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
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WEDNESDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER.

Questions.

1. **MR. SHARPE :** To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether, having in view the construction of a railway from the Springs to Wahgunyah, he will place himself in communication with the Government of New South Wales to ascertain if arrangements can be made between the two Governments and the promoters of the Wahgunyah bridge so as to purchase the same, and make it a free bridge that the public of Wahgunyah and Corowa may enjoy the same advantages in that respect as that at present enjoyed by the people of Wodonga and Albury.
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C. GAVAN DUFFY,
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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 18th September.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at one o'clock.
 SEAMEN AND SHIPPING—at half-past two o'clock.
 LIBRARY COMMITTEE—at half-past three o'clock.

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Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 19.
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 Order in Council—Post-office and Telegraph Department—Transmission of State War Telegrams to Country Newspapers on Sunday at Ordinary Press Rates. No. 58.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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THURSDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER 1877.

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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

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2. **PARLIAMENTARY COSTS BILL.**—Consideration of Report.
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Railway Construction Bill.—[18] As reported 18th September. (To Members of Council only.)

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Bank Liabilities and Assets—Summaries of Sworn Returns for Quarter ended 30th June 1877.
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4. MR. BAYLES : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs if he will cause a survey to be made of the mouth of Campbell's River (on the west coast, between Cape Otway and Warrnambool), with the object of having a jetty erected, or moorings laid down, to enable vessels to load.
5. MR. ZOX : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if any gunpowder is stored in the magazine at the Royal Park ; and, if so, what quantity.
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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
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6. EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES BILL.—Second reading.
7. EXTRADITION BILL.—Second reading.
8. SUPREME COURT BILL.—Second reading.
9. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES' LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. RICHARDSON : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the best method of securing correct reports of the proceedings of Parliament, with the view of publishing them daily ; such Committee to consist of Sir John O'Shanassy, Mr. Munro, Mr. A. T. Clark, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover ; to have power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
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25. **MR. MACGREGOR** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
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3. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
4. UNIVERSITY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
5. FENCING OF PUBLIC ROADS.—Motion respecting—Resumption of debate.—*The question is*, "That in the opinion of this House, the fencing in of any public road is unlawful, "and" an infringement upon the rights of the people of this colony, and that steps should at once be taken to compel the opening through of every public road in Victoria," and *the amendment thereon*, To omit all the words after the word "and" in line 2 to the end of the question, in order to insert instead thereof the words "that this House is further of opinion that the Government should as soon as possible introduce a Bill declaring that such classes of public roads as this House shall consider necessary shall be opened and continue permanently opened for public use in future."
6. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS. ADMISSION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
7. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD OCTOBER.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. MUNRO** : To move, That a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amalgamate the City of Melbourne Gas and Coke Company, the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company, and the South Melbourne Gas Company, and to incorporate a company to be called 'The Metropolitan Gas Company,' and for other purposes,*" be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Mr. Cook, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Bosisto, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; and that the promoters have leave from day to day to print the evidence taken before such Committee.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

In Committee on the Mining on Private Property Bill :—

1. MR. MCINTYRE : To move the following proviso be added to clause 16 :—

Provided that where any agreement now exists and mining operations are being carried on under such agreement upon any such exempted lands no such consent will be required and it will be competent for a lease to issue under this Act.

2. MR. BIRD : To move the following new clause :—

All contracts and agreements made before the passing of this Act between owners and occupiers of land and other persons for mining in and upon such land for gold and silver if registered within six months after the passing of this Act shall be binding at law and in equity.

On going into Committee of Supply :—

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

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 2nd October.

BEECHWORTH WATERWORKS ACT AMENDMENT BILL—at eleven o'clock.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at one o'clock.

Wednesday, 3rd October.

SEAMEN AND SHIPPING—at half-past two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 19TH SEPTEMBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 21, No. 22, and No. 23.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 23 and No. 24.

Electors in Provinces—Return. A 1.

Railway Construction Bill.—[18] As reported 19th September. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 36.

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

Education—Petition. E.—No. 4.

- Metropolitan Gas Company's Bill—Petition. (*Private.*) (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD OCTOBER 1877.

Questions.

1. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if he will cause printed forms to be hung up in every State school, giving instructions how to proceed in cases of drowning and snakebite.
2. MR. LANGRIDGE : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if it is intended to compel the Police Force of the colony to wear the helmets lately issued to the whole of the force ; and if he considers them suitable for the men to wear in this climate.
3. MR. KERFERD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands with respect to the case of a selector named Wm. Huon, junior, whose application has been refused, if he is aware of the grounds upon which such application has been refused.
4. MR. GAUNSON : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will enquire into a statement in the *Leader* of 29th September, relative to the shearing of scabby sheep imported from Tasmania, with a view to ascertain if there were any carelessness, and, if so, to prevent the repetition thereof.
5. MR. SHARPE : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether, having in view the construction of a railway from the Springs to Wahgunyah, he will place himself in communication with the Government of New South Wales to ascertain if arrangements can be made between the two Governments and the promoters of the Wahgunyah bridge so as to purchase the same, and make it a free bridge that the public of Wahgunyah and Corowa may enjoy the same advantages in that respect as that at present enjoyed by the people of Wodonga and Albury.
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General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS:—

1. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Electoral Law.
2. MR. CASEY : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*An Act intituled 'An Act to provide for the treatment and cure of Inebriates.'*"

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NOTICE OF MOTION (Unopposed) :—

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 - (2.) The name of each run, its locality and character.
 - (3.) The area of each run, its total annual rental, and also its annual rental per acre.
 - (4.) A summary of this return showing the total area of each class of land occupied, the total rent received from each class, and the average rent per acre of each class.

Government Business.

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6. **EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES BILL.**—Second reading.
7. **EXTRADITION BILL.**—Second reading.
8. **SUPREME COURT BILL.**—Second reading.
9. **FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH OCTOBER.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That the Petition for the Bill intituled "*A Bill to enable the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company to extend the provisions of an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate a Company to be called the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company, and for other purposes,'*" which was presented on the 25th day of July in the last Session of Parliament, and the order of leave to bring in the said Bill, made on the second day of August in the last Session of Parliament, be now read; and that thereupon the said Bill be read a first time and second time, and referred to a Select Committee consisting of Mr. Langridge, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Sainsbury, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; and that the promoters have leave from day to day to print the evidence taken before such Committee.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

In Committee on the Mining on Private Property Bill :—

1. MR. MCINTYRE : To move the following proviso be added to clause 16 :—
Provided that where any agreement now exists and mining operations are being carried on under such agreement upon any such exempted lands no such consent will be required and it will be competent for a lease to issue under this Act.
2. MR. BIRD : To move the following new clause :—
All contracts and agreements made before the passing of this Act between owners, and occupiers of land and other persons for mining in and upon such land for gold and silver if registered within six months after the passing of this Act shall be binding at law and in equity.

On going into Committee of Supply :—

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

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

*Wednesday, 3rd October.*SEAMEN AND SHIPPING—at half-past two o'clock.
ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 28TH SEPTEMBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 24.
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Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 37.
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[37]
 Telegraph Cables—Copy of Correspondence, &c. No. 59.
 Telegraph Cable *via* United States—Copy of Correspondence, &c. No. 60.
 Order in Council—Land Act 1869—Regulation prescribing the Fee for License to occupy Land under section 49 on Sale Municipal Common. No. 61.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 4TH OCTOBER 1877.

Questions.

1. **MR. HUNT** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he will make provision for the erection, on the North-Eastern Line, of suitable station accommodation instead of the present temporary structures ; and, if so, when.
2. **MR. WILLIAMS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if it be the fact that, in the reticulation of Sandhurst and Eaglehawk, the water-pipes are not brought up to the property of the ratepayers as in Ballarat and other towns in the colony ; and, seeing that it is his intention to strike a general water rate, will he cause the same to be done in the future.
3. **MR. BIRD** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands if he does not think the influence of land agents at the Land office injurious to the interests of selectors ; and will he take steps to prevent the attendance in future of land agents at the Land office.
4. **MR. LANGRIDGE** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if it is intended to compel the Police Force of the colony to wear the helmets lately issued to the whole of the force ; and if he considers them suitable for the men to wear in this climate.
5. **MR. GAUNSON** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will enquire into a statement in the *Leader* of 29th September, relative to the shearing of scabby sheep imported from Tasmania, with a view to ascertain if there were any carelessness, and, if so, to prevent the repetition thereof.
6. **MR. SHARPE** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether, having in view the construction of a railway from the Springs to Wahgunyah, he will place himself in communication with the Government of New South Wales to ascertain if arrangements can be made between the two Governments and the promoters of the Wahgunyah bridge so as to purchase the same, and make it a free bridge that the public of Wahgunyah and Corowa may enjoy the same advantages in that respect as that at present enjoyed by the people of Wodonga and Albury.
7. **MR. RAMSAY** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction what steps, if any, have been taken to establish an efficient training school in connection with the Education department.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. **MR. MACGREGOR** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The total cost in connection with the Central Training School for the years 1874, 1875, 1876, and 1877 respectively, under the following heads :—
 1. Salaries to the training staff.
 2. Allowances to the trainees.
 3. Other expenses.
 - (2.) The total amount paid to the Associated Schools for training purposes in each year.
 - (3.) The number of students in training in the Central Training School, and in the Associated Schools, also the number that passed at each yearly examination.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—To be further considered in Committee.
2. **SUPPLY.**—To be further considered in Committee.
3. **EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES BILL.**—Second reading.
4. **EXTRADITION BILL.**—Second reading.
5. **SUPREME COURT BILL.**—Second reading.
6. **FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.**—Amendments of Legislative Council.—To be considered.
2. **SUPPLY.**—Resolutions to be reported.
3. **MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.**—Consideration of Report.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH OCTOBER.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. LANGRIDGE** : To move, That the Report of the Select Committee on a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the construction of the Rosstown Junction Railway and for other purposes,*" be now taken into consideration.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. **MR. A. T. CLARK** : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Electoral Law.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. BRIGHTON LAND VESTING BILL.—Consideration of Report.
2. INEBRIATES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. CRIMINAL CASES APPEAL BILL.—Second reading.
4. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
5. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
6. UNIVERSITY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. FENCING OF PUBLIC ROADS—Motion respecting—Resumption of debate.—*The question is*, “That in the opinion of this House, the fencing in of any public road is unlawful, “and” an infringement upon the rights of the people of this colony, and that steps should at once be taken to compel the opening through of every public road in Victoria,” *and the amendment thereon*, To omit all the words after the word “and” in line 2 to the end of the question, in order to insert instead thereof the words “that this House is further of opinion that the Government should as soon as possible introduce a Bill declaring that such classes of public roads as this House shall consider necessary shall be opened and continue permanently opened for public use in future.”
8. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move—
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House the postage upon all letters delivered within the Colony of Victoria shall be at the uniform rate of one penny.
 - (2.) That all newspapers printed and published in this colony should be post free, and that they should leave the colony by rail or steamer free.
2. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following resolutions:—

That—

 - (1.) The wishes, intentions, and acts of past Parliaments, having for their object the permanent settlement of a freehold proprietary on the public lands of this colony have been set at defiance, evaded, and defeated by designing and unscrupulous persons.
 - (2.) Amongst other methods and pretexts resorted to for the purpose of thwarting the will of Parliament, and rendering abortive the law of the colony, a system of usury has been established, the object and effect of which is so to entangle and embarrass those whom the law has placed in possession of areas of land under stated conditions that the occupants are forced to part with the interest they have acquired in such areas, in order to satisfy the exorbitant and unjust demands of the aforesaid usurers.
 - (3.) The practices of these usurers are attended with the most deplorable consequences, so far as their victims are concerned, and with many and serious evils, deliberately planned and plainly directed against the common-weal.
 - (4.) The financial necessities of those whom the State has placed in possession of specified lands has been used, and is now being used, as an excuse for evicting the population placed by law on certain lands, and putting those lands to a purpose different to that contemplated by Parliament and embodied in its Acts.
 - (5.) The present Parliament is morally bound either to repeal the existing Act regulating the terms, conditions, and extent of individual settlement, or to take prompt and effective measures to carry out the spirit and intention of the violated Acts of Parliament, and to put a stop to the evictions now in progress.
 - (6.) In order to attain this object, to foster and protect settlement on the lands in accordance with the existing law, and to prevent the dangerous aggregation of extensive areas of land contrary to the stipulations and conditions of Parliament, this House deems it desirable to establish a National Bank of Issue and Deposit, with a circulating capital equal to half the present market value of all the unsold land in Victoria (reserves excepted), and with power to advance money on the security of the unimproved value of lands at a fixed rate of interest.
 - (7.) *Contingent on the foregoing resolutions being adopted by this House*, That the Honorable the Premier be requested to prepare and submit for the consideration of Parliament a measure which will embody and give effect to the same.
3. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That there be laid before this House—
 - (1.) Copies of all papers and documents connected with the transfer of the Post Office at Moyston from the charge of Mr. Moore to Mr. Sullivan, the head teacher at that place.
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7. MR. FINCHAM : To move, That in the opinion of this House, it is not expedient that the Williamstown workshops should be used for the construction or erection of any engines, plant, or material required by private individuals or companies, unless under exceptional circumstances, and then with the permission of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways.
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9. MR. D. CAMERON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should take steps to provide a fund out of which money may be lent to selectors who have improved their land, in order that the land policy of this colony shall have full effect, and that selectors should be preserved from falling into the hands of persons who lend money at high interest.
10. MR. LYELL : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all correspondence with the New South Wales Government in reference to the removal of the existing restrictions to the admission of sheep from Victoria into New South Wales.
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 - (1.) That the disinterested and distinguished services of the late Mr. Wilson Gray, formerly a member of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, in his endeavors to promote the distribution of land among the people are entitled to the grateful recognition of this House.
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WEDNESDAY, 17TH OCTOBER.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That the Petition for the Bill intituled "*A Bill to enable the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company to extend the provisions of an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate a company to be called the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company, and for other purposes,'*" which was presented on the 25th day of July in the last Session of Parliament, and the order of leave to bring in the said Bill, made on the second day of August in the last Session of Parliament, be now read; and that thereupon the said Bill be read a first time and second time, and referred to a Select Committee consisting of Mr. Langridge, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Sainsbury, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; and that the promoters have leave from day to day to print the evidence taken before such Committee.

CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

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

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Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 4th October.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at half-past three o'clock.

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Wednesday, 10th October.

SEAMEN AND SHIPPING—at half-past two o'clock.

Wednesday, 17th October.

ALMA CONSOLS COMPANY—at half-past two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 4TH OCTOBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 25.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 26.

Police Offences Statute Amendment Bill.—[46]

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 38.

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

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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TUESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER 1877.

Questions.

1. MR. HUNT: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he will make provision for the erection, on the North-Eastern Line, of suitable station accommodation instead of the present temporary structures; and, if so, when.
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3. MR. RAMSAY: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction what steps, if any, have been taken to establish an efficient training school in connection with the Education department.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. DWYER: To move, That there be laid before this House a return containing the names of all officers in the Crown Solicitor's Department, who are paid salaries in addition to the salaries set opposite their respective offices in the Estimates of Expenditure; together with a statement of the respective amounts, and the Parliamentary authorities under which such additional salaries are paid.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Consideration of Report.
2. RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Amendments of Legislative Council.—To be taken into consideration.
3. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
5. WAYS AND MEANS.—Resolutions to be reported.
6. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
7. EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES BILL.—Second reading.
8. EXTRADITION BILL.—Second reading.
9. SUPREME COURT BILL.—Second reading.
10. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. SHARPE: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the allegations contained in the Petition of Chevalier Bruno, presented to this House on 4th September last; such Committee to consist of Mr. Service, Mr. Graves, Mr. Orr, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. D. Cameron, Mr. Bent, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to send for persons and papers, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
2. MR. FRASER: To move, That there be laid before this House copies of the Papers in connection with the dismissal of Mr. Robert Hogan, school teacher of Toobooraac.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH OCTOBER.

Question.

1. MR. SHARPE: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands if he is aware that several persons have been refused their Crown Grants by the Lands Department for refusing to sign the following conditions, viz. :—To allow the Government to take any land which may be required in future for railway purposes by paying the owner one pound per acre for such land; and if he considers it fair and reasonable to ask owners of land to enter into such arrangements with the Government.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

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WEDNESDAY, 17TH OCTOBER.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That the Petition for the Bill intituled "*A Bill to enable the Collingwood Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company to extend the provisions of an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate a Company to be called the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company, and for other purposes,'*" which was presented on the 25th day of July in the last Session of Parliament, and the order of leave to bring in the said Bill, made on the second day of August in the last Session of Parliament, be now read; and that thereupon the said Bill be read a first time and second time, and referred to a Select Committee consisting of Mr. Langridge, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Sainsbury, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; and that the promoters have leave from day to day to print the evidence taken before such Committee.

CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply:—

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

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 9th October

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at one o'clock.

Wednesday, 10th October.

SEAMEN AND SHIPPING—at half-past two o'clock.

Wednesday, 17th October.

ALMA CONSOLS COMPANY—at half-past two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 5TH OCTOBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 26.

Regulation and Inspection of Mines Bill.—[9] As reported 3rd October. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 39.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[39]

Mining on Private Property Bill.—[16] As re-reported 3rd October. (To Members of Assembly only.)

Railway Construction Bill.—Amendments made by the Legislative Council. (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH OCTOBER 1877.

Questions.

1. MR. SHARPE: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands if he is aware that several persons have been refused their Crown Grants by the Lands Department for refusing to sign the following conditions, viz.:—To allow the Government to take any land which may be required in future for railway purposes by paying the owner one pound per acre for such land; and if he considers it fair and reasonable to ask owners of land to enter into such arrangements with the Government.
2. DR. MACARTNEY: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether, and how soon, he will supply a goods shed at Bunyip Railway Station.
3. MR. D. M. DAVIES: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether he will, in the new Electoral Act, extend the franchise to members of the police force.
4. MR. LEVIEN: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether he will place a sum of money upon an Additional Estimate (to be appropriated under regulations) in order that deep sea fishing may be fairly tested.
5. MR. DWYER: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice if it is the intention of the Government to introduce this session any measure of law reform other than the Judicature Bill now before the House.
6. MR. GAUNSON: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will enquire into a statement in the *Leader* of 29th September, relative to the shearing of scabby sheep imported from Tasmania, with a view to ascertain if there were any carelessness, and, if so, to prevent the repetition thereof.
7. MR. DWYER: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if it is his intention to introduce any Bill, or frame any regulations, making appointments to the Civil Service competitive.
8. MR. RAMSAY: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction what steps, if any, have been taken to establish an efficient training school in connection with the Education department.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. LANGRIDGE: To move, That the Report of the Select Committee on a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the construction of the Rosstown Junction Railway and for other purposes,*" be now taken into consideration.
2. MR. LANGRIDGE: To move, That so much of Standing Orders, numbered respectively 10 and 26, which prescribe the months in which the notices for a Private Bill are to be given and published, and the month in which the petition for a Private Bill is to be deposited be suspended or dispensed with, with a view of introducing a Bill intituled "*A Bill to enable the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company to sue and be sued in the Colony of Victoria in the name of the Company, and for other purposes,*" and that leave be given to introduce such Bill.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS:—

1. MR. A. T. CLARK: To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Electoral Law.
2. MR. DWYER: To move for leave to introduce a Bill to assimilate the procedure and practice of the Supreme Court and the County Courts, and for other purposes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. BRIGHTON LAND VESTING BILL.—Consideration of Report.
2. INEBRIATES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. CRIMINAL CASES APPEAL BILL.—Second reading.
4. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
5. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
6. UNIVERSITY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. FENCING OF PUBLIC ROADS.—Motion respecting.—Resumption of debate.—*The question is, "That in the opinion of this House, the fencing in of any public road is unlawful, "and" an infringement upon the rights of the people of this colony, and that steps should at once be taken to compel the opening through of every public road in Victoria," and the amendment thereon, To omit all the words after the word "and" in line 2 to the end of the question, in order to insert instead thereof the words "that this House is further of opinion that the Government should as soon as possible introduce a Bill declaring that such classes of public roads as this House shall consider necessary shall be opened and continue permanently opened for public use in future."*
8. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move—

- (1.) That in the opinion of this House the postage upon all letters delivered within the Colony of Victoria shall be at the uniform rate of one penny.
- (2.) That all newspapers printed and published in this colony should be post free, and that they should leave the colony by rail or steamer free.

2. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following resolutions :—

That—

- (1.) The wishes, intentions, and acts of past Parliaments, having for their object the permanent settlement of a freehold proprietary on the public lands of this colony have been set at defiance, evaded, and defeated by designing and unscrupulous persons.
- (2.) Amongst other methods and pretexts resorted to for the purpose of thwarting the will of Parliament, and rendering abortive the law of the colony, a system of usury has been established, the object and effect of which is so to entangle and embarrass those whom the law has placed in possession of areas of land under stated conditions that the occupants are forced to part with the interest they have acquired in such areas, in order to satisfy the exorbitant and unjust demands of the aforesaid usurers.
- (3.) The practices of these usurers are attended with the most deplorable consequences, so far as their victims are concerned, and with many and serious evils, deliberately planned and plainly directed against the common weal.
- (4.) The financial necessities of those whom the State has placed in possession of specified lands has been used, and is now being used, as an excuse for evicting the population placed by law on certain lands, and putting those lands to a purpose different to that contemplated by Parliament and embodied in its Acts.
- (5.) The present Parliament is morally bound either to repeal the existing Act regulating the terms, conditions, and extent of individual settlement, or to take prompt and effective measures to carry out the spirit and intention of the violated Acts of Parliament, and to put a stop to the evictions now in progress.
- (6.) In order to attain this object, to foster and protect settlement on the lands in accordance with the existing law, and to prevent the dangerous aggregation of extensive areas of land contrary to the stipulations and conditions of Parliament, this House deems it desirable to establish a National Bank of Issue and Deposit, with a circulating capital equal to half the present market value of all the unsold land in Victoria (reserves excepted), and with power to advance money on the security of the unimproved value of lands at a fixed rate of interest.
- (7.) *Contingent on the foregoing resolutions being adopted by this House,* That the Honorable the Premier be requested to prepare and submit for the consideration of Parliament a measure which will embody and give effect to the same.

3. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That there be laid before this House—

- (1.) Copies of all papers and documents connected with the transfer of the Post Office at Moyston from the charge of Mr. Moore to Mr. Sullivan, the head teacher at that place.
- (2.) A Return giving the names of the offices transferred from business sites to the residence of State school teachers or State schools, from 21st May till 30th June, together with the number of money order and Savings Bank transactions, and the amount of correspondence passed through each office so transferred for the six months ended 30th June.

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5. MR. TUCKER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that a system of State Life Assurance and the granting of Government Annuities, similar to that now in operation in Great Britain, and adopted a few years since by the Colony of New Zealand with very successful results, should, as soon as possible, be established in connection with the Post-office Department in this Colony.

6. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all reports in the Railway Department in relation to the Railway Surveys from Maryborough to St. Arnaud.

7. MR. FINCHAM : To move, That in the opinion of this House, it is not expedient that the Williamstown workshops should be used for the construction or erection of any engines, plant, or material required by private individuals or companies, unless under exceptional circumstances, and then with the permission of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways.

8. MR. FINCHAM : To move, That in the opinion of this House duty ought to be and ought to have been collected upon all dutiable articles and material passing through the Customs, whether such articles or material be imported by Government or private individuals or companies.

9. MR. D. CAMERON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should take steps to provide a fund out of which money may be lent to selectors who have improved their land, in order that the land policy of this colony shall have full effect, and that selectors should be preserved from falling into the hands of persons who lend money at high interest.

10. MR. LYELL : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all correspondence with the New South Wales Government in reference to the removal of the existing restrictions to the admission of sheep from Victoria into New South Wales.

11. **MR. MIRAMS**: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable and necessary that a re-assessment of the squatters' runs should be made immediately.
12. **MR. LAURENS**: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the claim of William Monie, for works in connection with Contract No. 117, Victorian Water Supply; such Committee to consist of Mr. Mirams, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Macgregor, Mr. Cook, and the Mover; with power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
13. **MR. F. L. SMYTH**: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, in any future loan to be effected for railway purposes, provision should be made for the continuation of the line to Wentworth from a point to be determined on by the House.
14. **MR. F. L. SMYTH**: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the expediency for increased facilities of communication, by railroad or tramway, between Melbourne and the junction of the Darling and the Murray at Wentworth, from any point to be determined upon; such Committee to consist of Sir John O'Shanassy, Mr. Gillies, Mr. MacBain, Mr. Woods, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Bent, Mr. Graves, Mr. Service, and the Mover; with power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
15. **MR. GAVAN DUFFY**: To move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the following resolutions:—
 - (1.) That the disinterested and distinguished services of the late Mr. Wilson Gray, formerly a member of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, in his endeavors to promote the distribution of land among the people are entitled to the grateful recognition of this House.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate the sum of £300 for the purchase of a portrait of Mr. Gray, which shall be kept in the Parliament House.
16. **MR. LANGRIDGE**: To move, That the affidavits laid on the Table of this House during last session in the case of one Frank Sperrin, be printed.
17. **MR. GAUNSON**: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the administration of the Lands Department in connection with land selected in the parishes of Elingamite and Ecklin, in which Mr. Peter McArthur claimed to be interested; and also in connection with such other cases as shall be brought under the notice of and decided to be investigated by the Committee; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. MacPherson, Mr. A. T. Clark, Mr. Graves, Mr. Lalor, Mr. Kerferd, Mr. Cope, Sir James McCulloch, and the Mover, five to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers, to meet on days on which the House does not sit, and to move from place to place.
18. **MR. COOPER**: To move, That in the opinion of this House the Government ought not to sell any more country lands, but should provide for a system of leasing, by which all such lands may be preserved as the property of the State for ever.
19. **MR. SHARPE**: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the allegations contained in the Petition of Chevalier Bruno, presented to this House on 4th September last; such Committee to consist of Mr. Service, Mr. Graves, Mr. Orr, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. D. Cameron, Mr. Bent, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to send for persons and papers, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
20. **MR. FRASER**: To move, That there be laid before this House copies of the Papers in connection with the dismissal of Mr. Robert Hogan, school teacher of Tooboora.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. **MR. DWYER**: To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all Classified Officers in the Civil Service promoted between 1st January 1874 and 1st October 1877, before having attained the head of the class from which promoted, giving the time by which each officer fell short of the time necessary to attain the head of his class.
2. **MR. DWYER**: To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all Bills drafted for the Government, including those drafted by its officers, between 1st January 1874 and 1st October 1877, giving the titles of the Bills, the names of the draftsmen, and the fees (if any) paid in respect to each Bill.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. **SUPPLY**.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. **SUPPLY**.—Resolutions to be reported.
3. **WAYS AND MEANS**.—Resolutions to be reported.
4. **WAYS AND MEANS**.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. **EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES BILL**.—Second reading.
6. **EXTRADITION BILL**.—Second reading.
7. **SUPREME COURT BILL**.—Second reading.
8. **FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAWS AMENDMENT BILL**.—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 11TH OCTOBER.

Question.

1. **MR. ZOX**: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice what course the Government intend taking in the case of Frank Sperrin, now undergoing a sentence of ten years' imprisonment for a criminal assault.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GRANT: To move, in pursuance of the provisions of the Act of Parliament numbered 502, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that Courts of General Sessions may be held at Benalla and Wangaratta.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH OCTOBER.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MUNRO: To move, That the Petition for the Bill intituled "*A Bill to enable the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company to extend the provisions of an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate a Company to be called the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company, and for other purposes,'*" which was presented on the 25th day of July in the last Session of Parliament, and the order of leave to bring in the said Bill, made on the second day of August in the last Session of Parliament, be now read; and that thereupon the said Bill be read a first time and second time, and referred to a Select Committee consisting of Mr. Langridge, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Sainsbury, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; and that the promoters have leave from day to day to print the evidence taken before such Committee.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION:—

On going into Committee of Supply:—

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2. SIR JOHN O'SHANASSY: To move, That all petitions from Roman Catholic residents in Victoria, presented to this House during the present session, complaining of the operation of the present Education Act, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 10th October.

METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY'S BILL—at eleven o'clock.
ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at one o'clock.
SEAMEN AND SHIPPING—at half-past two o'clock.

Wednesday, 17th October.

ALMA CONSOLS COMPANY—at half-past two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 5TH OCTOBER.

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

Parliamentary Costs Bill.—[22] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

National Insurance Company of Australasia Extension of Powers Bill—Report from Select Committee of Legislative Assembly; with Proceedings of Committee and Minutes of Evidence. (*Private.*) (To Members of Council only.)

National Insurance Company of Australasia Extension of Powers Bill. (*Private.*) (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 40.

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

Peter McArthur and Others—Return. C.—No. 6.

Inebriates Act Amendment Bill.—[47]

Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company Bill. (*Private.*)

Beechworth Waterworks Act 1860 Amendment Bill—Report from Select Committee; with Proceedings of Committee and Minutes of Evidence. (*Private.*) (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 11TH OCTOBER 1877.

Questions.

1. **MR. ZOX**: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice what course the Government intend taking in the case of Frank Sperrin, now undergoing a sentence of ten years' imprisonment for a criminal assault.
2. **MR. BIRD**: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary, whether, as it appears that the Royal Assent has been given to the Queensland Chinese Act, will the Government take early steps to introduce a similar Act into Victoria.
3. **DR. MACARTNEY**: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether he has any objection to state what are the duties now being performed by the engineering staff at Moe; and whether it is his intention to shift their camp.
4. **MR. GAUNSON**: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will enquire into a statement in the *Leader* of 29th September, relative to the shearing of scabby sheep imported from Tasmania, with a view to ascertain if there were any carelessness, and, if so, to prevent the repetition thereof.
5. **MR. RAMSAY**: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction what steps, if any, have been taken to establish an efficient training school in connection with the Education department.

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8. **FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAWS AMENDMENT BILL**.—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 16TH OCTOBER.

Question.

1. **MR. L. L. SMITH**: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice when he will state to this House the decision of the Cabinet in regard to life sentenced prisoners.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. D. M. DAVIES**: To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all papers in connection with the decisions of the Local Land Board, held at Kerang, on 28th September 1877.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH OCTOBER.

Question.

1. **MR. BENT**: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if it is the intention of the Government to introduce this session any measure to allow local bodies to borrow money for the purpose of constructing tramways.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. MUNRO**: To move, That the Petition for the Bill intituled "*A Bill to enable the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company to extend the provisions of an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate a Company to be called the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company, and for other purposes,'*" which was presented on the 25th day of July in the last Session of Parliament, and the order of leave to bring in the said Bill, made on the second day of August in the last Session of Parliament, be now read; and that thereupon the said Bill be read a first time and second time, and referred to a Select Committee consisting of Mr. Langridge, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Sainsbury, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; and that the promoters have leave from day to day to print the evidence taken before such Committee.
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General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS:—

1. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Electoral Law.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SUPREME AND COUNTY COURTS PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
2. CRIMINAL CASES APPEAL BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
3. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
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C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 16th October.

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Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 27.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[41]

Imports Consumed in Victoria—Value of—Return. C.—No. 7.

Protection of the Aborigines—Thirteenth Report of the Board for the Protection of the
Aborigines in the Colony of Victoria. No. 62.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 16TH OCTOBER 1877.

Questions.

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice when he will state to this House the decision of the Cabinet in regard to life sentenced prisoners.
2. MR. DOW : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice what steps he intends to take relative to the report of Mr. Ogier's conduct in the Warden's Court, St. Arnaud, as it appears in the *St. Arnaud Mercury* of the 10th of this month.
3. MR. DWYER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice if it is the fact that the Crown Solicitor employs some of the officers of the department to perform private work for himself, or work for which he receives private fees.
4. MR. DOW : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether he will take such steps as will have the effect of utilizing the visit to Paris of the Victorian Commissioners, in the way of introducing from the Continent into Victoria experts skilled in the culture and after-treatment of the products peculiar to the *petite* agriculture of the south of Europe, and which products there is reason to believe might be profitably established in Victoria, taking into account the similarity in the climate of both the countries named.
5. DR. MACARTNEY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether he will direct the trains on the Gippsland Railway to be run at such hours as will enable the mails, between Melbourne and towns in Gippsland, to be delivered within the shortest possible time.
6. MR. GAUNSON : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will enquire into a statement in the *Leader* of 29th September, relative to the shearing of scabby sheep imported from Tasmania, with a view to ascertain if there were any carelessness, and, if so, to prevent the repetition thereof.
7. MR. RAMSAY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction what steps, if any, have been taken to establish an efficient training school in connection with the Education department.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PATTERSON : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the councils of municipal districts to impose extra rates in particular subdivisions.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
3. EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES BILL.—Second reading.
4. EXTRADITION BILL.—Second reading.
5. SUPREME COURT BILL.—Second reading.
6. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. D. M. DAVIES : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all papers in connection with the decisions of the Local Land Board, held at Kerang, on 28th September 1877.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH OCTOBER.

Question.

1. MR. BENT : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if it is the intention of the Government to introduce this session any measure to allow local bodies to borrow money for the purpose of constructing tramways:

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That the Petition for the Bill intituled "*A Bill to enable the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company to extend the provisions of an Act intituled, 'An Act to incorporate a Company to be called the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company, and for other purposes,'*" which was presented on the 25th day of July in the last Session of Parliament, and the order of leave to bring in the said Bill, made on the second day of August in the last Session of Parliament, be now read; and that thereupon the said Bill be read a first time and second time, and referred to a Select Committee consisting of Mr. Langridge, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Sainsbury, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; and that the promoters have leave from day to day to print the evidence taken before such Committee!
2. MR. LANGRIDGE : To move, That the Report of the Select Committee on a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the construction of the Rosstown Junction Railway and for other purposes,*" be now taken into consideration.

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General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS:—

1. MR. A. T. CLARK: To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Electoral Law.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SUPREME AND COUNTY COURTS PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
2. CRIMINAL CASES APPEAL BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
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7. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

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That—

 - (1.) The wishes, intentions, and acts of past Parliaments, having for their object the permanent settlement of a freehold proprietary on the public lands of this colony have been set at defiance, evaded, and defeated by designing and unscrupulous persons.
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 - (3.) The practices of these usurers are attended with the most deplorable consequences, so far as their victims are concerned, and with many and serious evils, deliberately planned and plainly directed against the common weal.
 - (4.) The financial necessities of those whom the State has placed in possession of specified lands has been used, and is now being used, as an excuse for evicting the population placed by law on certain lands, and putting those lands to a purpose different to that contemplated by Parliament and embodied in its Acts.
 - (5.) The present Parliament is morally bound either to repeal the existing Act regulating the terms, conditions, and extent of individual settlement, or to take prompt and effective measures to carry out the spirit and intention of the violated Acts of Parliament, and to put a stop to the evictions now in progress.
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5. **MR. TUCKER :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that a system of State Life Assurance and the granting of Government Annuities, similar to that now in operation in Great Britain, and adopted a few years since by the Colony of New Zealand with very successful results, should, as soon as possible, be established in connection with the Post-office Department in this Colony.
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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—To be further considered in Committee.
2. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—Resolutions to be reported.

THURSDAY, 18TH OCTOBER.

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Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 28.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 42.

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

Weekly Report of Divisions No. 5.

First Report of the Printing Committee. D.—No. 6.

Beechworth Waterworks Act 1860 Amendment Bill—Report from Select Committee; with Proceedings of Committee and Minutes of Evidence. (*Private.*) (Issue completed.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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WEDNESDAY, 17TH OCTOBER 1877.

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Government Business.

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1. **MAJOR W. C. SMITH** : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to the Drainage of Mines.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

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9. **FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAWS AMENDMENT BILL**.—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 18TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

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

TUESDAY, 23RD OCTOBER.

Question.

1. MR. WILLIAMS: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines whether it is his intention to enforce the covenants of the Mining Leases in the district of Sandhurst; and if they are not carried out, will he cause the leases to be forfeited.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
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ALMA CONSOLS COMPANY—at half-past two o'clock.
LIBRARY—at half-past three o'clock.

Thursday, 18th October.

SEAMEN AND SHIPPING—at half-past two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 12TH OCTOBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 28.
Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 29.
Waterworks Act 1865 Amendment Bill.—[15] As reported 16th October. (To Members of Council only.)
Brighton Land Vesting Bill.—[41] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)
Inebriates Act Amendment Bill.—[47] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)
Regulation and Inspection of Mines Bill.—Proposed new Sub-clause to follow Sub-clause VI. of Clause 6, to be proposed by the Hon. H. Cuthbert. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 43.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[43]
Order in Council—Land Act 1869—Regulation providing for the Collection of Fee for registration of Transfer or Mortgage of Leaseholds under section 20 Land Act 1869. No. 66.
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7. MR. CARTER : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary when he will bring in a measure dealing with the question of tolls.
8. MR. DOW : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice what steps he intends to take relative to the report of Mr. Ogier's conduct in the Warden's Court, St. Arnaud, as it appears in the *St. Arnaud Mercury* of the 10th of this month.
9. MR. GAUNSON : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will enquire into a statement in the *Leader* of 29th September, relative to the shearing of scabby sheep imported from Tasmania, with a view to ascertain if there were any carelessness, and, if so, to prevent the repetition thereof.
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WEDNESDAY, 24TH OCTOBER.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That the Petition for the Bill intituled "*A Bill to enable the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company to extend the provisions of an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate a Company to be called the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company, and for other purposes,'*" which was presented on the 25th day of July in the last Session of Parliament, and the order of leave to bring in the said Bill, made on the second day of August in the last Session of Parliament, be now read; and that thereupon the said Bill be read a first time and second time, and referred to a Select Committee consisting of Mr. Langridge, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Sainsbury, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; and that the promoters have leave from day to day to print the evidence taken before such Committee.
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General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Electoral Law.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPREME AND COUNTY COURTS PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
2. CRIMINAL CASES APPEAL BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
3. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
4. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
5. UNIVERSITY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
6. FENCING OF PUBLIC ROADS—Motion respecting—Resumption of debate.—*The question is, "That in the opinion of this House, the fencing in of any public road is unlawful, "and" an infringement upon the rights of the people of this colony, and that steps should at once be taken to compel the opening through of every public road in Victoria," and the amendment thereon, To omit all the words after the word "and" in line 2 to the end of the question, in order to insert instead thereof the words "that this House is further of opinion that the Government should as soon as possible introduce a Bill declaring that such classes of public roads as this House shall consider necessary shall be opened and continue permanently opened for public use in future."*
7. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move—
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House the postage upon all letters delivered within the Colony of Victoria shall be at the uniform rate of one penny.
 - (2.) That all newspapers printed and published in this colony should be post free, and that they should leave the colony by rail or steamer free.
2. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following resolutions :—

That—

 - (1.) The wishes, intentions, and acts of past Parliaments, having for their object the permanent settlement of a freehold proprietary on the public lands of this colony have been set at defiance, evaded, and defeated by designing and unscrupulous persons.
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 - (3.) The practices of these usurers are attended with the most deplorable consequences, so far as their victims are concerned, and with many and serious evils, deliberately planned and plainly directed against the common weal.
 - (4.) The financial necessities of those whom the State has placed in possession of specified lands has been used, and is now being used, as an excuse for evicting the population placed by law on certain lands, and putting those lands to a purpose different to that contemplated by Parliament and embodied in its Acts.
 - (5.) The present Parliament is morally bound either to repeal the existing Act regulating the terms, conditions, and extent of individual settlement, or to take prompt and effective measures to carry out the spirit and intention of the violated Acts of Parliament, and to put a stop to the evictions now in progress.
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Thursday, 18th October.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE—at half-past three o'clock.

Tuesday, 23rd October.

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ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at one o'clock.

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Railway Construction Bill—Evidence taken at the Bar, in Committee of the whole Council. D 1.
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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WEDNESDAY, 24TH OCTOBER 1877.

Questions.

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NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
3. WATERWORKS ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Amendments of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.
4. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
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6. DIFFERENTIAL RATING BILL.—Second reading.
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10. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 25TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

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

TUESDAY, 30TH OCTOBER.

Question.

1. MR. BOWMAN : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if it is his intention to revert to the system of issuing return tickets to and from all stations on the Victorian Railways.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MINES DRAINAGE LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST OCTOBER.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 24th October.

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

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THURSDAY, 25TH OCTOBER 1877.

Questions.

1. **MR. HUNT** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether he will provide for the establishment of electric telegraph offices at all stations on single lines of railway ; and, if so, when.
2. **MR. F. L. SMYTH** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether it is his intention to enforce the penalties against Messrs. Noonan Brothers for the breach of their contract in the construction of the middle section of the Gippsland railway ; and what is the amount of the penalties so incurred.
3. **MR. KING** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he will give directions to allow volunteers in uniform to travel on the Williamstown line of railway at half fare, a similar concession being given by the Hobson's Bay Railway Company.
4. **MR. F. L. SMYTH** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether there are any young persons in the Telegraph department who are the sons or daughters of wealthy individuals in Melbourne ; and, if so, is it the intention of the Postmaster-General to continue such young persons in the Government employment, to the prejudice of the poor and skilled labor of the colony.
5. **MR. HUNT** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether he will make immediate provision for the extension of the telegraph to Yea.
6. **MR. SHARPE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether the regulation known as the five mile regulation, inside of which selectors can legally hold two separate allotments, has been approved of by the Governor in Council and gazetted ; and, if so, the date of the *Gazette* in which such regulation appeared.
7. **DR. MACARTNEY** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in the absence of the Postmaster-General, whether the mails will be despatched in future from Melbourne to Gippsland towns, and from Gippsland towns to Melbourne, at such hours as will allow the mails to be delivered within the shortest possible time.

Government Business.

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

1. RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Message from the Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.
2. MINES DRAINAGE LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. POLICE OFFENCES STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST OCTOBER.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)**NOTICE OF MOTION:—**

1. MR. LANGRIDGE : To move, That the Report of the Select Committee on a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the construction of the Rosstown Junction Railway and for other purposes,*" be now taken into consideration.

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 - (3.) The amounts of the sworn declarations upon which the annual endowment has been distributed, showing :—
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WEDNESDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

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C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 25th October.

REPORTING PROCEEDINGS OF PARLIAMENT—at eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 30th October.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at one o'clock.

Wednesday, 31st October.

ALMA CONSOLS COMPANY—at two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 25TH OCTOBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 31.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 32.

Money Bills and Bills incidentally involving Taxation, &c.—Return. A 2. (Issue completed.)

Regulation and Inspection of Mines Bill.—[9] As reported 24th October. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 46.

