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MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

DURING THE PERIOD FROM 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1931.

Names of Provinces and Members.	Elected at—		Dates of Retirement.	Remarks.
	Nomination.	Polling.		
Each Province returns two Members.				
METROPOLITAN.				
EAST YARRA :				
The Honorables—				68,950 Electors { Males, 47,397. Females, 21,553.
Clifden Henry Andrews Eager	..	8 February, 1930	1934	Elected in place of Hon. R. G. Menzies resigned 11 Nov., 1929.
William Haslam Edgar .. (Chairman of Committees)	20 May, 1931 ..	..	1937	Retired by rotation and re-elected.
MELBOURNE :				
The Honorables—				22,690 Electors { Males, 16,495. Females, 6,195.
Herbert Henry Smith ..	14 May, 1928 ..	..	1934	Retired by rotation and re-elected.
Henry Isaac Cohen, K.C. ..	..	6 June, 1931 ..	1937	Retired by rotation and re-elected.
MELBOURNE EAST :				
The Honorables—				19,181 Electors { Males, 13,987. Females, 5,194.
John Percy Jones ..	14 May, 1928 ..	..	1934	Retired by rotation and re-elected.
Daniel Laurence McNamara	20 May, 1931 ..	..	1937	Retired by rotation and re-elected.
MELBOURNE NORTH :				
The Honorables—				64,352 Electors { Males, 52,384. Females, 11,968.
Esmond Lawrence Kiernan	14 May, 1928 ..	..	1934	Retired by rotation and re-elected.
William James Beckett .. <i>succeeded by</i>	20 May, 1925 ..	..	1931	Retired by rotation and re-elected.
Herbert Horace Olney ..	..	6 June, 1931 ..	1937	Elected in place of Hon. W. J. Beckett, who retired by rotation.
MELBOURNE SOUTH :				
The Honorables—				31,762 Electors { Males, 20,867. Females, 10,895.
Colonel Harold Edward Cohen, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D.	..	22 June, 1929 ..	1934	Elected in place of Hon. Norman Fraser Falkiner, deceased.
Sir Francis Grenville Clarke, K.B.E. (President)	..	6 June, 1931 ..	1937	Retired by rotation and re-elected.
MELBOURNE WEST :				
The Honorables—				35,711 Electors { Males, 27,896. Females, 7,815.
Robert Williams ..	14 May, 1928 ..	..	1934	Retired by rotation and re-elected.
James Herbert Disney ..	..	6 June, 1931 ..	1937	Retired by rotation and re-elected.
COUNTRY.				
BENDIGO :				
The Honorables—				11,787 Electors { Males, 7,979. Females, 3,808.
Lieut.-Col. George Victor Lansell, V.D.	..	2 June, 1928 ..	1934	Elected to vacancy occurring by effluxion of period for which Hon. J. Sternberg was elected.
Herbert Keck ..	20 May, 1931 ..	..	1937	Retired by rotation and re-elected.
GIPPSLAND :				
The Honorables—				18,636 Electors { Males, 14,156. Females, 4,480.
Martin McGregor ..	..	2 June, 1928 ..	1934	Retired by rotation and re-elected.
George Martley Davis ..	20 May, 1931 ..	..	1937	Retired by rotation and re-elected.
NELSON :				
The Honorables—				12,268 Electors { Males, 8,915. Females, 3,353.
Henry Alan Currie, M.C. ..	14 May, 1928 ..	..	1934	Elected in place of Hon. T. Beggs, who retired by rotation.
Edwin George Bath ..	..	6 June, 1931 ..	1937	Retired by rotation and re-elected.

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—*continued.*

Names of Provinces and Members.	Elected at—		Dates of Retirement.	Remarks.
	Nomination.	Polling.		
Each Province returns two Members.				
COUNTRY—<i>continued.</i>				
NORTHERN :				
The Honorables—				16,829 Electors { Males, 13,026. Females, 3,803.
Richard Kilpatrick ..	..	2 June, 1928 ..	1934	Elected in place of Hon. R. H. S. Abbott, who retired by rotation.
George Joseph Tuckett ..	20 May, 1931 ..	..	1937	Retired by rotation and re-elected.
NORTH-EASTERN :				
The Honorables—				13,932 Electors { Males, 10,618. Females, 3,314.
Dr. John Richards Harris..	..	2 June, 1928 ..	1934	Retired by rotation and re-elected.
Albert Michael Zwar ..	20 May, 1931 ..	..	1937	Retired by rotation and re-elected.
NORTH-WESTERN :				
The Honorables—				24,408 Electors { Males, 19,380. Females, 5,028.
William John McCanu ..	..	2 June, 1928 ..	1934	Elected in place of Hon. W. P. Crockett, who retired by rotation.
George Louis Goudie ..	20 May, 1931 ..	..	1937	Resigned 24 October, 1931. Retired by rotation and re-elected.
SOUTHERN :				
The Honorables—				19,692 Electors { Males, 14,386. Females, 5,306.
William Charles Angliss ..	..	2 June, 1928 ..	1934	Retired by rotation and re-elected.
William Lionel Russell Clarke ..	..	6 June, 1931 ..	1937	Retired by rotation and re-elected.
SOUTH-EASTERN :				
The Honorables—				57,671 Electors { Males, 42,567. Females, 15,104.
William Tyner ..	..	2 June, 1928 ..	1934	Retired by rotation and re-elected.
Alfred Elliott Chandler ..	20 May 1931 ..	..	1937	Retired by rotation and re-elected.
SOUTH-WESTERN :				
The Honorables—				25,466 Electors { Males, 19,336. Females, 6,130.
Horace Frank Richardson..	..	2 June, 1928 ..	1934	Retired by rotation and re-elected.
Howard Hitchcock, C.M.G., O.B.E.	..	4 June, 1925 ..	1931	Elected in place of Hon. A. A. Austin, who retired by rotation.
<i>succeeded by</i> Gordon Stewart McArthur..	..	6 June, 1931 ..	1937	Elected in place of Hon. H. Hitchcock, who retired by rotation.
WELLINGTON :				
The Honorables—				12,277 Electors { Males, 8,875. Females, 3,402.
Frederick William Brawn ..	14 May, 1928 ..	..	1934	Retired by rotation and re-elected.
Alexander Bell ..	..	4 June, 1925 ..	1931	Retired by rotation and