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

Rodney Election—Report, &c. D.—No. 8.

Police Offences Statute 1865 Amendment Bill.—[46] From Council. (To Members of Assembly only.)

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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TUESDAY, 30TH OCTOBER 1877.

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3. MR. D. M. DAVIES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands if it be a fact that the survey fees are double on the Melbourne side of the River Morwell what they are on the Sale side.
4. MR. HUNT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether he will provide for the establishment of electric telegraph offices at all stations on single lines of railway; and, if so, when.
5. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether it is his intention to enforce the penalties against Messrs. Noonan Brothers for the breach of their contract in the construction of the middle section of the Gippsland railway; and what is the amount of the penalties so incurred.
6. MR. KING : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he will give directions to allow volunteers in uniform to travel on the Williamstown line of railway at half fare, a similar concession being given by the Hobson's Bay Railway Company.
7. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether there are any young persons in the Telegraph department who are the sons or daughters of wealthy individuals in Melbourne; and, if so, is it the intention of the Postmaster-General to continue such young persons in the Government employment, to the prejudice of the poor and skilled labor of the colony.
8. MR. HUNT : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether he will make immediate provision for the extension of the telegraph to Yea.
9. MR. SHARPE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether the regulation known as the five mile regulation, inside of which selectors can legally hold two separate allotments, has been approved of by the Governor in Council and gazetted; and, if so, the date of the *Gazette* in which such regulation appeared.
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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
2. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Message from the Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.
5. WATERWORKS ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Amendments of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.
6. WAYS AND MEANS.—Resolutions to be reported.
7. MINES DRAINAGE LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
8. POLICE OFFENCES STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
9. DIFFERENTIAL RATING BILL.—Second reading.
10. EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES BILL.—Second reading.
11. EXTRADITION BILL.—Second reading.
12. SUPREME COURT BILL.—Second reading.
13. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly or in part out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. on Sundays during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest at least in every seven days, or at the option of the employes compensation in the form of additional annual salary to be given to such employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
2. MR. BELL : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the names of all members of the Police Force who have been appointed summoning officers under the Education Act, and of their several grades in the force.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST OCTOBER.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LANGRIDGE : To move, That the Report of the Select Committee on a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the construction of the Rosstown Junction Railway and for other purposes,*" be now taken into consideration.

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 - (1.) The wishes, intentions, and acts of past Parliaments, having for their object the permanent settlement of a freehold proprietary on the public lands of this colony have been set at defiance, evaded, and defeated by designing and unscrupulous persons.
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 - (4.) The financial necessities of those whom the State has placed in possession of specified lands has been used, and is now being used, as an excuse for evicting the population placed by law on certain lands, and putting those lands to a purpose different to that contemplated by Parliament and embodied in its Acts.
 - (5.) The present Parliament is morally bound either to repeal the existing Act regulating the terms, conditions, and extent of individual settlement, or to take prompt and effective measures to carry out the spirit and intention of the violated Acts of Parliament, and to put a stop to the evictions now in progress.
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8. **MR. FINCHAM :** To move, That in the opinion of this House, it is not expedient that the Williamstown workshops should be used for the construction or erection of any engines, plant, or material required by private individuals or companies, unless under exceptional circumstances, and then with the permission of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways.
9. **MR. FINCHAM :** To move, That in the opinion of this House duty ought to be and ought to have been collected upon all dutiable articles and material passing through the Customs, whether such articles or material be imported by Government or private individuals or companies.
10. **MR. D. CAMERON :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should take steps to provide a fund out of which money may be lent to selectors who have improved their land, in order that the land policy of this colony shall have full effect, and that selectors should be preserved from falling into the hands of persons who lend money at high interest.
11. **MR. LYELL :** To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all correspondence with the New South Wales Government in reference to the removal of the existing restrictions to the admission of sheep from Victoria into New South Wales.
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14. **MR. F. L. SMYTH :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, in any future loan to be effected for railway purposes, provision should be made for the continuation of the line to Wentworth from a point to be determined on by the House.
15. **MR. F. L. SMYTH :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the expediency for increased facilities of communication, by railroad or tramway, between Melbourne and the junction of the Darling and the Murray at Wentworth, from any point to be determined upon ; such Committee to consist of Sir John O'Shanassy, Mr. Gillies, Mr. MacBain, Mr. Woods, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Bent, Mr. Graves, Mr. Service, and the Mover ; with power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL (2).—Second reading.
2. RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Consideration of report of Select Committee.—Resumption of debate.
3. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. WATERWORKS ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Amendments of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.
6. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. VICTORIAN EXHIBITIONS.—MESSAGE OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, No. 4.—To be considered in Committee.
8. FORTS AND ARMAMENTS.—MESSAGE OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, No. 5.—To be considered in Committee.
9. REGULATION AND INSPECTION OF MINES BILL.—Amendments of Legislative Council—To be taken into consideration.
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11. MINES DRAINAGE LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
12. POLICE OFFENCES STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
13. DIFFERENTIAL RATING BILL.—Second reading.
14. EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES BILL.—Second reading.
15. EXTRADITION BILL.—Second reading.
16. SUPREME COURT BILL.—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

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2. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly or in part out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. on Sundays during the other months of the year ; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest at least in every seven days, or at the option of the employes compensation in the form of additional annual salary to be given to such employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
3. MR. BELL : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the names of all members of the Police Force who have been appointed summoning officers under the Education Act, and of their several grades in the force.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER.

Question.

1. MR. STORY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works whether he has any objection to concede to Yan Yean water ratepayers exemption in regard to any building wholly and continuously unoccupied for any period not less than three months, the same as is enjoyed by the City ratepayers under authority of Act 178, section 45 ; and, if so, whether he will take the necessary steps for that purpose.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That the Petition for the Bill intituled "*A Bill to enable the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company to extend the provisions of an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate a Company to be called the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company, and for other purposes,'*" which was presented on the 25th day of July in the last Session of Parliament, and the order of leave to bring in the said Bill, made on the second day of August in the last Session of Parliament, be now read; and that thereupon the said Bill be read a first time and second time, and referred to a Select Committee consisting of Mr. Langridge, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Sainsbury, and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; and that the promoters have leave from day to day to print the evidence taken before such Committee.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 31st October.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at one o'clock.

ALMA CONSOLS—at two o'clock.

Thursday, 1st November.

REPORTING PROCEEDINGS OF PARLIAMENT—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 26TH OCTOBER.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 33.

Consolidated Revenue Bill.—[61] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Beechworth Waterworks Act 1860 Amendment Bill.—Report from the Select Committee of Legislative Assembly ; with Proceedings of Committee and Minutes of Evidence. (Private.) (To Members of Council only.)

Beechworth Waterworks Act 1860 Amendment Bill.—(Private.) (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 47† and No. 48.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[48]

Savings Banks—Statements and Returns for the year ending 30th June, 1877. No. 63.

Railway Construction Bill.—[57] (To Members of Assembly only.)

Metropolitan Gas Company's Bill.—Report from Select Committee ; with Proceedings of Committee and Minutes of Evidence. (Private.) (To Members of both Houses.)

Metropolitan Gas Company's Bill—From Select Committee. (Private.) (To Members of both Houses.)

Regulation and Inspection of Mines Bill.—Amendments made by the Legislative Council. (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER 1877.

Questions.

1. MR. BOWMAN : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if it is his intention to revert to the system of issuing return tickets to and from all stations on the Victorian Railways.
2. DR. MACARTNEY : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in the absence of the Postmaster-General, whether the mails will be despatched in future from Melbourne to Gippsland towns, and from Gippsland towns to Melbourne, at such hours as will allow the mails to be delivered within the shortest possible time.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. DWYER : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the amount of fees deducted in respect of item one, of division No. 27, of the Act 295, under section 3, and other parts of the said Act.
2. MR. DWYER : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all papers connected with the extra payments out of the Railway Construction Fund to officers of the Crown Solicitor's Department, who are further paid the maximum amounts authorized by the Civil Service Act.
3. MR. DWYER : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the gross amount of money paid to the firm of Malleson, England, and Stewart for professional services rendered to the Government in respect to the cases of Bruce v. The Queen, and Evans and Merry v. The Queen.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Consideration of report of Select Committee.—Resumption of debate.
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General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BELL : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all papers, reports, and correspondence relating to the claims of R. C. Baker, of Ballarat East, for the tenements Nos. 762 and 1050, sold by the Government.
2. MR. FINCHAM : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1877, the sum of £500, towards defraying the cost of the Australian Juvenile Industrial Exhibition, to be held at Ballarat in February 1878.
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ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.

TUESDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. E. H. CAMERON :** To move, That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1877 the sum of £2,647 18s. 9d., to satisfy the claim of the contractor for the construction of the White Horse road.
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2. **MR. LANGRIDGE :** To move, That the Report of the Select Committee on a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the construction of the Rosstown Junction Railway and for other purposes,*" be now taken into consideration.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. **MR. SHARPE :** To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Lunacy Statute.
2. **MR. A. T. CLARK :** To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Electoral Law.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPREME AND COUNTY COURTS PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
2. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
3. UNIVERSITY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. FENCING OF PUBLIC ROADS—Motion respecting—Resumption of debate.—*The question is,* "That in the opinion of this House, the fencing in of any public road is unlawful, "and" an infringement upon the rights of the people of this colony, and that steps should at once be taken to compel the opening through of every public road in Victoria," and the amendment thereon, To omit all the words after the word "and" in line 2 to the end of the question, in order to insert instead thereof the words: "that this House is further of opinion that the Government should as soon as possible introduce a Bill declaring that such classes of public roads as this House shall consider necessary shall be opened and continue permanently opened for public use in future."
5. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. BARR :** To move, That in accordance with the recommendation of the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the case of Mr. Thos. Eaton, late Inspector of Works under the Public Works Department, this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting that a sum of £2000 be placed upon an Additional Estimate for 1877 for the purpose of reimbursing Mr. Eaton for losses incurred through his dismissal from the public service.
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 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House the postage upon all letters delivered within the Colony of Victoria shall be at the uniform rate of one penny.
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3. **MR. L. L. SMITH :** To move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following resolutions:—

That—

- (1.) The wishes, intentions, and acts of past Parliaments, having for their object the permanent settlement of a freehold proprietary on the public lands of this colony have been set at defiance, evaded, and defeated by designing and unscrupulous persons.
 - (2.) Amongst other methods and pretexts resorted to for the purpose of thwarting the will of Parliament, and rendering abortive the law of the colony, a system of usury has been established, the object and effect of which is so to entangle and embarrass those whom the law has placed in possession of areas of land under stated conditions that the occupants are forced to part with the interest they have acquired in such areas, in order to satisfy the exorbitant and unjust demands of the aforesaid usurers.
 - (3.) The practices of these usurers are attended with the most deplorable consequences, so far as their victims are concerned, and with many and serious evils, deliberately planned and plainly directed against the common weal.
 - (4.) The financial necessities of those whom the State has placed in possession of specified lands has been used, and is now being used, as an excuse for evicting the population placed by law on certain lands, and putting those lands to a purpose different to that contemplated by Parliament and embodied in its Acts.
 - (5.) The present Parliament is morally bound either to repeal the existing Act regulating the terms, conditions, and extent of individual settlement, or to take prompt and effective measures to carry out the spirit and intention of the violated Acts of Parliament, and to put a stop to the evictions now in progress.
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4. **MR. BOWMAN :** To move, That there be laid before this House—
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 - (2.) A Return giving the names of the offices transferred from business sites to the residence of State school teachers or State schools, from 21st May till 30th June, together with the number of money order and Savings Bank transactions, and the amount of correspondence passed through each office so transferred for the six months ended 30th June.
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C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 1st November.

REPORTING PROCEEDINGS OF PARLIAMENT—at eleven o'clock.

Wednesday, 7th November.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at one o'clock.

ALMA CONSOLS COMPANY—at two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 1st NOVEMBER.

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Victorian Exhibition—Message. B.—No. 4.
Forts and Armaments—Message. B.—No. 5.
Order in Council—Land Act 1869—Regulation in respect to Fees made payable under section 49. No. 71.
Order in Council—Land Act 1869—Regulation *re* Timber Licenses, &c. No. 72.
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Reasons of Legislative Assembly in reference to Railway Construction Bill. (To Members of Assembly only.)
Friendly Societies Bill.—Amendment by Mr. Mackay. (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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WEDNESDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER, 1877.

Questions.

1. **MR. STORY** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works whether he has any objection to concede to Yan Yean water ratepayers exemption in regard to any building wholly and continuously unoccupied for any period not less than three months, the same as is enjoyed by the City ratepayers under authority of Act 178, section 45 ; and, if so, whether he will take the necessary steps for that purpose.
2. **MR. LEVIEN** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Customs whether it is the intention of the Government to provide a sum of money for appropriation in the shape of rewards for the capture of sharks.
3. **MR. MCINTYRE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if it is his intention to consider the rules in reference to the compensation of teachers with the view of framing more equitable ones.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. MUNRO** : To move, That the Petition for the Bill intituled "*A Bill to enable the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company to extend the provisions of an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate a Company to be called the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and District Gas and Coke Company, and for other purposes,'*" which was presented on the 25th day of July in the last Session of Parliament, and the order of leave to bring in the said Bill, made on the second day of August in the last Session of Parliament, be now read ; and that thereupon the said Bill be read a first time and second time, and referred to a Select Committee consisting of Mr. Langridge, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Sainsbury, and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; and that the promoters have leave from day to day to print the evidence taken before such Committee.
2. **MR. LANGRIDGE** : To move, That the Report of the Select Committee on a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the construction of the Rosstown Junction Railway and for other purposes,*" be now taken into consideration.
3. **MR. MUNRO** : To move, That a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amalgamate the City of Melbourne Gas and Coke Company, the Collingwood, Fitzroy and District Gas and Coke Company, and the South Melbourne Gas Company, and to incorporate a Company to be called the Metropolitan Gas Company, and for other purposes,*" be now read a third time.
4. **MR. DIXON** : To move, on the third reading of the "*Metropolitan Gas Company's Bill,*" That the following words be added to clause 3 of the Bill :—"*exclusive of the present municipal districts of Brighton, Footscray, and Williamstown ;*" and that the clause as proposed to be amended will be as follows :—"*The limits of this Act shall extend to and include the city of Melbourne and every place being within a circle described by a radius of eight miles from the General Post Office in the said city of Melbourne, exclusive of the present municipal districts of Brighton, Footscray, and Williamstown.*"
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6. **MR. CARTER** : To move, the following amendments on the third reading of the "*Metropolitan Gas Company's Bill*" :—

Clause 30, line 15, after the word "*offered*" insert the words "*on the same terms and conditions as at auction.*"

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" line 23, strike out word "*three*" and insert "*one.*"

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7. **MR. STORY** : To move the following amendment on the third reading of the "*Metropolitan Gas Company's Bill,*" That all the words in section 190, after the word "*company,*" in page 44, line 42, be omitted, and that the following be inserted in lieu thereof : "*may and if so required by any or all of the local authorities of the districts within the limits of this Act shall contract with such local authority for lighting the street lamps within the district of such local authority's jurisdiction: Provided that in any such contract the charge to be made by the Company in regard to any such lamp which shall not be farther distant than fifty yards from one of the mains of the Company, for lighting, extinguishing, cleaning, glazing, repairing, painting, and maintaining the same, and for supplying thereto not less than five cubic feet of gas per hour, from sunset to sunrise, for not less than three hundred and twenty-six nights, shall not exceed seven pounds per annum.*"

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4. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That there be laid before this House—
 - (1.) Copies of all papers and documents connected with the transfer of the Post Office at Moyston from the charge of Mr. Moore to Mr. Sullivan, the head teacher at that place.
 - (2.) A Return giving the names of the offices transferred from business sites to the residence of State school teachers or State schools, from 21st May till 30th June, together with the number of money order and Savings Bank transactions, and the amount of correspondence passed through each office so transferred for the six months ended 30th June.
5. MR. J. T. SMITH : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the efficacy of Mr. Greathead's specific for the cure of diphtheria and scarlet fever; such Committee to consist of Mr. Bent, Mr. Munro, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bayles, Mr. Dixon, Mr. L. L. Smith, Mr. Barr, and the Mover; with power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
6. MR. TUCKER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that a system of State Life Assurance and the granting of Government Annuities, similar to that now in operation in Great Britain, and adopted a few years since by the Colony of New Zealand with very successful results, should, as soon as possible, be established in connection with the Post-office Department in this Colony.

7. **MR. BOWMAN** : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all reports in the Railway Department in relation to the Railway Surveys from Maryborough to St. Arnaud.
8. **MR. D. CAMERON** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should take steps to provide a fund out of which money may be lent to selectors who have improved their land, in order that the land policy of this colony shall have full effect, and that selectors should be preserved from falling into the hands of persons who lend money at high interest.
9. **MR. LYELL** : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all correspondence with the New South Wales Government in reference to the removal of the existing restrictions to the admission of sheep from Victoria into New South Wales.
10. **MR. MIRAMS** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable and necessary that a re-assessment of the squatters' runs should be made immediately.
11. **MR. LAURENS** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the claim of William Monie, for works in connection with Contract No. 117, Victorian Water Supply; such Committee to consist of Mr. Mirams, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Macgregor, Mr. Cook, and the Mover; with power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
12. **MR. F. L. SMYTH** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, in any future loan to be effected for railway purposes, provision should be made for the continuation of the line to Wentworth from a point to be determined on by the House.
13. **MR. F. L. SMYTH** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the expediency for increased facilities of communication, by railroad or tramway, between Melbourne and the junction of the Darling and the Murray at Wentworth, from any point to be determined upon; such Committee to consist of Sir John O'Shanassy, Mr. Gillies, Mr. MacBain, Mr. Woods, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Bent, Mr. Graves, Mr. Service, and the Mover; with power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
14. **MR. GAVAN DUFFY** : To move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the following resolutions:—
- (1.) That the disinterested and distinguished services of the late Mr. Wilson Gray, formerly a member of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, in his endeavors to promote the distribution of land among the people are entitled to the grateful recognition of this House.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate the sum of £300 for the purchase of a portrait of Mr. Gray, which shall be kept in the Parliament House.
15. **MR. LANGRIDGE** : To move, That the affidavits laid on the Table of this House during last session in the case of one Frank Sperrin, be printed.
16. **MR. COOPER** : To move, That in the opinion of this House the Government ought not to sell any more country lands, but should provide for a system of leasing, by which all such lands may be preserved as the property of the State for ever.
17. **MR. SHARPE** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the allegations contained in the Petition of Chevalier Bruno, presented to this House on 4th September last; such Committee to consist of Mr. Service, Mr. Graves, Mr. Orr, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. D. Cameron, Mr. Bent, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to send for persons and papers, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
18. **MR. FRASER** : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of the Papers in connection with the dismissal of Mr. Robert Hogan, school teacher of Tooboorac.
19. **MR. COPE** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing:—
- (1.) The net amount of the valuation of the rateable property in the several shires, cities, towns, and boroughs in the colony, made during the year before, and in every year since, the passing of *The Local Government Act 1874*.
 - (2.) The amount of rates in the pound levied on such valuations in every such year.
 - (3.) The amounts of the sworn declarations upon which the annual endowment has been distributed, showing:—
 1. The amount of the rate collected of the rate made during the year immediately preceding the making of such declarations.
 2. The amount of arrears of rates collected during the same period.
20. **MR. DWYER** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the circumstances under which the name of Mr. Jeremiah Ryan, of Bacchus Marsh, was removed from the Commission of the Peace; such Committee to consist of Mr. Brophy, Mr. Dow, Mr. F. L. Smyth, Mr. Gaunson, Mr. Hunt, Dr. Madden, and the Mover; with power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
21. **MR. DWYER** : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all papers connected with the extra payments out of the Railway Construction Fund to officers of the Crown Solicitor's Department, who are further paid the maximum amounts authorized by the Civil Service Act.
22. **MR. DWYER** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the gross amount of money paid to the firm of Malleon, England, and Stewart for professional services rendered to the Government in respect to the cases of *Bruce v. The Queen*, and *Evans and Merry v. The Queen*.
23. **MR. FINCHAM** : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1877, the sum of £500, towards defraying the cost of the Australian Juvenile Industrial Exhibition, to be held at Ballarat in February 1878.
24. **MR. E. H. CAMERON** : To move, That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1877 the sum of £2,647 18s. 9d., to satisfy the claim of the contractor for the construction of the White Horsé road.

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

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. **MR. MACKAY:** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing:—
 - (1.) The actual amount paid to each of the fifty teachers who receive the highest rate of pay, including the sums paid for salary, results, bonuses, and extra subjects, for or on account of the year ended 30th June last.
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2. **MR. KERFERD:** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the work performed by Mr. Sutherland, on account of the Railway and Education Departments, and for which an allowance has been made to him.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. **RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.**—Consideration of report of Select Committee.—Resumption of debate.—*The question is, "That the Report from the Committee appointed to draw up specifically the grounds upon which the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Railway Construction Bill were disagreed with by the Assembly, be adopted by this House."*
2. **GIPPSLAND RAILWAY COMPLETION BILL.**—Second reading.
3. **GOULBURN VALLEY RAILWAY BILL.**—Second reading.
4. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—To be further considered in Committee.
5. **SUPPLY.**—To be further considered in Committee.
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8. **FORTS AND ARMAMENTS.**—MESSAGE OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, No. 5.—To be considered in Committee.
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General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. **CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL.**—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 7th November.

REPORTING PROCEEDINGS OF PARLIAMENT—at eleven o'clock.
LIVERPOOL AND LONDON AND GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY'S BILL—at eleven o'clock.
ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at one o'clock.
ALMA CONSOLS COMPANY—at two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 2ND NOVEMBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 34.
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3. **MR. HUNT**: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether he will undertake to make addition to the wood siding at Tallarook Railway Station; and also to erect permanent station buildings at same place.
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NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

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Government Business.

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1. VICTORIAN RAILWAYS—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.—To be considered in Committee.
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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. VICTORIAN RAILWAYS—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.—Resolution to be reported.
2. GIPPSLAND RAILWAY COMPLETION BILL.—Second reading.
3. GOULBURN VALLEY RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading.
4. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
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6. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
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8. FORTS AND ARMAMENTS.—Resolution to be reported.
9. REGULATION AND INSPECTION OF MINES BILL.—Amendments of Legislative Council—To be taken into consideration.
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11. MINES DRAINAGE LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
12. POLICE OFFENCES STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
13. DIFFERENTIAL RATING BILL.—Second reading.
14. EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES BILL.—Second reading.
15. EXTRADITION BILL.—Second reading.
16. SUPREME COURT BILL.—Second reading.

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 - (4.) His classification.
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General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS:—

1. MR. SHARPE: To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Lunacy Statute.
2. MR. A. T. CLARK: To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Electoral Law.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
2. SUPREME AND COUNTY COURTS PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
3. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
4. UNIVERSITY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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6. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

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" 5, omit "a fresh site" and insert "any land."
" 5, omit "of the local authority of the district within which it is proposed to erect such new gas-holder" and insert "in writing of the owners and lessees of every dwelling-house within 150 yards of the site of the proposed new gas-holder."

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. MR. SHARPE : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Lunacy Statute.
2. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Electoral Law.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
2. SUPREME AND COUNTY COURTS PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
3. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
4. UNIVERSITY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
5. FENCING OF PUBLIC ROADS—Motion-respecting—Resumption of debate.—*The question is, "That in the opinion of this House, the fencing in of any public road is unlawful, "and" an infringement upon the rights of the people of this colony, and that steps should at once be taken to compel the opening through of every public road in Victoria," and the amendment thereon, To omit all the words after the word "and" in line 2 to the end of the question, in order to insert instead thereof the words "that this House is further of opinion that the Government should as soon as possible introduce a Bill declaring that such classes of public roads as this House shall consider necessary shall be opened and continue permanently opened for public use in future."*
6. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. BARR :** To move, That in accordance with the recommendation of the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the case of Mr. Thos. Eaton, late Inspector of Works under the Public Works Department, this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting that a sum of £2000 be placed upon an Additional Estimate for 1877 for the purpose of reimbursing Mr. Eaton for losses incurred through his dismissal from the public service.
2. **MR. L. L. SMITH :** To move—
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House the postage upon all letters delivered within the Colony of Victoria shall be at the uniform rate of one penny.
 - (2.) That all newspapers printed and published in this colony should be post free, and that they should leave the colony by rail or steamer free.
3. **MR. L. L. SMITH :** To move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following resolutions:—
That—
 - (1.) The wishes, intentions, and acts of past Parliaments, having for their object the permanent settlement of a freehold proprietary on the public lands of this colony have been set at defiance, evaded, and defeated by designing and unscrupulous persons.
 - (2.) Amongst other methods and pretexts resorted to for the purpose of thwarting the will of Parliament, and rendering abortive the law of the colony, a system of usury has been established, the object and effect of which is so to entangle and embarrass those whom the law has placed in possession of areas of land under stated conditions that the occupants are forced to part with the interest they have acquired in such areas, in order to satisfy the exorbitant and unjust demands of the aforesaid usurers.
 - (3.) The practices of these usurers are attended with the most deplorable consequences, so far as their victims are concerned, and with many and serious evils, deliberately planned and plainly directed against the common weal.
 - (4.) The financial necessities of those whom the State has placed in possession of specified lands has been used, and is now being used, as an excuse for evicting the population placed by law on certain lands, and putting those lands to a purpose different to that contemplated by Parliament and embodied in its Acts.
 - (5.) The present Parliament is morally bound either to repeal the existing Act regulating the terms, conditions, and extent of individual settlement, or to take prompt and effective measures to carry out the spirit and intention of the violated Acts of Parliament, and to put a stop to the evictions now in progress.
 - (6.) In order to attain this object, to foster and protect settlement on the lands in accordance with the existing law, and to prevent the dangerous aggregation of extensive areas of land contrary to the stipulations and conditions of Parliament, this House deems it desirable to establish a National Bank of Issue and Deposit, with a circulating capital equal to half the present market value of all the unsold land in Victoria (reserves excepted), and with power to advance money on the security of the unimproved value of lands at a fixed rate of interest.
 - (7.) *Contingent on the foregoing resolutions being adopted by this House,* That the Honorable the Premier be requested to prepare and submit for the consideration of Parliament a measure which will embody and give effect to the same.
4. **MR. BOWMAN :** To move, That there be laid before this House—
 - (1.) Copies of all papers and documents connected with the transfer of the Post Office at Moyston from the charge of Mr. Moore to Mr. Sullivan, the head teacher at that place.
 - (2.) A Return giving the names of the offices transferred from business sites to the residence of State school teachers or State schools, from 21st May till 30th June, together with the number of money order and Savings Bank transactions, and the amount of correspondence passed through each office so transferred for the six months ended 30th June.
5. **MR. J. T. SMITH :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the efficacy of Mr. Greathead's specific for the cure of diphtheria and scarlet fever; such Committee to consist of Mr. Bent, Mr. Munro, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bayles, Mr. Dixon, Mr. L. L. Smith, Mr. Barr, and the Mover; with power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
6. **MR. TUCKER :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that a system of State Life Assurance and the granting of Government Annuities, similar to that now in operation in Great Britain, and adopted a few years since by the Colony of New Zealand with very successful results, should, as soon as possible, be established in connection with the Post-office Department in this Colony.
7. **MR. BOWMAN :** To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all reports in the Railway Department in relation to the Railway Surveys from Maryborough to St. Arnaud.
8. **MR. D. CAMERON :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should take steps to provide a fund out of which money may be lent to selectors who have improved their land, in order that the land policy of this colony shall have full effect, and that selectors should be preserved from falling into the hands of persons who lend money at high interest.
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12. **MR. F. L. SMYTH** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the expediency for increased facilities of communication, by railroad or tramway, between Melbourne and the junction of the Darling and the Murray at Wentworth, from any point to be determined upon; such Committee to consist of Sir John O'Shanassy, Mr. Gillies, Mr. MacBain, Mr. Woods, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Bent, Mr. Graves, Mr. Service, and the Mover; with power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
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 (1.) That the disinterested and distinguished services of the late Mr. Wilson Gray, formerly a member of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, in his endeavors to promote the distribution of land among the people are entitled to the grateful recognition of this House.
 (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate the sum of £300 for the purchase of a portrait of Mr. Gray, which shall be kept in the Parliament House.
14. **MR. LANGRIDGE** : To move, That the affidavits laid on the Table of this House during last session in the case of one Frank Sperrin, be printed.
15. **MR. COOPER** : To move, That in the opinion of this House the Government ought not to sell any more country lands, but should provide for a system of leasing, by which all such lands may be preserved as the property of the State for ever.
16. **MR. SHARPE** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the allegations contained in the Petition of Chevalier Bruno, presented to this House on 4th September last; such Committee to consist of Mr. Service, Mr. Graves, Mr. Orr, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. D. Cameron, Mr. Bent, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to send for persons and papers, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
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18. **MR. COPE** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing :—
 (1.) The net amount of the valuation of the rateable property in the several shires, cities, towns, and boroughs in the colony, made during the year before, and in every year since, the passing of *The Local Government Act 1874*.
 (2.) The amount of rates in the pound levied on such valuations in every such year.
 (3.) The amounts of the sworn declarations upon which the annual endowment has been distributed, showing :—
 1. The amount of the rate collected of the rate made during the year immediately preceding the making of such declarations.
 2. The amount of arrears of rates collected during the same period.
19. **MR. DWYER** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the circumstances under which the name of Mr. Jeremiah Ryan, of Bacchus Marsh, was removed from the Commission of the Peace; such Committee to consist of Mr. Brophy, Mr. Dow, Mr. F. L. Smyth, Mr. Gaunson, Mr. Hunt, Dr. Madden, and the Mover; with power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
20. **MR. DWYER** : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all papers connected with the extra payments out of the Railway Construction Fund to officers of the Crown Solicitor's Department, who are further paid the maximum amounts authorized by the Civil Service Act.
21. **MR. DWYER** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the gross amount of money paid to the firm of Malleson, England, and Stewart for professional services rendered to the Government in respect to the cases of *Bruce v. The Queen*, and *Evans and Merry v. The Queen*.
22. **MR. FINCHAM** : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1877, the sum of £500, towards defraying the cost of the Australian Juvenile Industrial Exhibition, to be held at Ballarat in February 1878.
23. **MR. F. L. SMYTH** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly or in part out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. on Sundays during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest at least in every seven days, or at the option of the employes compensation in the form of additional annual salary to be given to such employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
24. **MR. LANGRIDGE** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the cost of the erection of the Industrial Schools and Reformatories in the colony, as follows :—
 (1.) Total cost of buildings at Sunbury, and separately the cost of forming and planting orchard and vineyard; also fencing, and superintendent's quarters.
 (2.) The number of children that can be accommodated.
 (3.) The cost of Royal Park buildings, of gasworks and connections, hospital building, permanent fittings, fencing, &c., farm buildings; with separate cost of forming and planting orchard, vineyard and fencing; the number of children that can be accommodated.
 (4.) Total cost of buildings at Ballarat, garden, fencing, &c.; the number of children that can be accommodated.
 (5.) The same return for Geelong.
 (6.) The same return for Sandhurst.
 (7.) Expenditure on buildings at Prince's Bridge.
 (8.) Total cost of buildings at Reformatory, Coburg.
25. **MR. BOWMAN** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount of gold deposited in the Treasury up to 1st January 1871, and which remains at this time unclaimed.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. **MR. TUCKER** : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all correspondence between the Government and the Friendly Societies relative to the reserves at Emerald Hill.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MINES DRAINAGE LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS BILL.—Second reading.
4. WAYS AND MEANS.—Resolutions to be reported.
5. POLICE OFFENCES STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
6. DIFFERENTIAL RATING BILL.—Second reading.
7. EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES BILL.—Second reading.
8. EXTRADITION BILL.—Second reading.
9. SUPREME COURT BILL.—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER.

Question.

1. MR. WILLIAMS: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary how many officers are in the Police Force who are 60 years of age, and yet doing full and active service.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. FORTS AND ARMAMENTS BILL.—Second reading.
2. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Consideration of Report.
3. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MACKAY: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing:—
 - (1.) The actual amount paid to each of the fifty teachers who receive the highest rate of pay, including the sums paid for salary, results, bonuses, and extra subjects, for or on account of the year ended 30th June last.
 - (2.) The income of each of these teachers during the year 1872.
 - (3.) The number of years that each of these teachers has been in the service of the Education department and of the late Boards of Education.
 - (4.) His classification.
 - (5.) The number of hours per diem, as shown by the time-sheets in the schools, that each teacher has been employed during the period of his engagement.
2. MR. KERFERD: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the work performed by Mr. Sutherland, on account of the Railway and Education Departments, and for which an allowance has been made to him.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION:—

On going into Committee of Supply:—

1. MR. GAUNSON: To move, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to insert instead thereof the words "In the opinion of this House the applications of Peter McArthur in connection with land at Ecklin and Elingamite was, as appears by the papers printed and distributed to Honorable Members, dealt with in such a manner by the Honorable Duncan Gillies as to deserve the censure of this House."

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 14th November.

- ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at two o'clock.
 ALMA CONSOLS COMPANY—at two o'clock.
 REFRESHMENT ROOMS—at half-past three o'clock.
 INGLEWOOD AND GIPPSLAND RAILWAY CONTRACTS—at four o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 9TH NOVEMBER.

- Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 37.
 Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 38.
- Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 53.
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[53]
 Weekly Report of Divisions No. 6.
 Yan, Yean Water Supply—Cash Statement and Balance Sheet, 30th June 1877. A.—No. 15.
 Experimental Farm at Dookie—Return. C.—No. 11.
 South Bourke Election—Report, &c. D.—No. 9.
 T. A. Eaton—Petition. E.—No. 5.
 Gippsland Railway Completion Bill.—[58]
 Goulburn Valley Railway Bill.—[59]
 Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company's Bill—Report from Select Committee;
 with Proceedings of Committee and Minutes of Evidence. (*Private.*)
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER 1877.

Questions.

1. **MR. WILLIAMS** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary how many officers are in the Police Force who are 60 years of age, and yet doing full and active service.
2. **MR. BIRD** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will abolish the charges made at the smaller railway stations to those persons who require the use of weighbridges and tarpaulins.
3. **MR. LAURENS** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if, during the recess, he will consider whether it would be advantageous and desirable to inaugurate in Victoria a system of State forestry, by means of which the supply of wattle and other useful forest trees would be adequately maintained.
4. **MR. WILLIAMS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if it be a fact that there is a charge of 1s. 6d. on parcels from Melbourne to Eaglehawk, whereas from Melbourne to Sandhurst the charge is only 9d.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. **MR. TUCKER** : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all correspondence between the Government and the Friendly Societies relative to the reserves at Emerald Hill.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. BERRY** : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to continue an Expiring Law (Diseases in Stock Act).
2. **MR. BERRY** : To move for leave to bring in a Bill for the continuation of an Expiring Law (Fencing Act).

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. FORTS AND ARMAMENTS BILL.—Second reading.
2. INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Consideration of Report.
2. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER.

Question.

1. **MR. RICHARDSON** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs if he is aware that sly grog-selling is practised without apparent interference; and, if so, does he intend to take any steps to prevent it.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. YOUNG : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of the papers connected with the selection of John McMahon, in the parish of Milewa.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. MINES DRAINAGE LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

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

WEDNESDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILL:—

1. MR. BENT : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act intituled "An Act to limit the number of persons holding Offices under the Crown who may sit and vote in the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Victoria."

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION:—

On going into Committee of Supply:—

1. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to insert instead thereof the words "In the opinion of this House the applications of Peter McArthur in connection with land at Ecklin and Elingamite was, as appears by the papers printed and distributed to Honorable Members, dealt with in such a manner by the Honorable Duncan Gillies as to deserve the censure of this House."

On third reading of the Friendly Societies Laws Amendment Bill:—

2. MR. COOPER : To move the following amendments:—
 In clause 4, line 30, after the word "society" insert "or to any person or persons appointed to manage any hall or building erected by such society."
 Clause 13, sub-section *b*, third line, after the word "three" insert "nor more than five."
 " " *c*, line 21, strike out the word "and," after the word "effects" in the same line insert the words "and securities."
 " " III., after the word "benefit" in the 12th line, add the words "Provided always that it shall not be lawful for any society or branch to expend any of its funds for any other purpose than that for which such society or branch was established."

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 15th November.

INGLEWOOD AND GIPPSLAND RAILWAY CONTRACTS—at two o'clock.
 ALMA CONSOLS COMPANY—at half-past three o'clock.

Tuesday, 20th November.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 15TH NOVEMBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 38.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 54.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER 1877.

Questions.

1. **MR. RICHARDSON:** To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs if he is aware that sly grog-selling is practised without apparent interference; and, if so, does he intend to take any steps to prevent it.
2. **MR. D. M. DAVIES:** To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if, in preparing his new railway scheme, he will take into consideration the advisability of constructing a line from Ballarat to Smythesdale.
3. **SIR JAMES McCULLOCH:** To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether, now that the report of Sir William Jervois on the works at the Warrnambool Breakwater has been received, he will cause a sum to be placed on the Additional Estimates towards the completion of the contract accepted.
4. **MR. F. L. SMYTH:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if he intends to make any regulations by which the system of shepherding mining leases can be prevented.
5. **MR. SHARPE:** To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he is aware that young boys of from 12 to 16 years of age are employed all night in certain factories in this city; and, if so, whether the Government will bring in a Bill next session to regulate the hours of labor for boys, the same as the hours for girls are at present regulated by Act of Parliament.
6. **MR. KERNOT:** To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he intends to take any steps to regulate the so-called art-unions promoted by various parties for pecuniary gain.
7. **MR. ZOX:** To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary when he proposes to lay on the table of the House the distribution of the vote for charitable purposes.
8. **MR. MUNRO:** To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary what action (if any) has been taken by the Government with a view to give the letter carriers a half-holiday on Saturdays.
9. **MR. BAYLES:** To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if there is any complaint, morally or otherwise, against the character of Mr. W. M. Fergusson of Camperdown, who he appointed an auditor under the Local Government Act, but whose appointment he afterwards cancelled.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. **MR. YOUNG:** To move, That there be laid before this House copies of the papers connected with the selection of John McMahon, in the parish of Milewa.
2. **MR. LANGRIDGE:** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the cost of the erection of the Industrial Schools and Reformatories in the colony, as follows:—
 - (1.) Total cost of buildings at Sunbury, and separately the cost of forming and planting orchard and vineyard; also fencing, and superintendent's quarters.
 - (2.) The number of children that can be accommodated.
 - (3.) The cost of Royal Park buildings, of gasworks and connections, hospital building, permanent fittings, fencing, &c., farm buildings; with separate cost of forming and planting orchard, vineyard and fencing; the number of children that can be accommodated.
 - (4.) Total cost of buildings at Ballarat, garden, fencing; &c.; the number of children that can be accommodated.
 - (5.) The same return for Geelong.
 - (6.) The same return for Sandhurst.
 - (7.) Expenditure on buildings at Prince's Bridge.
 - (8.) Total cost of buildings at Reformatory, Coburg.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

1. **MR. GRANT:** To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Insolvency Statute 1871*."

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. **EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES BILL.**—Third reading.
2. **SUPPLY.**—Resolutions to be reported.
3. **INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS BILL.**—Consideration of Report.
4. **FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.**—Consideration of Report.
5. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, No. 6.**—To be taken into consideration.
6. **MINES DRAINAGE LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
7. **EXPIRING LAW (DISEASES IN STOCK ACT) CONTINUATION BILL.**—Second reading.
8. **EXPIRING LAW (FENCING ACT) CONTINUATION BILL.**—Second reading.
9. **SUPPLY.**—To be further considered in Committee.
10. **FORTS AND ARMAMENTS BILL.**—Second reading.
11. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—Resolutions to be reported.
12. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—To be further considered in Committee.
13. **POLICE OFFENCES STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.

General Business.

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 - (3.) The amounts of the sworn declarations upon which the annual endowment has been distributed, showing :—
 1. The amount of the rate collected of the rate made during the year immediately preceding the making of such declarations.
 2. The amount of arrears of rates collected during the same period.
14. **MR. DWYER** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the circumstances under which the name of Mr. Jeremiah Ryan, of Bacchus Marsh, was removed from the Commission of the Peace; such Committee to consist of Mr. Brophy, Mr. Dow, Mr. F. L. Smyth, Mr. Gaunson, Mr. Hunt, Dr. Madden, and the Mover; with power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **REFRESHMENT ROOMS.**—Report from Select Committee—To be considered in Committee.
2. **POSTAGE—MOTION RESPECTING RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.**—*The question is—*
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House the postage upon all letters delivered within the Colony of Victoria shall be at the uniform rate of one penny.
 - (2.) That all newspapers printed and published in this Colony should be post free, and that they should leave the Colony by rail or steamer free.
3. **DOWER ABOLITION BILL.**—Consideration of Report.
4. **ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.**—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER.

Question.

1. MR. COOPER: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether he will, during the recess, consider the propriety of placing a tax on all lands within three miles of a railway, and reduce the cost of carrying all goods to a minimum price.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILL :—

1. MR. BENT: To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act intituled "An Act to limit the number of persons holding Offices under the Crown who may sit and vote in the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Victoria."

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. GAUNSON: To move, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to insert instead thereof the words "In the opinion of this House the applications of Peter McArthur in connection with land at Ecklin and Elingamite were, as appears by the papers printed and distributed to Honorable Members, dealt with in such a manner by the Honorable Duncan Gillies as to deserve the censure of this House."
2. MR. F. L. SMYTH: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly or in part out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. on Sundays during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest at least in every seven days, or at the option of the employes compensation in the form of additional annual salary to be given to such employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
3. MR. G. P. SMITH: To call the attention of this House to certain proceedings and decisions of Mr. Speaker.

On third reading of the Friendly Societies Laws Amendment Bill :—

4. MR. COOPER: To move the following amendments :—

In clause 4, line 30, after the word "society" insert "or to any person or persons appointed to manage any hall or building erected by such society."

Clause 13, sub-section *b*, third line, after the word "three" insert "nor more than five."

" " *c*, line 21, strike out the word "and," after the word "effects" in the same line insert the words "and securities."

" " III., after the word "benefit" in the 12th line, add the words "Provided always that it shall not be lawful for any society or branch to expend any of its funds for any other purpose than that for which such society or branch was established."

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 20th November.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at two o'clock.
ALMA CONSOLS COMPANY—at three o'clock.

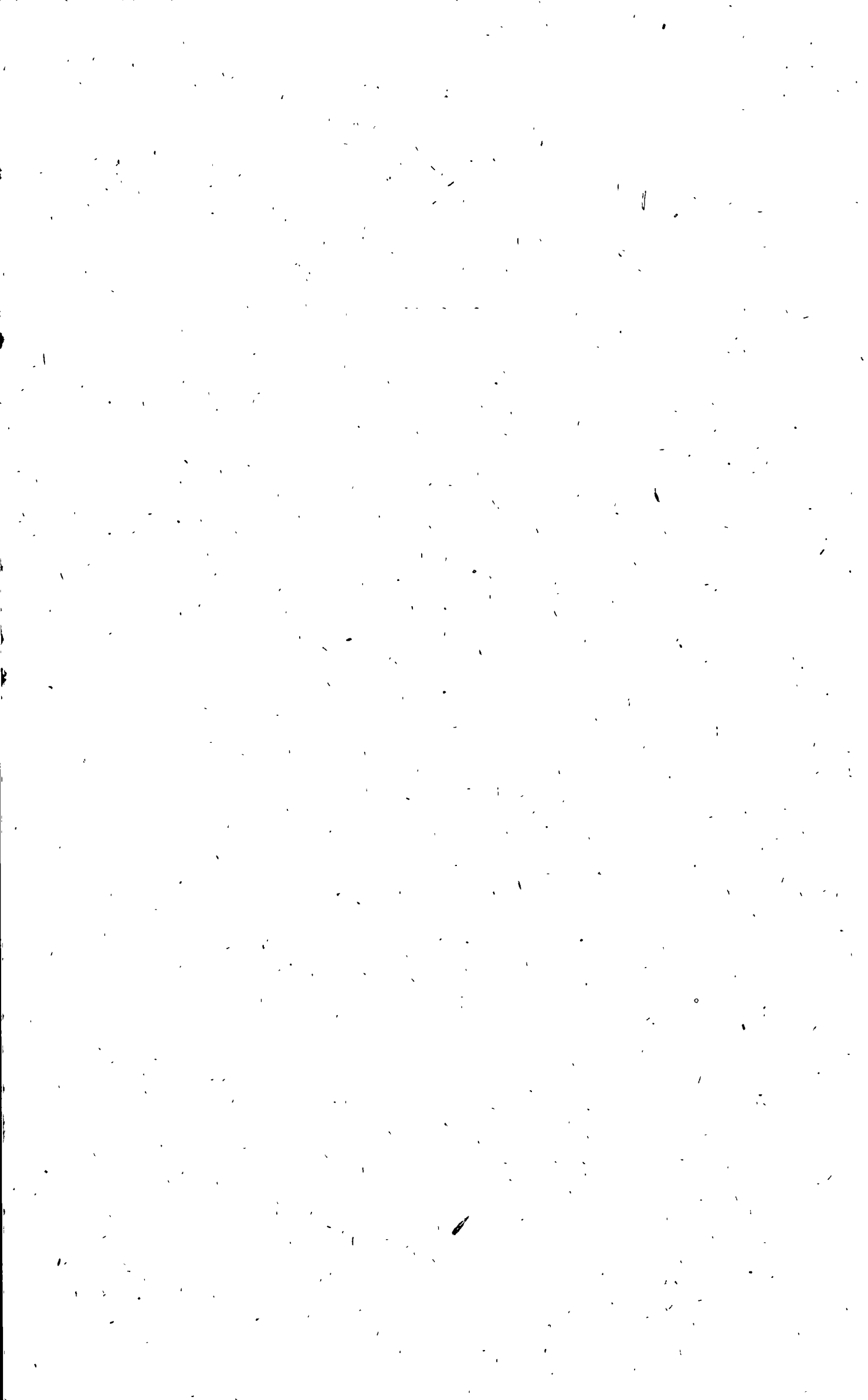
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INGLEWOOD AND GIPPSLAND RAILWAY CONTRACTS—at ten o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 16TH NOVEMBER.

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 - (1.) How many warders are doing duty at Pentridge Stockade on week days.
 - (2.) How many are doing duty on Sundays.
 - (3.) How many are doing duty on Sundays over prisoners occupied as domestic servants.
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5. **MR. LEVIEN** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction—
 - (1.) How many schools are used for public worship, and by which sects.
 - (2.) What precautions are taken that the use of the buildings are not monopolised by one sect to the exclusion of others.
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Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

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Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. WOODS :** To move for leave to bring in a Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of money from "*The Railway Loan Liquidation and Construction Account*," established under the provision of section forty-two of 33 Vict. No. 360.
2. **MR. PATTERSON :** To move for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the time for the collection of certain tolls.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **WATERWORKS ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Message of the Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.
2. **INSOLVENCY STATUTE 1871 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
3. **INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS BILL.**—Consideration of Report.
4. **RAILWAY LOAN ACCOUNT APPLICATION.**—Resolution to be reported.
5. **SUPPLY.**—To be further considered in Committee.
6. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—Resolutions to be reported.
7. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—To be further considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER.

Question.

1. **MR. L. L. SMITH**: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines whether he will place a sum of money on the Estimates to defray the expenses of sending a working battery to the Paris Exhibition for crushing and amalgamating, several companies having agreed to lend their quartz for that purpose.

TUESDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER.

Question.

1. **MR. D. M. DAVIES**: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands that, as a large number of selectors in the Moe district are likely to be deterred for twelve months from commencing to clear their land, unless it be surveyed between this and February next, will he take steps to get those surveys completed as soon as possible.

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Upon consideration of the Customs Bill:—

3. **MR. MCINTYRE**: To move, That section five of the Act No. 503 be repealed, and the following substituted in lieu thereof, viz.:—"The Governor in Council may from time to time appoint and abolish any inland town which is in direct communication by railway with any port a place in which the Commissioner may appoint warehouses or places of security for bonding purposes subject to the payment of such fee annually as the Commissioner may from time to time determine to cover the cost of inspection of such warehouses or places of security."

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 21st November:

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ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at eleven o'clock.
ALMA CONSOLS COMPANY—at half-past three o'clock.
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- Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 56.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[56]
Steam Postal Service—Copy of Letter, &c. A.—No. 17.
Railway Loan Account Application Bill—Message. B.—No. 6.
Refreshment Rooms—Report from Select (Joint) Committee. D.—No. 10.
Expiring Law (Diseases in Stock Act) Continuation Bill.—[52]
Expiring Law (Fencing Act) Continuation Bill.—[53]
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6. MR. KERNOT : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if he intends to take any steps to regulate the so-called art unions promoted by various parties for pecuniary gain.
7. MR. MUNRO : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if, in view of the great injury inflicted unintentionally on contractors and others, by the immediate imposition of the export duty on redgum, the Government will postpone the date on which the duty is to begin, in order to enable the parties interested to conclude existing contracts.
8. MR. KERNOT : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will cause the present unsatisfactory manner of distributing the Parliamentary papers to be rectified.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. RAILWAY LOAN ACCOUNT APPLICATION BILL.—Third reading.
2. RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1877-8 UNDER ACT No. 360.—To be considered in Committee.
3. TOLLS BILL.—Second reading.
4. GIPPSLAND RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Amendments of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.
5. GOULBURN VALLEY RAILWAY BILL.—Amendments of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.
6. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
7. WAYS AND MEANS.—Resolutions to be reported.
8. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. MR. SERVICE : To move, That leave of absence be given to the Honorable J. J. Casey, Member for Mandurang, for such period as may be necessary for the performance of his duties as Commissioner to the Paris Exhibition.
2. MR. LANGRIDGE : To move, That the Report of the Select Committee on a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the construction of the Rosstown Junction Railway and for other purposes,*" be now taken into consideration.
3. MR. DWYER : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the circumstances under which the name of Mr. Jeremiah Ryan, of Bacchus Marsh, was removed from the Commission of the Peace; such Committee to consist of Mr. Brophy, Mr. Dow, Mr. F. L. Smyth, Mr. Gaunson, Mr. Hunt, Dr. Madden, and the Mover; with power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. REFRESHMENT ROOMS.—Resolutions to be reported.
3. POSTAGE—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House the postage upon all letters posted and delivered within the Colony of Victoria shall be at the uniform rate of one penny.
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4. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

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

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 28th November.

INGLEWOOD AND GIPPSLAND RAILWAY CONTRACTS—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 22ND NOVEMBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 40.
 Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 16.
 Friendly Societies Bill.—[35] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)
 Friendly Societies Bill.—[35] As reported 21st November. (To Members of Council only.)
 Expiring Law (Diseases in Stock Act) Continuation Bill.—[52] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)
 Expiring Law (Fencing Act) Continuation Bill.—[53] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)
 Explosive Substances Bill.—[54] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)
 Drainage of Mines Bill.—[55] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)
 Forts and Armaments Bill.—[56] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 57.
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[57]
 Railway Loan Account Temporary Application Bill.—[62] (To Members of Assembly only.)
 Officials in Parliament Act Amendment Bill.—[72]
 Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Gippsland Railway Construction Bill. (To Members of Assembly only.)
 Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Goulburn Valley Railway Bill. (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER 1877.

Questions.

1. MR. BIRD: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands if, in the new Land Bill, it is intended to allow selectors under the 49th clause to hold, by transfer, more than 20 acres.
2. MR. SHARPE: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether he will take steps to equalize the salaries of the Inspectors of Sheep with the salaries of the Inspectors of Stock; and, if so, when.
3. MR. L.-L. SMITH: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works whether it is true, as alleged, that the Ministry have under their consideration the subject of a system of irrigation, and, if so, whether they will bring it forward this session.
4. MR. ZOX: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether it is his intention to provide additional school accommodation for the district of Carlton.
5. MR. SHARPE: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether the Government are prepared to grant railway passes at reduced rates to all clergymen in the colony whose names are registered as persons who are legally entitled to celebrate marriages.
6. MR. F. L. SMYTH: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands if it is his intention to allow any more public money to be expended on the twenty acres of the Carlton Gardens to be appropriated to the National Exhibition, pending the passing of the Bill for the purpose of such exhibition.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

1. MR. LANGRIDGE: To move, That the Report of the Select Committee on a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the construction of the Rosstown Junction Railway and for other purposes,*" be now taken into consideration.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. REFRESHMENT ROOMS.—Resolutions to be reported.
3. POSTAGE—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
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4. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. MR. BELL: To move, That an arbitration clause be inserted in Government contract conditions, in case of dispute between contractors and Government officers.
2. MR. MUNRO: To move, That there be laid before this House a Return showing how much money has been spent by the Government on the Stony Creek Waterworks (irrespective of reticulation) by contract and day labor since the 2nd of August 1871, distinguishing the amounts spent prior to the employment of Messrs. Dobson and Gordon on the works and the amounts spent afterwards, and including the cost of destroying the filter and other works; and to be accompanied with plans and elevations of the works as originally executed and the works as now finished.
3. MR. SERVICE: To move, That leave of absence be given to the Honorable J. J. Casey, Member for Mandurang, for such period as may be necessary for the performance of his duties as Commissioner to the Paris Exhibition.
4. MR. DWYER: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the circumstances under which the name of Mr. Jeremiah Ryan, of Bacchus Marsh, was removed from the Commission of the Peace; such Committee to consist of Mr. Brophy, Mr. Dow, Mr. F. L. Smyth, Mr. Gaunson, Mr. Hunt, Dr. Madden, and the Mover; with power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
2. RAILWAY LOAN ACCOUNT APPLICATION BILL.—Third reading.
3. RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1877-8 UNDER ACT No. 360.—To be considered in Committee.
4. RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Message from Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.
5. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Amendments of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.
6. TOLLS BILL.—Second reading.
7. GIPPSLAND RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Amendments of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.
8. GOULBURN VALLEY RAILWAY BILL.—Amendments of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.
9. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
10. WAYS AND MEANS.—Resolutions to be reported.
11. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER.

Questions.

1. MR. CARTER : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether the Government will, during the recess, consider the advisability of providing for the establishment of swimming baths where practicable for the instruction of the State scholars in the art of swimming.
2. MR. CARTER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice if he will intimate to the Licensing Magistrates that clause 47 of the Licensing Act of 1876 exonerates licensees from attendance, personally or by proxy, when seeking renewal of their licenses.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

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

4. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That section five of the Act No. 503 be repealed, and the following substituted in lieu thereof, viz. :—“The Governor in Council may from time to time appoint and abolish any inland town which is in direct communication by railway with any port a place in which the Commissioner may appoint warehouses or places of security for bonding purposes subject to the payment of such fee annually as the Commissioner may from time to time determine to cover the cost of inspection of such warehouses or places of security.”

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 28th November.

- INGLEWOOD AND GIPPSLAND RAILWAY CONTRACTS—at eleven o'clock.
 REPORTING DEBATES IN PARLIAMENT—at eleven o'clock.
 ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 22ND NOVEMBER.

- Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 41 and No. 42.
 Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 43.
 Dower Abolition Bill.—[37] From Assembly: (To Members of Council only.)
 Explosive Substances Bill.—[54] As reported 22nd November.
 Victorian Exhibitions Bill.—[63] From Assembly: (To Members of Council only.)
 Waterworks Act 1865 Amendment Bill.—[68] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)
 Mining on Private Property Bill.—Amendments proposed by the Hon. J. A. Wallace. (To Members of Council only.)
 Drainage of Mines Bill.—New clauses to be moved by the Hon. N. Fitzgerald. (To Members of Council only.)

- Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 58.
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[58]
 Weekly Report of Divisions No. 7.
 Railway Construction—Estimate &c. A.—No. 18.
 Second Further Estimates of Expenditure for the year ending 30th June 1878—Message. B.—No. 7.
 Third Further Estimates of Expenditure for the year ending 30th June 1878—Message. B.—No. 8.
 Mr. Cashel Hoey—Return. C.—No. 12.
 Railway Loan Account Temporary Application Bill.—[62]
 Waterworks Bill.—[68]
 Tolls Bill.—[69]
 Friendly Societies Bill.—Amendments made by the Legislative Council. (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER 1877.

Questions.

1. **MR. CARTER** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether the Government will, during the recess, consider the advisability of providing for the establishment of swimming baths where practicable for the instruction of the State scholars in the art of swimming.
2. **MR. BIRD** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether he will extend the issue of Saturday excursion tickets between any two stations on the Victorian Railways, as well as to the large centres of population.
3. **MR. CARTER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice if he will intimate to the Licensing Magistrates that clause 47 of the Licensing Act of 1876 exonerates licensees from attendance, personally or by proxy, when seeking renewal of their licenses.
4. **MR. ZOX** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education whether it is his intention to provide additional school accommodation for the district of Carlton.

Government Business.

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1. **MR. BERRY** : To move, That an Address be presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty The Queen, praying that Her Majesty may be pleased to sanction His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales undertaking the duty of presiding at the opening of the International Exhibition which is proposed to be held in Melbourne, and to be opened on 1st November 1879.

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9. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
10. WAYS AND MEANS.—Resolutions to be reported.
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General Business.

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1. **MR. BROPHY** : To move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Report of the Select Committee appointed to consider the case of the Alma Consols and Mr. Edward O'Farrell, with a view to present an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to cause to be placed a sum of money upon the Estimates to carry out the recommendation of such Committee.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. INGLEWOOD AND GIPPSLAND RAILWAY CONTRACTS—REPORT FROM SELECT COMMITTEE.—To be considered in Committee.
2. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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5. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER.

Question.

1. DR. MACARTNEY: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether, seeing that a large number of selectors have settled on the adjoining borders of Gippsland and Mornington, where the electoral line of demarcation is only imaginary, he will have that line defined by known landmarks as soon as possible, in order to enable the people there to avail themselves of the franchise.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION:—

On going into Committee of Supply:—

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Upon consideration of the Customs Bill:—

4. MR. MCINTYRE: To move, That section five of the Act No. 503 be repealed, and the following substituted in lieu thereof, viz.:—"The Governor in Council may from time to time appoint and abolish any inland town which is in direct communication by railway with any port a place in which the Commissioner may appoint warehouses or places of security for bonding purposes subject to the payment of such fee annually as the Commissioner may from time to time determine to cover the cost of inspection of such warehouses or places of security."

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Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 4th December.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 29TH NOVEMBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 43,
 Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 44.
 Weekly Report of Divisions No. 3.
 Drainage of Mines Bill—Petition. E 2.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 59.
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[59]
 Alma Consols Company.—Report from Select Committee; with Proceedings of Committee and Minutes of Evidence. D.—No. 11.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

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2. **MR. MIRAMS:** To ask the Honorable the Speaker if a report which appeared in the *Argus* of the 29th August, of a statement made by him from the Chair, relative to the disputed seat for the district of Barwon be true; and, if so, upon what authority he proposes to take the step relative to the issue of a writ for a new election for that district therein indicated.
3. **MR. TUCKER:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether he will, previous to the closing of the session, afford this House some information relative to the present financial position of the various railway lines, and the requirements and conditions of the rolling stock; together with some explanation as to the changes that have been recently made by him in the management of the Railway Department.
4. **MR. HUNT:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice whether he will comply with the request of inhabitants of Marysville and Gobur, relative to the appointment of a Justice of the Peace at each of the places mentioned.
5. **MR. TUCKER:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands what progress has been made in his Department in the preparation of the plan ordered by this House, showing all roads either proclaimed, surveyed, or reserved; and also, if he will state the number of districts in which the roads thereof have been proclaimed since the commencement of the present session of Parliament.
6. **MR. MCINTYRE:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice if he is aware that some of the stipendiary magistrates, to whom travelling expenses are allowed, are in the habit of living whilst on their rounds with the landed proprietors in their districts and pocketing the allowance so made, thus causing mistrust amongst the laboring and less wealthy classes; and to ask whether he approves of their doing so.
7. **MR. CARTER:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Instruction whether the Government will, during the recess, consider the advisability of providing for the establishment of swimming baths where practicable for the instruction of the State scholars in the art of swimming.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. **MR. COPE:** To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the names of all Members of Parliament who have left this Colony since the principle of payment of Members has been established; the time of their absence; the amount of remuneration received by them during such absence; and whether any legal opinion has been given upon the subject, and, if so by whom; and all correspondence which has passed relative thereto; also the names of all Members, if any, who have refused to accept such payment.

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4. **TOLLS BILL.**—Second reading.
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7. **SUPPLY.**—To be further considered in Committee.
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C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 4th December.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 30TH NOVEMBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 44.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 45.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 60.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[60]

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH DECEMBER 1877.

Questions.

1. MR. TUCKER: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether he will, previous to the closing of the session; afford this House some information relative to the present financial position of the various railway lines, and the requirements and conditions of the rolling stock; together with some explanation as to the changes that have been recently made by him in the management of the Railway Department.
2. MR. HUNT: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice whether he will comply with the request of inhabitants of Marysville and Gobur, relative to the appointment of a Justice of the Peace at each of the places mentioned.
3. MR. TUCKER: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands what progress has been made in his Department in the preparation of the plan ordered by this House, showing all roads either proclaimed, surveyed, or reserved; and also, if he will state the number of districts in which the roads thereof have been proclaimed since the commencement of the present session of Parliament.
4. MR. MCINTYRE: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice if he is aware that some of the stipendiary magistrates, to whom travelling expenses are allowed, are in the habit of living whilst on their rounds with the landed proprietors in their districts and pocketing the allowance so made, thus causing mistrust amongst the laboring and less wealthy classes; and to ask whether he approves of their doing so.
5. MR. CARTER: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Instruction whether the Government will, during the recess, consider the advisability of providing for the establishment of swimming baths where practicable for the instruction of the State scholars in the art of swimming.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. LANGRIDGE: To move, That the Report of the Select Committee on a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the construction of the Rosstown Junction Railway and for other purposes,*" be now taken into consideration.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. INGLEWOOD AND GIPPSLAND RAILWAY CONTRACTS—REPORT FROM SELECT COMMITTEE.—To be considered in Committee.
2. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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5. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

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Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BERRY: To move, That an Address be presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty The Queen, praying that Her Majesty may be pleased to sanction His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales undertaking the duty of presiding at the opening of the International Exhibition which is proposed to be held in Melbourne, and to be opened on 1st November 1879.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. PAYMENT OF MEMBERS BILL.—Second reading.
2. EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES BILL.—Amendments of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.
3. RAILWAY LOAN ACCOUNT APPLICATION BILL.—Third reading.
4. TOLLS BILL.—Second reading.
5. RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Consideration of Message from Legislative Council—Reasons in reply to—Resumption of debate.
6. GIPPSLAND RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Amendments of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.
7. GOULBURN VALLEY RAILWAY BILL.—Amendments of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.
8. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
9. WAYS AND MEANS.—Resolutions to be reported.
10. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, 6TH DECEMBER.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. DR. MACARTNEY : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) Whether there is a Crown Lands Bailiff for South Gippsland.
 - (2.) If so, when, under what circumstances, and by whom was he appointed.
 - (3.) How many selections has he personally inspected since his appointment.
 - (4.) What salary he receives, and the amount his office has cost the country since his appointment.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly or in part out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. on Sundays during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest at least in every seven days, or at the option of the employes compensation in the form of additional annual salary to be given to such employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
2. MR. G. P. SMITH : To call the attention of this House to certain proceedings and decisions of Mr. Speaker.
3. MR. TYTHERLEIGH : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying him to cause a sum of Two hundred pounds to be placed on an Additional Estimate to recoup Senior-Constable Kennedy, of Merino, losses sustained in the execution of his duty.

Upon consideration of the Customs Bill :—

4. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That section five of the Act No. 503 be repealed, and the following substituted in lieu thereof, viz. :—“The Governor in Council may from time to time appoint and abolish any inland town which is in direct communication by railway with any port a place in which the Commissioner may appoint warehouses or places of security for bonding purposes subject to the payment of such fee annually as the Commissioner may from time to time determine to cover the cost of inspection of such warehouses or places of security.”

In Committee on the Tolls Bill :—

5. MR. NIMMO : To move, That the Sandridge road Toll, within the municipal district of Emerald Hill, be inserted in the schedule.
6. MR. STORY : To move, That the St. Kilda road Toll be inserted in the schedule.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

*Wednesday, 5th December.*ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at one o'clock.
STANDING ORDERS—at four o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 30TH NOVEMBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 45.
 Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 46.
 Mining on Private Property Bill.—[16] As reported 29th November. (To Members of Council only.)
 Mining on Private Property Bill.—[16] As reported 4th December. (To Members of Council only.)
 Railway Loan Application Bill (3).—[71] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 61.
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[61]
 Weekly Report of Divisions No. 8.
 Australasian Statistics for the year 1876, with Introductory Report. No. 64.
 Mining on Private Property Bill.—[16] As amended by Legislative Council. (To Members of Assembly only.)
 Payment of Members Bill.—[75] (To Members of Assembly only.)
 Explosive Substances Bill.—Amendments made by Legislative Council. (To Members of Assembly only.)
 Reasons in reply to Message of Legislative Council on Railway Construction Bill. (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 6TH DECEMBER 1877.

Questions.

1. **MR. D. M. DAVIES** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways upon what conditions, and at what cost, the Government laid a siding at Lal Lal for the Brown Coal Company.
2. **MR. TUCKER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands what progress has been made in his Department in the preparation of the plan ordered by this House, showing all roads either proclaimed, surveyed, or reserved; and also, if he will state the number of districts in which the roads thereof have been proclaimed since the commencement of the present session of Parliament.

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1. **MR. COPE** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the names of all Members of Parliament who have left this Colony since the principle of payment of Members has been established; the time of their absence; the amount of remuneration received by them during such absence; and whether any legal opinion has been given upon the subject, and, if so by whom; and all correspondence which has passed relative thereto; also the names of all Members, if any, who have refused to accept such payment.

Government Business.

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1. **MR. BERRY** : To move, That the Sessional Order appointing the days of meeting of the Assembly be read and rescinded, and that this House do meet for the transaction of business on each day in each week; and that the hour of meeting be four o'clock.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **TOLLS BILL**.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. **RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL**.—Message from Legislative Council—Reasons in reply to—Resumption of debate.
3. **SUPPLY**.—To be further considered in Committee.
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1. INGLEWOOD AND GIPPSLAND RAILWAY CONTRACTS—REPORT FROM SELECT COMMITTEE.—To be considered in Committee.
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5. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 11TH DECEMBER.

Question.

1. DR. MACARTNEY: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction when it is proposed to supply the township of Buln-Buln with the necessary school-accommodation.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. DRAINAGE OF MINES BILL.—Amendments of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION:—

On going into Committee of Supply:—

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

*Thursday, 6th December.*ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at one o'clock.
LIBRARY—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 6TH DECEMBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 46.
Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 47.
Mining on Private Property Bill.—[16] As reported 5th December. (To Members of Council only.)Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 62.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[62]
Land Act 1869—Estimate, &c. A.—No. 20.
Payment of Members—Message. B.—No. 9.
Retired Judges of the Supreme Court—Message. B.—No. 10.
Defences of Victoria—Message. B.—No. 11.
Barwon Election—Report, &c. D.—No. 15.
Barwon Election—Report upon reconsideration, &c. D.—No. 16. (To Members of Assembly only.)
Payment of Members Bill.—[75] (Issue completed.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

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C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 11th December.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at one o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 7TH DECEMBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 47.
 Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 48.
 Mining on Private Property Bill—Report of Select Committee; with Proceedings of Committee, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendices. D 2.
 Railway Loan Account Temporary Application Bill.—[62] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)
 Payment of Members Bill.—[75] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 63.
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[63]
 Unclaimed Gold—Return. C.—No. 14.
 Barwon Election—Report upon reconsideration, &c. D.—No. 16. (Issue completed.)
 Royal Commission on the Aborigines—Report of the Commissioners, &c. No. 76.
 Drainage of Mines Bill—Amendments made by the Legislative Council. (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER 1877.

Questions.

1. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will take immediate steps to discontinue the loading and unloading of railway trucks on the Sabbath day.
2. MR. D. M. DAVIES : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if it be a fact that railway officials up the country are a week or ten days later before receiving their pay than those in Melbourne ; and, if so, will he see that they are paid as near the first of the month as possible.
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Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LANGRIDGE : To move, That the Report of the Select Committee on a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the construction of the Rosstown Junction Railway and for other purposes,*" be now taken into consideration.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. MR. DOW : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to permit liens to be given upon growing crops.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. INGLEWOOD AND GIPPSLAND RAILWAY CONTRACTS.—REPORT FROM SELECT COMMITTEE.—To be considered in Committee.
2. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. REFRESHMENT ROOMS.—Resolutions to be reported.
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5. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

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2. DR. MACARTNEY : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
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Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BERRY : To move for leave to introduce a Bill for the eradication of diseases in vines.
2. MR. BERRY : To move, That the Sessional Order appointing the days of meeting of the Assembly be read and rescinded, and that this House do meet for the transaction of business on each day in each week, Sundays excepted ; and that the hour of meeting be four o'clock.
3. MR. BERRY : To move, That an Address be presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty The Queen, praying that Her Majesty may be pleased to sanction His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales undertaking the duty of presiding at the opening of the International Exhibition which is proposed to be held in Melbourne, and to be opened on 1st November 1879.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. APPROPRIATION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. EXPIRING LAW (DRAWBACKS ACT 1872) CONTINUATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. DRAINAGE OF MINES BILL.—Amendments of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.
4. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Amendments of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.
5. TOLLS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
6. WAYS AND MEANS.—Resolutions to be reported.
7. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 18TH DECEMBER.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Message from Legislative Council—Reasons in reply to—Resumption of debate.
2. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. GIPPSLAND AND GOULBURN VALLEY RAILWAY BILLS.—Message of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

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

4. MR. NIMMO : To move, That the Sandridge road Toll, within the municipal district of Emerald Hill, be inserted in the schedule.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 12th December.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 7TH DECEMBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 48.
Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 49.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 64.
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[64]
 Products Exported—Value of.—Return. C.—No. 13.
 Standing Orders—First Report from Select Committee. D.—No. 17.
 Telegraphic Communication via Java—Despatch, with Enclosures; &c. No. 75.
 Mining on Private Property Bill.—[16] As amended by Legislative Council. (To Members of Assembly only.)
 Mining on Private Property Bill—Amendments made by Legislative Council. (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 13TH DECEMBER 1877.

Question.

1. MR. F. L. SMYTH: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works if he will have a track cut from the main road to the Melbourne end of Messrs. Noonan's section of the Gippsland Railway.

Government Business.

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1. MR. BERRY: To move for leave to introduce a Bill for the eradication of diseases in vines.
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1. APPROPRIATION BILL.—Consideration of Report.
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3. DRAINAGE OF MINES BILL.—Amendments of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.
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5. TOLLS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
6. WAYS AND MEANS.—Resolutions to be reported.
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General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. LANGRIDGE: To move, That the Report of the Select Committee on a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the construction of the Rosstown Junction Railway and for other purposes*," be now taken into consideration.
2. MR. DOW: To move for leave to introduce a Bill to permit liens to be given upon growing crops.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. INGLEWOOD AND GIPPSLAND RAILWAY CONTRACTS—REPORT FROM SELECT COMMITTEE.—To be considered in Committee.
2. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. REFRESHMENT ROOMS.—Resolutions to be reported.
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5. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 18TH DECEMBER.

Question.

1. **MR. TUCKER**: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands what progress has been made in his Department in the preparation of the plan ordered by this House, showing all roads either proclaimed, surveyed, or reserved; and also, if he will state the number of districts in which the roads thereof have been proclaimed since the commencement of the present session of Parliament.

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

1. **RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.**—Message from Legislative Council—Reasons in reply to—Resumption of debate.
2. **SUPPLY.**—To be further considered in Committee.
3. **GIPPSLAND AND GOULBURN VALLEY RAILWAY BILLS.**—Message of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.

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

1. **MR. COOPER**: To move that there be laid before this House a return showing how many Members of Parliament selected or took up land before Payment of Members became law, the number of acres secured by each Member, and the amount paid per acre.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION:—**On going into Committee of Supply:—**

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Upon consideration of the Customs Bill:—

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C. GAVAN DUFFY,
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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.*Thursday, 13th December.*

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 13TH DECEMBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 49.
Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 50.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 65.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[65]
Weekly Report of Divisions No. 9.
Drawbacks Act 1872—Message. B.—No. 12.
Defences—Preliminary Report by His Excellency Colonel Sir W. F. Drummond Jervois, R.E.,
K.C.M.G., C.B. No. 46.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

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Government Business.

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CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION:—

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C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 18th December.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 14TH DECEMBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 50.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 51.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 66.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[66]

Vine Diseases Eradication Bill.—[78] (To Members of Assembly only.)

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH DECEMBER 1877.

Questions.

1. **MR. TYTHERLEIGH:** To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if the Government intend to take any action in regard to a memorial presented to the Honorable the Postmaster-General from the Wannan Shire Council, praying that the English mails for the Western district may be landed at Portland.
2. **MR. GRAVES:** To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary what was the total expense to the State of the last general election; and also of each of the two preceding general elections.
3. **MR. TUCKER:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands what progress has been made in his Department in the preparation of the plan ordered by this House, showing all roads either proclaimed, surveyed, or reserved; and also, if he will state the number of districts in which the roads thereof have been proclaimed since the commencement of the present session of Parliament.
4. **MR. F. L. SMYTH:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works if he will have a track cut from the main road to the Melbourne end of Messrs. Noonan's section of the Gippsland Railway.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

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General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. **INGLEWOOD AND GIPPSLAND RAILWAY CONTRACTS.—REPORT FROM SELECT COMMITTEE.—**To be considered in Committee.
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Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. LALOR:** To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Customs Act 1857.*"
2. **MR. BERRY:** To move, That the Sessional Order appointing the days of meeting of the Assembly be read and rescinded, and that this House do meet for the transaction of business on each day in each week, Sundays excepted; and that the hour of meeting be four o'clock.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. DISEASES IN VINES ERADICATION BILL.—Consideration of Report.
2. WAYS AND MEANS.—Resolutions to be reported.
3. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL.—Second reading.
4. PASSENGERS HARBORS AND NAVIGATION STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
5. EXPIRING LAW (DRAWBACKS ACT 1872) CONTINUATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
6. DRAINAGE OF MINES BILL.—Amendments of Legislative Council to be further considered.
7. TOLLS BILL.—Consideration of Report.
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CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION:—

On going into Committee of Supply:—

1. **MR. F. L. SMYTH:** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly or in part out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. on Sundays during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest at least in every seven days, or at the option of the employes compensation in the form of additional annual salary to be given to such employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
2. **MR. TYTHERLEIGH:** To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying him to cause a sum of Two hundred pounds to be placed on an Additional Estimate to recoup Senior-Constable Kennedy, of Merino, losses sustained in the execution of his duty.

Upon consideration of the Customs Bill:—

3. **MR. MCINTYRE:** To move, That section five of the Act No. 503 be repealed, and the following substituted in lieu thereof, viz.:—"The Governor in Council may from time to time appoint and abolish any inland town which is in direct communication by railway with any port a place in which the Commissioner may appoint warehouses or places of security for bonding purposes subject to the payment of such fee annually as the Commissioner may from time to time determine to cover the cost of inspection of such warehouses or places of security."

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 19th December.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 14TH DECEMBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 51.

Appropriation Bill.—[76] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 67.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[67]

Weekly Report of Divisions No. 10.

Bank Liabilities and Assets—Summary of Sworn Returns for the Quarter ended 30th September 1877. A.—No. 19.

Second Report of the Printing Committee. D.—No. 14.

Reports of the Mining Surveyors and Registrars—Quarter ended 30th September 1877. No. 68.

Customs Duties Bill.—[36]

Passengers, Harbors, and Navigation Statute 1865, Amendment Bill.—[73] (To Members of Assembly only.)

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Vine Diseases Eradication Bill.—[78] (Issue completed.)

Vine Diseases Eradication Bill.—[78] As reported 18th December. (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 20TH DECEMBER 1877.

Questions.

1. **MR. RICHARDSON**: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice if the change of Police Magistrates promised some time ago has been made; if not, when will it be done.
2. **MR. L. L. SMITH**: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice what is the decision of the Government respecting the life-sentenced prisoners.
3. **MR. MUNRO**: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if the Post Office Department has completed the proposed arrangements for giving the letter-carriers in cities, towns, and boroughs a half-holiday on Saturdays.
4. **MR. TUCKER**: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands what progress has been made in his Department in the preparation of the plan ordered by this House, showing all roads either proclaimed, surveyed, or reserved; and also, if he will state the number of districts in which the roads thereof have been proclaimed since the commencement of the present session of Parliament.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. BERRY**: To move, That the Sessional Order appointing the days of meeting of the Assembly be read and rescinded, and that this House do meet for the transaction of business on each day in each week, Sundays excepted; and that the hour of meeting be four o'clock.
2. **MR. BERRY**: To move, That an Address be presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty The Queen, praying that Her Majesty may be pleased to sanction His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales undertaking the duty of presiding at the opening of the International Exhibition which is proposed to be held in Melbourne, and to be opened on 1st November 1879.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CUSTOMS ACT 1857 AMENDMENT BILL.—Consideration of Report.
2. PASSENGERS, HARBORS, AND NAVIGATION STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Third reading.
3. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. EXPIRING LAW (DRAWBACKS ACT 1872) CONTINUATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
5. TOLLS BILL.—Consideration of Title.
6. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
7. RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Message from Legislative Council—Reasons in reply to—Resumption of debate.
8. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
9. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Amendments of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. LANGRIDGE**: To move, That the Report of the Select Committee on a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the construction of the Rosstown Junction Railway and for other purposes,*" be now taken into consideration.
2. **MR. ZOX**: To move, That the promoter of the Rosstown Junction Railway Bill have leave to suspend any further proceedings thereupon, and to proceed with the same Bill in the next Session of Parliament.
 - (2.) That, not later than four clear days after the next meeting of Parliament, the Bill shall be deposited with the Clerk of the Assembly, with a declaration, signed by the agent, stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill with respect to which proceedings have been so suspended at the last stage of the proceedings in this House in the present Session.
 - (3.) That the Bill, endorsed by the Clerk as having been duly deposited with him, shall be laid by him forthwith on the Table of the House in the next Session of Parliament.
 - (4.) That the Bill so laid on the Table, with the Petition for the Bill, and the order to bring in the same shall be read, and thereupon such Bill shall be read a first and second time, and the report from the Select Committee in this Session shall be taken into consideration by the Assembly.
 - (5.) That the above be adopted as Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly.
3. **MR. COOPER**: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing how many Members of Parliament selected or took up land before Payment of Members became law, the number of acres secured by each Member, and the amount paid per acre.
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5. **MR. DOW**: To move for leave to introduce a Bill to permit liens to be given upon growing crops.
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1. **INGLEWOOD AND GIPPSLAND RAILWAY CONTRACTS—REPORT FROM SELECT COMMITTEE.**—To be further considered in Committee.
2. **OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
3. **REFRESHMENT ROOMS.**—Resolutions to be reported.
4. **POSTAGE—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.**—*The question is—*
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House the postage upon all letters posted and delivered within the Colony of Victoria shall be at the uniform rate of one penny.
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5. **ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.**—To be further considered in Committee.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION:—

On going into Committee of Supply:—

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

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Thursday, 20th December.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 20TH DECEMBER.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 52.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 68.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[68]

Tolls Continuation Bill.—[69] As re-reported 18th December. (To Members of Assembly only.)

Passengers, Harbors, and Navigation Statute 1865 Amendment Bill.—[73] (Issue completed.)

Customs Act 1857 Amendment Bill.—[79] As reported 19th December. (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 5TH FEBRUARY 1878.

Question.

1. MR. NIMMO: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if he will, as early as possible, cause a road to be surveyed to connect the Bass River settlement on Macdonald's Track with the Drouin West railway station.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. MCINTYRE: To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all papers relating to the contractors' (Messrs. Martin and Peacock's) claim on the brickwork of the Government House contract.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Amendments of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

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1. **INGLEWOOD AND GIPPSLAND RAILWAY CONTRACTS—REPORT FROM SELECT COMMITTEE.**—To be further considered in Committee.
2. **OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
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C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 21st DECEMBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 52.
 Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 53.
 Tolls Continuation Bill.—[69] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)
 Passengers, Harbors, and Navigation Statute 1865 Amendment Bill.—[73] From Assembly.
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 Vines Diseases Eradication Bill.—[78] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)
 Customs Act 1857 Amendment Bill.—[79] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)
 Drainage of Mines Bill.—Amendment proposed by Legislative Assembly on Amendment of
 Legislative Council. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 69.
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[69]

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY 1878.

Questions.

1. **MR. NIMMO** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if he will, as early as possible, cause a road to be surveyed to connect the Bass River settlement on Macdonald's Track with the Drouin West railway station.
2. **MR. BELL** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if the Government will so far modify the conditions for Government contracts as to insert a clause for arbitration in cases of dispute between contractors and Government officers.
3. **MR. R. CLARK (Wimmera)** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways when he intends to call for tenders for the construction of the railway from Murtoa to Horsham.
4. **MR. F. L. SMYTH** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works whether it is the intention of the Government to take advantage of the presence of Sir John Coode in the colony, and engage his services for the examination of the projected entrance to the Gippsland Lakes, and to obtain his opinion on the best plan for making a permanent entrance to those Lakes.
5. **MR. BIRD** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education when Professor Pearson's Report will be laid upon the Table of the House.
6. **MR. F. L. SMYTH** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways on what day it is the intention of the Government to open the Gippsland Railway from Oakleigh to Sale for public traffic, and whether the public ceremony usual on such an occasion will be adopted by the Government.
7. **MR. BOSISTO** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands if it is true that the labourers and gardeners employed in the Public Parks and Gardens are debarred from enjoying the same holidays as other public servants; and, if it is a fact that the wages of those men if absent only for a day (through sickness) is deducted from their pay; and if such is the case, will the Honorable the Minister see that the same privileges are granted to those men as to the other public servants.
8. **MR. ORR** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways when he will be in a position to call for tenders for the construction of the line of railway from the Springs to Wahgunyah.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

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 - (5.) That the above be adopted as Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. **MR. F. L. SMYTH** : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to simplify the procedure and practice of the Supreme Court and for the better administration of justice.
2. **MR. DOW** : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to permit liens to be given upon growing crops.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

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5. **ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL**.—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. TUCKER :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of days leave of absence granted to each of the Judges each year, from 1870 to this date ; showing also the amount of salary paid to each Judge during such absence from duty, and the reasons assigned upon which such leave of absence was granted.
2. **MR. TYTHERLEIGH :** To move, That plans be prepared showing all the unsold lands of the colony, and the lands held under lease or under rental ; that the unsold lands shall appear as white on such plans ; that leaseholds shall appear as red ; and that lands held under rental shall appear as blue ; and that so soon as the respective holdings shall pass from the one stage to the other, they shall be colored accordingly ; and every District Surveyor shall be instructed to color such plans, and have the same open to public inspection in his office.
3. **MR. COOPER :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing how many Members of Parliament selected or took up land before Payment of Members became law, the number of acres secured by each Member, and the amount paid per acre.
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NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. **MR. DIXON :** To move, That there be laid before this House copies of the report of Captain Mandeville on the defence of the colony.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. BERRY :** To move, That all Votes or Grants passed in Committee of Supply become legally available for expenditure immediately such resolutions are agreed to by the Legislative Assembly ; and that henceforth, in view of the serious public inconvenience caused by repeated rejections of the annual Appropriation Bill by the Legislative Council, this House resolves to revert to the practice which prevailed prior to 1862.
2. **MR. BERRY :** To move, That an Address be prepared for presentation to Her Majesty the Queen setting forth the present position of affairs in Victoria, caused by the unconstitutional action of the Legislative Council in rejecting the annual Appropriation Bill.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—To be further considered in Committee.
2. **SUPPLY.**—To be further considered in Committee.
3. **MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.**—Amendments of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.

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3. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, Mining Boards should be abolished.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 21st DECEMBER 1877.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council Nos. 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, and 63.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council Nos. 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, and 62.

Weekly Report of Divisions No. 4.

Customs Duties Bill.—[36] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

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Customs Act 1857 Amendment Bill.—[79] As reported 21st December. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 70.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[70]

Weekly Report of Divisions No. 11.

Bank Liabilities and Assets—Summary of Sworn Returns for the Quarter ended 30th September 1877. A.—No. 19.

Local Government Act Returns—Return, &c. C.—No. 15.

Inglewood and Gippsland Railway Contracts—Report from Select Committee ; with Proceedings of Committee, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendices. D.—No. 12.

Reporting Proceedings of Parliament—Progress Report from Select Committee ; with Proceedings of Committee, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendices. D.—No. 13.

Printing Committee—Second Report. D.—No. 14.

Gippsland and Goulburn Valley Railway Bills—Report from Select Committee appointed to confer with Committee of Legislative Council, &c. D.—No. 18.

Statistical Register for 1876. Part VII.—Interchange. No. 52.

” ” Part VIII.—Law, Crime, &c. No. 65.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY 1878.

Questions.

1. MR. BARR : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether any steps have been taken for a survey of a line of railway from any point of existing lines to Wentworth.
2. MR. ORR : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways when he will be in a position to call for tenders for the construction of the line of railway from the Springs to Wahgunyah.
3. MR. DWYER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands if he will appoint persons to cause (and by instituting legal proceedings, if necessary) the removal of the fences on all public roads in Victoria; and, if so, whether he will consider the desirableness of appointing the classifiers of lands to be such persons.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. DIXON : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of the report of Captain Mandeville on the defence of the colony.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BERRY : To move, That an Address be prepared for presentation to Her Majesty the Queen setting forth the present position of affairs in Victoria, caused by the unconstitutional action of the Legislative Council in rejecting the annual Appropriation Bill.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Amendments of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LANGRIDGE : To move, That the Report of the Select Committee on a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the construction of the Rosstown Junction Railway and for other purposes,*" be now taken into consideration.
2. MR. ZOX : To move, That the promoter of the Rosstown Junction Railway Bill have leave to suspend any further proceedings thereupon, and to proceed with the same Bill in the next Session of Parliament.
 - (2.) That, not later than four clear days after the next meeting of Parliament, the Bill shall be deposited with the Clerk of the Assembly, with a declaration, signed by the agent, stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill with respect to which proceedings have been so suspended at the last stage of the proceedings in this House in the present Session.
 - (3.) That the Bill, endorsed by the Clerk as having been duly deposited with him, shall be laid by him forthwith on the Table of the House in the next Session of Parliament.
 - (4.) That the Bill so laid on the Table, with the Petition for the Bill, and the order to bring in the same shall be read, and thereupon such Bill shall be read a first and second time, and the report from the Select Committee in this Session shall be taken into consideration by the Assembly.
 - (5.) That the above be adopted as Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly.
3. MR. DOW : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to permit liens to be given upon growing crops.
4. MR. TUCKER : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of days leave of absence granted to each of the Judges each year, from 1870 to this date; showing also the amount of salary paid to each Judge during such absence from duty, and the reasons assigned upon which such leave of absence was granted.
5. MR. TYTHERLEIGH : To move, That plans be prepared showing all the unsold lands of the colony, and the lands held under lease or under rental; that the unsold lands shall appear as white on such plans; that leaseholds shall appear as red; and that lands held under rental shall appear as blue; and that so soon as the respective holdings shall pass from the one stage to the other, they shall be colored accordingly; and every District Surveyor shall be instructed to color such plans, and have the same open to public inspection in his office.
6. MR. COOPER : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing how many Members of Parliament selected or took up land before Payment of Members became law, the number of acres secured by each Member, and the amount paid per acre.
7. MR. RICHARDSON : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting him to cause a sum of £ to be placed on an Additional Estimate for the purchase of the Statue of Her Majesty the Queen now in the National Gallery.

8. MR. MUNRO : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount of money paid to Mr. Pridham for services rendered in drafting a Bill in connection with the Friendly Societies Commission.
9. MR. BROPHY : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Report of the Select Committee appointed to consider the case of the Alma Consols and Mr. Edward O'Farrell, with a view to present an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to cause to be placed a sum of money upon the Estimates to carry out the recommendation of such Committee.
10. MR. BELL : To move, That an arbitration clause be inserted in Government contract conditions, in case of dispute between contractors and Government officers.
11. MR. MUNRO : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing how much money has been spent by the Government on the Stony Creek Waterworks (irrespective of reticulation) by contract and day labor since the 2nd of August 1871, distinguishing the amounts spent prior to the employment of Messrs. Dobson and Gordon on the works and the amounts spent afterwards, and including the cost of destroying the filter and other works; and to be accompanied with plans and elevations of the works as originally executed and the works as now finished.
12. MR. SERVICE : To move, That leave of absence be given to the Honorable J. J. Casey, Member for Mandurang, for such period as may be necessary for the performance of his duties as Commissioner to the Paris Exhibition.
13. MR. DWYER : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the circumstances under which the name of Mr. Jeremiah Ryan, of Bacchus Marsh, was removed from the Commission of the Peace; such Committee to consist of Mr. Brophy, Mr. Dow, Mr. F. L. Smyth, Mr. Gaunson, Mr. Hunt, Dr. Madden, and the Mover; with power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. INGLEWOOD AND GIPPSLAND RAILWAY CONTRACTS—REPORT FROM SELECT COMMITTEE.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. REFRESHMENT ROOMS.—Resolutions to be reported.
4. POSTAGE—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House the postage upon all letters posted and delivered within the Colony of Victoria shall be at the uniform rate of one penny.
 - (2.) That all newspapers printed and published in this Colony should be post free, and that they should leave the Colony by rail or steamer free.
5. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPREME COURT PROCEDURE AND PRACTICE SIMPLIFICATION BILL.—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly or in part out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. on Sundays during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest at least in every seven days, or at the option of the employes compensation in the form of additional annual salary to be given to such employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
2. MR. TYTHERLEIGH : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying him to cause a sum of Two hundred pounds to be placed on an Additional Estimate to recoup Senior-Constable Kennedy, of Merino, losses sustained in the execution of his duty.
3. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, Mining Boards should be abolished.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY 1878.

Questions.

1. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*): To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works if it is the intention of the Government to raise a loan under the Waterworks Loan Act for the purpose of supplying country districts with water; if so, when.
2. MR. GRAVES: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary, if— notwithstanding the Legislative Council have rejected the Appropriation Bill—it be the intention of the Government, on the money becoming legally available, to restore the Civil Service in its integrity, and to reinstate those dispensed with on account of the rejection of the said Bill.
3. MR. F. L. SMYTH: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works if it be a fact that he, on behalf of the Government, is in communication with Sir John Coode in relation to the permanent opening of the Gippsland Lakes; and, if so, is it his intention to obtain from Sir John Coode a report in relation to the best plan for the constructing a permanent entrance to those lakes, and if that gentleman will personally inspect the Lakes' entrance.
4. MR. RAMSAY: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary what course the Government intend to adopt, having regard to the serious financial difficulties experienced by several shire councils, owing to the loss of revenue from tolls.
5. MR. R. MURRAY SMITH: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary when the compensation due to the discharged civil servants will be paid; and, in the event of the time of such settlement being indefinite, will he give instructions to have the claims sent in examined by the respective departments, and the claimants advised as to the correctness of the claims so sent in.
6. MR. ZOX: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether it is his intention to recommend any remuneration to be awarded to the discharged civil servants in the Education and Railway Departments.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LANGRIDGE: To move, That the Report of the Select Committee on a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the construction of the Rosstown Junction Railway and for other purposes,*" be now taken into consideration.
2. MR. ZOX: To move, That the promoter of the Rosstown Junction Railway Bill have leave to suspend any further proceedings thereupon, and to proceed with the same Bill in the next Session of Parliament.
 - (2.) That, not later than four clear days after the next meeting of Parliament, the Bill shall be deposited with the Clerk of the Assembly, with a declaration, signed by the agent, stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill with respect to which proceedings have been so suspended at the last stage of the proceedings in this House in the present Session.
 - (3.) That the Bill, endorsed by the Clerk as having been duly deposited with him, shall be laid by him forthwith on the Table of the House in the next Session of Parliament.
 - (4.) That the Bill so laid on the Table, with the Petition for the Bill, and the order to bring in the same shall be read, and thereupon such Bill shall be read a first and second time, and the report from the Select Committee in this Session shall be taken into consideration by the Assembly.
 - (5.) That the above be adopted as Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. MR. McINTYRE: To move for leave to introduce a Bill to further amend the law relating to Customs.
2. MR. DOW: To move for leave to introduce a Bill to permit liens to be given upon growing crops.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPREME COURT PROCEDURE AND PRACTICE SIMPLIFICATION BILL.—Second reading.
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6. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That a statement be laid before this House, showing the total expenditure incurred by the Government in connection with Wood's continuous brake, giving detailed particulars of the amount of labor and material, the cost of each, and the names of the officers and timekeepers by whom the same are certified ; also, the cost of its application to each carriage and to each engine respectively ; and, further, that this House be informed whether any arrangement has been entered into between the Government and the proprietors of the patent for the future use of the brake, or if any arrangement is pending between them ; and, if so, what.
2. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all free passes issued to travel upon the Government Railways from June 30th 1877 to date ; showing by whom issued, to whom given, by whom requested, to and from what stations, and for what purpose ; also, the number of special passenger trains run during the same period, by whose order, and for what purpose.
3. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total amount paid for advertising (outside of the *Government Gazette*) by the several departments of the Public Service for each month of the year 1877 ; giving the names and localities of the newspapers advertised in, and the sums paid to each.
4. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, their Honors the Judges of the Supreme Court of Victoria, should make such alterations in the rules of the Supreme Court, dated the 3rd December 1872, framed under the Act 15 Vict. No. 10, so as to further integrate the legal professions, and give equal audience, rights, and privileges to, and impose equal liabilities on, all barristers, attorneys, solicitors, and proctors respectively of the said Court.
5. MR. PURVES : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all appointments to the Public Service made by the Government since January 1st 1878.
6. MR. DWYER : To move, That instructions be issued to the police, or to such other persons, as the Government may think proper, to cause (and by instituting legal proceedings, if necessary) the removal of all fences on public roads in Victoria.
7. MR. DWYER : To move, That all appointments to be in future made by Government shall be made in accordance with, and subject to the following rules, and not otherwise :—
 - (1.) Merit alone shall determine which of the applicants for any appointment shall receive it.
 - (2.) Before any appointment is made on the professional or clerical side of the Civil Service, and whether to the classified or unclassified branches, notice of intention to make it, and that applications will be received for it during the ensuing fortnight shall be first published in the *Government Gazette*.
 - (3.) Applicants who have passed the Civil Service examination shall be taken to be of superior merit to applicants who have not.
 - (4.) In future the number of marks which any person shall have obtained at any Civil Service examination shall be set after his name, and the maximum number of marks for every Civil Service examination shall be always the same.
 - (5.) The marks obtained by examinees at any Civil Service examination shall be considered indicative of the merits of the examinees.
 - (6.) Any applicant who at any Civil Service examination shall have obtained a greater number of marks than any other applicant shall be considered as of superior merit to such last-mentioned applicant.
 - (7.) If two or more of the applicants of greatest merit are on an equality as regards marks, the examiners for the Civil Service shall further examine, in such manner as they may determine, the candidates whose merits are on such equality, and shall determine their respective merits.
8. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That it is the imperative duty of the Government, and essential to the welfare of Parliamentary Government, that accurate and substantial reports of the proceedings and debates of the Victorian Legislature be published daily.
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Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. BERRY :** To move, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, the 5th day of March next.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—To be further considered in Committee.
2. **SUPPLY.**—To be further considered in Committee.
3. **MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.**—Amendments of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

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C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 13th February.

REJECTION OF THE APPROPRIATION BILL—ADDRESS TO HER MAJESTY—at two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 7TH FEBRUARY.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 64.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[72]

List of Charges which Attorneys, Solicitors, Parliamentary Agents and others may justly make under the Parliamentary Costs Act 1877. A.—No. 21.

Assent to Bills—Message. B.—No. 13.

Order in Council—Rescinding words contained in Regulation of 12th April 1869, &c. No. 87.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 5TH MARCH 1878.

Questions.

1. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines when it is his intention to reduce the amount of business licenses on the goldfields.
2. MR. LANGRIDGE : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if ex-Ministers of the Crown, no longer Members of this House, are allowed to travel on the State railways with the passes issued to them when they were members.
3. MR. BARR : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if it is the intention of the Government to continue the system of coroners' inquests; and, if so, is it intended to provide for the payment of jurors at such inquests.
4. MR. SHARPE : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether he has received any reply from the Government of New South Wales relative to a communication which he promised to address to that Government about two months ago with a view of ascertaining if that colony would join with this Government in purchasing the Wahgunyah bridge from the present shareholders and making same a free bridge.
5. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works if it be a fact that he, on behalf of the Government, is in communication with Sir John Coode in relation to the permanent opening of the Gippsland Lakes; and, if so, is it his intention to obtain from Sir John Coode a report in relation to the best plan for the constructing a permanent entrance to those lakes, and if that gentleman will personally inspect the Lakes' entrance.
6. MR. ZOx : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether it is his intention to recommend any remuneration to be awarded to the discharged civil servants in the Education and Railway Departments.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. LANGRIDGE : To move : That there be laid before this House a return showing the Grants of Land to various institutions on the Tank reserve, Eastern Hill, and the names and objects of the said institutions.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Amendments of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DWYER : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of titles examined and the general work done by each of the Examiners of Titles during the last twelve months.
 - (2.) The salary paid to each Examiner, giving names.
 - (3.) The total number of requisitions made on titles by each Examiner during the year.
 - (4.) The total cost of examining titles for the last year, including the cost of all clerks and others assisting the Examiners, and the interest on the value of the land and the capital expended in buildings.
 - (5.) An estimate of the area and value of land not yet brought under the operation of the Act.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SUPREME COURT PROCEDURE AND PRACTICE SIMPLIFICATION BILL.—Second reading.
2. INGLEWOOD AND GIPPSLAND RAILWAY CONTRACTS—REPORT FROM SELECT COMMITTEE.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. REFRESHMENT ROOMS.—Resolutions to be reported.
5. POSTAGE.—MOTION RESPECTING RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House the postage upon all letters posted and delivered within the Colony of Victoria shall be at the uniform rate of one penny.
 - (2.) That all newspapers printed and published in this Colony should be post free, and that they should leave the Colony by rail or steamer free.
6. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION:—

On going into Committee of Supply:—

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH MARCH 1878.

Questions.

1. MR. F. L. SMYTH: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice if he has sent a circular to the Magisterial Benches in the colony, directing that no evidence should be received by them of previous convictions until after the trial of the offence then under enquiry.
2. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*): To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands if it is his intention to throw open for selection all railway reserves not now required for railway purposes between Stawell and Horsham; if so, when.
3. MR. NIMMO: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education if it be the intention of the Government to re-engage drawing and singing masters for our public schools.
4. MR. BIRD: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands when it is his intention to decide the appeal cases of Messrs. Botteril and others, of land at East Charlton.
5. MR. BARR: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice if he is aware of the great reduction in the number of persons qualified to act as jurymen in country districts consequent on the provisions of the Juries Statute 1876, No. 560; and if it is the intention of the Government to amend the same so as to widen the selection of jurors in country districts.
6. MR. DOW: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether, taking into account the extreme straits to which the selectors of the colony are reduced, owing to the high rates of interest charged by the banks, together with the fact that they do not loan the money for any fixed period, he will take into consideration the advisability of adopting such steps to release the selectors from their position by making advances at the lowest possible rate of interest, upon a system similar to the Land Drainage Regulations of the United Kingdom, under which the Home Government lend money for the purpose of improving land, at five per cent., extending over twenty-one years; such repayments extinguishing both the principal and interest of the debt.
7. MR. BARR: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in view of the heavy pressure upon the selectors through drought and other causes, if it is the intention of the Government to take steps for the establishment of a National Bank of issue.
8. DR. MACARTNEY: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether the Honorable the Postmaster-General will call for tenders for the establishment, at an early date, of a daily mail by coach between Port Albert and the railway terminus at Sale.
9. MR. ZOZ: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether it is the intention of the Government to remove the Melbourne Gaol from its present site and erect a building in a more suitable locality.
10. DR. MACARTNEY: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs on whose recommendation Messrs. Thomas and Hocking were recently removed from the Harbor boat at Port Albert, and reduced to a lower position in the service.
11. MR. RAMSAY: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if it is the intention of the Government to submit their proposals for dealing with the life sentenced prisoners to Parliament.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. LANGRIDGE: To move, That the Report of the Select Committee on a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the construction of the Rosstown Junction Railway and for other purposes,*" be now taken into consideration.
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 - (2.) That, not later than four clear days after the next meeting of Parliament, the Bill shall be deposited with the Clerk of the Assembly, with a declaration, signed by the agent, stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill with respect to which proceedings have been so suspended at the last stage of the proceedings in this House in the present Session.
 - (3.) That the Bill, endorsed by the Clerk as having been duly deposited with him, shall be laid by him forthwith on the Table of the House in the next Session of Parliament.
 - (4.) That the Bill so laid on the Table, with the Petition for the Bill, and the order to bring in the same shall be read, and thereupon such Bill shall be read a first and second time, and the report from the Select Committee in this Session shall be taken into consideration by the Assembly.
 - (5.) That the above be adopted as Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. MR. McINTYRE : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to further amend the law relating to Customs.
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6. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying His Excellency to present to Parliament any hitherto unpublished despatches of the late Governor of Victoria, Viscount Canterbury, written during the Parliamentary deadlock of 1866–8.
2. MR. BIRD : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The measures that have been passed by this House during this Session.
 - (2.) The measures that have been passed by the Legislative Council during this Session.
 - (3.) The measures that, during this Session, have become law.
3. DR. MACARTNEY : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the date of the appointment of the present Crown lands bailiff for South Gippsland, and the number of selections in that district inspected by him personally between the date of his appointment and 1st November 1877.
4. DR. MACARTNEY : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number and the nature of the cases tried before the late police magistrate and warden for South Gippsland for the year 1877.
5. MR. BENT : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that a Conference be asked for with the Legislative Council, with a view that by a fair and honorable compromise between the two Houses the existing crisis may be terminated, and the business of the country restored to its ordinary channels.
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 - (1.) The number of titles examined and the general work done by each of the Examiners of Titles during the last twelve months.
 - (2.) The salary paid to each Examiner, giving names.
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 - (4.) The total cost of examining titles for the last year, including the cost of all clerks and others assisting the Examiners, and the interest on the value of the land and the capital expended in buildings.
 - (5.) An estimate of the area and value of land not yet brought under the operation of the Act.
7. MR. McINTYRE : To move, That a statement be laid before this House, showing the total expenditure incurred by the Government in connection with Wood's continuous brake, giving detailed particulars of the amount of labor and material, the cost of each, and the names of the officers and timekeepers by whom the same are certified ; also, the cost of its application to each carriage and to each engine respectively ; and, further, that this House be informed whether any arrangement has been entered into between the Government and the proprietors of the patent for the future use of the brake, or if any arrangement is pending between them ; and, if so, what.
8. MR. McINTYRE : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all free passes issued to travel upon the Government Railways from June 30th 1877 to date ; showing by whom issued, to whom given, by whom requested, to and from what stations, and for what purpose ; also, the number of special passenger trains run during the same period, by whose order, and for what purpose.
9. MR. McINTYRE : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total amount paid for advertising (outside of the *Government Gazette*) by the several departments of the Public Service for each month of the year 1877 ; giving the names and localities of the newspapers advertised in, and the sums paid to each.
10. MR. DWYER : To move, That their Honors the Judges of the Supreme Court of Victoria, should make such alterations in the rules of the Supreme Court, dated the 3rd December 1872, framed under the Act 15 Vict. No. 10, as shall further integrate the legal professions, and give equal audience, rights, and privileges to, and impose equal liabilities on, all barristers, attorneys, solicitors, and proctors respectively of the said Court.
11. MR. PURVES : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all appointments to the Public Service made by the Government since January 1st 1878.

12. **MR. DWYER :** To move, That instructions be issued to the police, or to such other persons, as the Government may think proper, to cause (and by instituting legal proceedings if necessary) the removal of all fences on public roads in Victoria.
13. **MR. DWYER :** To move, That all appointments to be in future made by Government shall be made in accordance with, and subject to the following rules, and not otherwise :—
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 - (2.) Before any appointment is made on the professional or clerical side of the Civil Service, and whether to, the classified or unclassified branches, notice of intention to make it, and that applications will be received for it during the ensuing fortnight shall be first published in the *Government Gazette*.
 - (3.) Applicants who have passed the Civil Service examination shall be taken to be of superior merit to applicants who have not.
 - (4.) In future the number of marks which any person shall have obtained at any Civil Service examination shall be set after his name, and the maximum number of marks for every Civil Service examination shall be always the same.
 - (5.) The marks obtained by examinees at any Civil Service examination shall be considered indicative of the merits of the examinees.
 - (6.) Any person who has passed any Civil Service examination, may present himself for examination at any other such examination, and the marks obtained by him at any such subsequent examination shall be the marks indicating his merit.
 - (7.) Any applicant who at any Civil Service examination shall have obtained a greater number of marks than any other applicant shall be considered as of superior merit to such last-mentioned applicant.
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NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The total amount expended by the Government upon newspaper advertisements during the twelve months ending 31st May 1877 ; also, the total amount expended in the same manner during the nine months ending 28th February 1878.
 - (2.) The names or titles of all newspapers in which Government advertisements have been inserted during these two periods respectively.
 - (3.) The amount paid to each of these newspapers during the same periods.
 - (4.) The present approximate circulation of each of these newspapers.
2. MR. LANGRIDGE : To move : That there be laid before this House a return showing the Grants of Land to various institutions on the Tank reserve, Eastern Hill, and the names and objects of the said institutions.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BERRY : To move, That in accordance with the 45th section of the Constitution Statute, the costs, charges, and expenses incident to the collection, management, and receipts of the Consolidated Revenue shall, during the present financial year, and no longer, be treated as a special appropriation.
- (2.) That the Treasury shall ascertain the amount of the said costs, charges, and expenses from the 1st July 1877 to the 28th February 1878, and that the said amount so ascertained shall be transferred in aid of the Ways and Means Acts 1877-8.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Amendments of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.

TUESDAY, 12TH MARCH.

Question.

1. MR. ORR : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if it is the intention of the Government to attach to the Charitable Institutions Vote, 1878, the condition that the management and accounts of each charity shall be annually reported upon to the Government by an inspecting auditor to be appointed by the Governor in Council.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 7TH MARCH 1878.

Questions.

1. **MR. DWYER:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice if he is aware of the necessity which exists for the appointment of additional magistrates at Wickliffe and Caramut; and, if so, will he appoint additional magistrates at these places, and when.
2. **MR. MCINTYRE:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if he will request the Commission which he purposes appointing in connection with the distribution of the vote of £20,000 for prospecting for gold-fields, to consider the propriety of guaranteeing the cost of crushing quartz, to enable the working miners throughout the several gold-fields to test trial lots.
3. **MR. F. L. SMYTH:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if hops are charged a higher rate of carriage than any other agricultural produce; and, if so, will he cause them to be placed on an equal footing as regards such rate.
4. **MR. DOW:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether, taking into account the extreme straits to which the selectors of the colony are reduced, owing to the high rate of interest charged by the banks, together with the fact that they do not lend the money for any fixed period, he will take into consideration the advisability of adopting steps to release the selectors from their position by making advances at the lowest possible rate of interest, upon a system similar to the Land Drainage Regulations of the United Kingdom, under which the Home Government lend money for the purpose of improving land, at five per cent., extending over twenty-one years; such repayments extinguishing both the principal and interest of the debt.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. **MR. NIMMO:** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the names of the Council and Office-bearers of the National Agricultural Society of Victoria, from 1871 to 1878.
2. **MR. GAUNSON:** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the expenditure of Government money at Sorrento.
3. **DR. MACARTNEY:** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the date of the appointment of the present Crown lands bailiff for South Gippsland, and the number of selections in that district inspected by him personally between the date of his appointment and 1st November 1877.
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Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. BERRY:** To move, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 9th of April next.
2. **MR. BERRY:** To move—
 - (1.) That in consequence of the unconstitutional action of the Legislative Council in not passing the annual Appropriation Bill, an alteration of the Constitution Act is imperatively necessary.
 - (2.) That the Constitution be framed on the model of the British Constitution and that the present elective Council be replaced by a second Chamber, so constituted and with such limitation of powers as to secure to the people of this country that full measure of Parliamentary and responsible government enjoyed by the people of Great Britain.
 - (3.) That the Government take all necessary steps to give effect to the foregoing resolution.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. **CONSTITUTION STATUTE, SECTION 45—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—***The question is—*

That in accordance with the 45th section of the Constitution Statute, the costs, charges, and expenses incident to the collection, management, and receipts of the Consolidated Revenue shall, during the present financial year, and no longer, be treated as a special appropriation.

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3. **SUPPLY.**—To be further considered in Committee.
4. **MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.**—Amendments of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DWYER : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all papers in the possession of the Curator of Intestate Estates relating to the estate of Maria Crosby, deceased.
2. MR. LANGRIDGE : To move, That the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways be requested to recall all passes issued to ex-Ministers of the Crown not now members of Parliament.
3. MR. DWYER : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting him to place on an Additional Estimate a sum of money to reimburse the petitioner and the respondent their taxed costs in the matter of the petition of Mr. Mason against the return of Dr. Macartney for the Electoral District of South Gippsland.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. INGLEWOOD AND GIPPSLAND RAILWAY CONTRACTS—REPORT FROM SELECT COMMITTEE.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Motion for—Resumption of debate.
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TUESDAY, 12TH MARCH.

Question.

1. MR. ORR : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if it is the intention of the Government to attach to the Charitable Institutions Vote, 1878, the condition that the management and accounts of each charity shall be annually reported upon to the Government by an inspecting auditor to be appointed by the Governor in Council.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH MARCH.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION:—

On going into Committee of Supply:—

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

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Chief Medical Officer—Report on the Sanatory Station for 1877. No. 93.

Memorandum by the Honorable the Chief Secretary (transmitted to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, on 31st December 1877). No. 94.

Indian Famine Relief Fund—Despatch respecting. No. 96.

Philadelphia Exhibition—Despatch respecting the Report of the Commissioners for Victoria to. No. 97.

Ballarat Juvenile Industrial Exhibition—Despatch respecting. No. 98.

Supreme Court Procedure and Practice Simplification Bill.—[80] (Issue completed.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 19TH MARCH 1878.

Questions.

1. **MR. ORR :** To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if it is the intention of the Government to attach to the Charitable Institutions Vote, 1878, the condition that the management and accounts of each charity shall be annually reported upon to the Government by an inspecting auditor to be appointed by the Governor in Council.
2. **MR. SERVICE :** To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether any facts are within his own knowledge which satisfy him that the banks have adopted an oppressive or unfair policy towards selectors, or have of late departed from their usual course with regard to selectors; and, if there are, whether he would have any objection to lay a statement of them before the House.
3. **MR. DWYER :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice if he is aware of the necessity which exists for the appointment of additional magistrates at Wickliffe and Caramut; and, if so, will he appoint additional magistrates at these places, and when.
4. **MR. MCINTYRE :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if he will request the Commission which he purposes appointing in connection with the distribution of the vote of £20,000 for prospecting for gold-fields, to consider the propriety of guaranteeing the cost of crushing quartz, to enable the working miners throughout the several gold-fields to test trial lots.
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NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. **MR. GAUNSON :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the expenditure of Government money at Sorrento.
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Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. BERRY :** To move—
 - (1.) That in consequence of the unconstitutional action of the Legislative Council in not passing the annual Appropriation Bill, an alteration of the Constitution Act is imperatively necessary.
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 - (3.) That the Government take all necessary steps to give effect to the foregoing resolution.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—To be further considered in Committee.
2. **SUPPLY.**—To be further considered in Committee.
3. **MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.**—Amendments of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.

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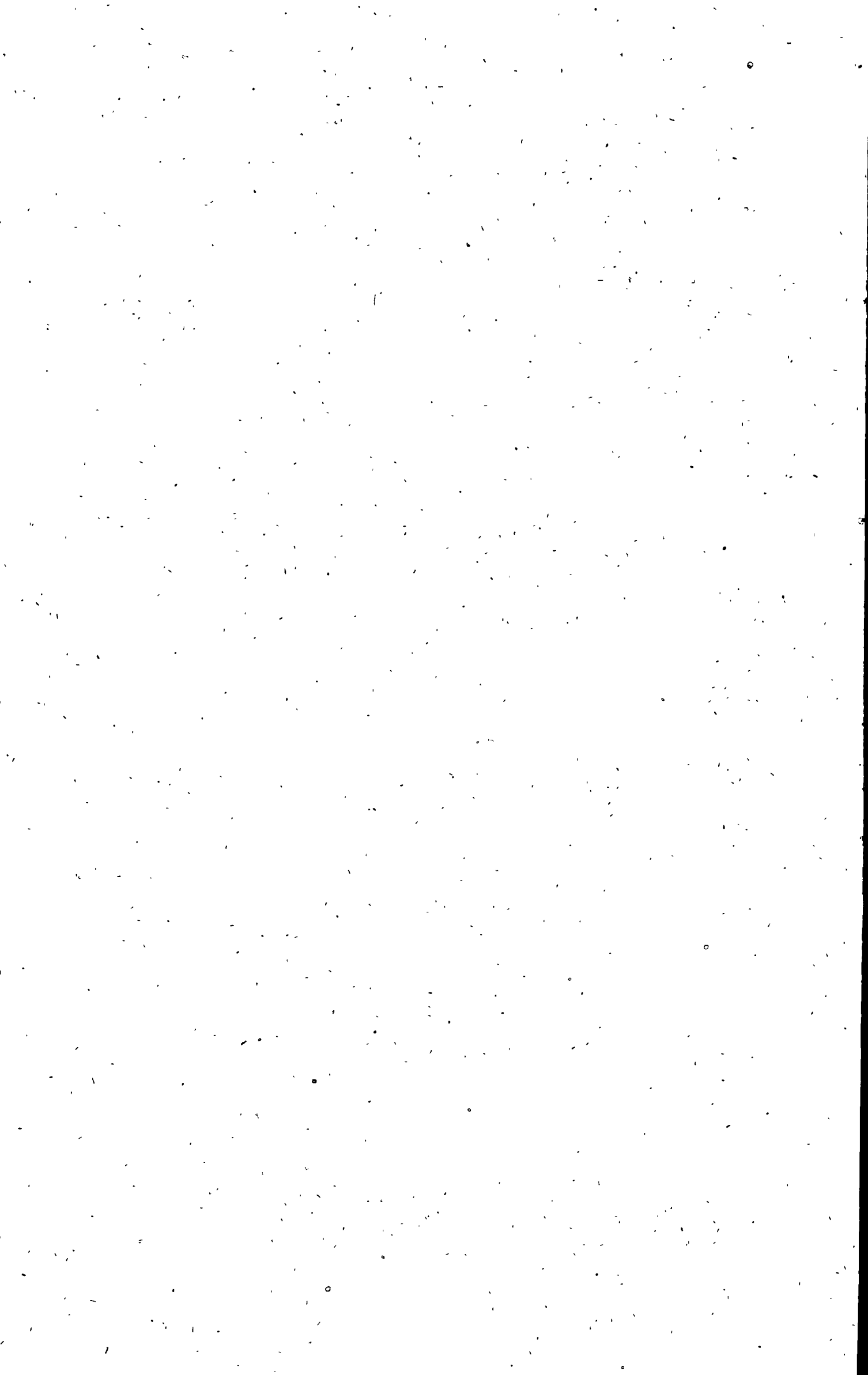
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH MARCH 1878.

Questions.

1. **MR. LAURENS :** To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if he will direct the officers of his department to enquire and report as to whether the recent flooding of that portion of the West Melbourne Swamp which is being reclaimed was due either to the then incomplete state of the works, or to faults of construction or design in the plan of reclamation, and place such report before this House.
2. **MR. A. T. CLARK :** To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs whether, in view of the conduct of the Master of the British Ship *Cardiganshire*, as disclosed in evidence at the Williams-town Police Court on the 19th instant, he will direct the Steam Navigation Board to enquire into the matter.
3. **MR. LYELL :** To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs whether, in the event of the session being closed before the Commission appointed to enquire into the operations in wattle bark has reported to the House, he will consent to postpone the imposition of the proposed export duty until such report has been considered.
4. **MR. HUNT :** To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works whether, in view of the serious injuries sustained by bridges, culverts, and roads throughout the colony in consequence of the rainfall, he will take into consideration the propriety of placing a sum of money on the Estimates to repair flood damages.
5. **MR. R. MURRAY SMITH :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction whether he will place on record the fact that the drawings of the late John Cotton, from which many of the plates in the chart of insectivorous birds lately issued by the Department were taken, were lent by Mr. F. R. Godfrey.
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7. **MR. ORR :** To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if it is the intention of the Government to attach to the Charitable Institutions Vote, 1878, the condition that the management and accounts of each charity shall be annually reported upon to the Government by an inspecting auditor to be appointed by the Governor in Council.

Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. LANGRIDGE :** To move, That the Report of the Select Committee on a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the construction of the Rosstown Junction Railway and for other purposes*," be now taken into consideration.
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General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 26TH MARCH 1878.

Questions.

1. **MR. NIMMO** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if it is the intention of the Government to reduce the railway fares between Yarraville and Melbourne from ninepence to sixpence first-class, and from sixpence to fourpence second-class ; so that the scale of charges for passengers will be the same for Footscray and Yarraville respectively.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. INGLEWOOD AND GIPPSLAND RAILWAY CONTRACTS—REPORT FROM SELECT COMMITTEE.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Motion for—Resumption of debate.
3. REFRESHMENT ROOMS.—Resolutions to be reported.
4. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. SUPREME COURT PROCEDURE AND PRACTICE SIMPLIFICATION BILL.—Second reading.
6. POSTAGE—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 28TH MARCH 1878.

Questions.

1. **MR. KERFERD :** To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will move for, or support the appointment of a Select Committee, which shall have power to call for persons and papers, to report upon the truth or otherwise of a statement publicly made to the effect that two hundred persons, who are either dead or absent, were personated at the late election for West Melbourne.
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Government Business.

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1. **MR. BERRY :** To move, That a Committee be appointed to inspect the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council with relation to any proceedings upon the Appropriation Bill 1877-8, and to make a Report thereof to the House ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Grant, Mr. Munro, Mr. Lyell, Mr. Gaunson, Mr. Cope, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum.
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 2ND APRIL 1878.

Questions.

1. **MR. ZOX** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he has any objection to introduce a short Bill, by way of addendum to the Police Offences Statute, for the purpose of repressing the outrages against public safety and private property, known by the name of "larrikinism," which are at present so rife in Melbourne and certain of its suburbs, by providing therefor the deterrent of corporal punishment.
2. **MR. HUNT** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he will undertake to alter the time of running the 4.40 p.m. down train to Seymour to a later hour.
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Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. BERRY** : To move—
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 - (3.) That the Government take all necessary steps to give effect to the foregoing resolution.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—To be further considered in Committee.
2. **SUPPLY.**—To be further considered in Committee.
3. **MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.**—Amendments of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. TUCKER** : To move, That the return ordered to lie upon the table of the House on 12th February 1878, relative to offences against the Customs laws, be printed.
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD APRIL 1878.

Questions.

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 - (1.) Whether it is the intention of the Government when the Appropriation Bill is passed to reinstate (permanently or temporarily, according to the requirements of the service,) all officers recently discharged from the various departments who have not elected to retire on compensation.
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Private Bill Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

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 - (4.) That the Bill so laid on the Table, with the Petition for the Bill, and the order to bring in the same shall be read, and thereupon such Bill shall be read a first and second time, and the report from the Select Committee in this Session shall be taken into consideration by the Assembly.
 - (5.) That the above be adopted as Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. ROSSTOWN RAILWAY BILL.—Third reading.

General Business.—(Till half-past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS:—

1. MR. McINTYRE: To move for leave to introduce a Bill to further amend the law relating to Customs.
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C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 29TH MARCH.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 72.
Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 73.
Despatches from the Secretary of State. A 4.
Beechworth Rate Validating Bill.—[85] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 81.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[81]
Legislation during the present Session—Return. C.—No. 16.
Pilot Board—Accounts, &c., for the year ending 31st August 1877. No. 100.
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 4TH APRIL 1878.

Questions.

1. MR. A. K. SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether, as the members of the Volunteer Artillery Corps are about to be put on garrison duty, it is his intention to make a commensurate addition to their pay.
2. MR. GRAVES : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if it is the intention of the Government, at an early date, to amend the present Electoral Act.
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4. MR. LANGRIDGE : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he will cause a report to be made as to the advisability of utilising the Yan Yean Tramway for railway purposes, and thus open up a district that has not participated in the railway system of the colony.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BERRY : To move, That so much of the Sessional Order as fixes the days of meeting of the Assembly be read, and that this House do meet for the transaction of business on Monday, the 8th day of April, and that the hour of meeting be four o'clock.
2. MR. BERRY : To move, That the following gentlemen be appointed a Committee to draw up an Address to His Excellency the Governor, thanking him for his impartial and constitutional action during the crisis, viz., Mr. Langridge, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Brophy, Mr. Cook, Mr. Nimmo, Mr. Johnstone, Mr. Bell, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ZOX : To move, That the promoter of the Rosstown Junction Railway Bill have leave to suspend any further proceedings thereupon, and to proceed with the same Bill in the next Session of Parliament.
 - (2.) That, not later than four clear days after the next meeting of Parliament, the Bill shall be deposited with the Clerk of the Assembly, with a declaration, signed by the agent, stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill with respect to which proceedings have been so suspended at the last stage of the proceedings in this House in the present Session.
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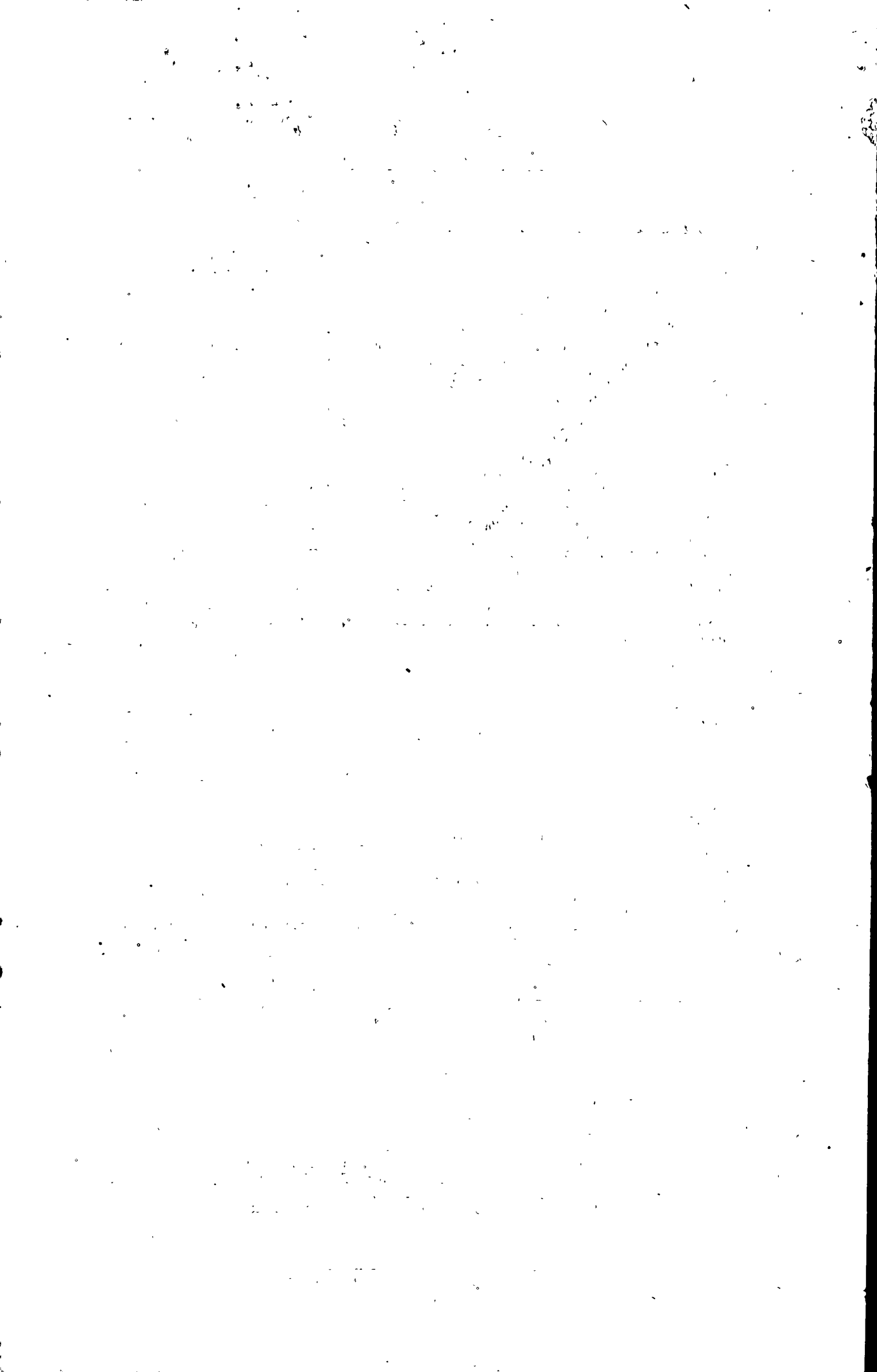
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MELBOURNE TO OAKLEIGH AND GOULBURN VALLEY RAILWAYS—CONFERENCE—at two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 4TH APRIL.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 73.
Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 74.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 82.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[82]
State School Books—Return. C.—No. 17.
Industrial Schools and Reformatories—Return. C.—No. 18.
Government Advertisements—Return. C.—No. 19.
Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway Level Crossing, Swan street—Petition. E.—No. 6.
Order in Council—Press Telegrams. No. 74.
New Government House at Melbourne—Despatches respecting. No. 101.
Indian Famine Relief Fund—Despatch respecting. No. 102.
New Hebrides Islands—Despatch respecting the Protectorate of. No. 103.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 9TH APRIL 1878.

Questions.

1. MR. NIMMO : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works if he will cause a survey to be made of the River Yarra from its source (Mount Baw Baw) to Prince's Bridge, with the view of ascertaining if watersheds could be constructed on its banks of sufficient dimensions to impound its flood waters.
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6. MR. DOW : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if it is the intention of the Government to amend the present Diseases of Animals Acts, or to bring in one comprehensive Act on this most important subject.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 5TH APRIL.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 74.
Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 75.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 83.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[83]
Parliamentary Crisis—Copy Despatches, &c. A.—No. 23.
Postal Convention between Victoria and the United States of America. No. 104.
Gippsland Railway Bill and Goulburn Valley Railway Bill.—Minutes of Conference of Committees of Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly on the Amendments made by the Legislative Council on the above Bills. (To Members of both Houses.)

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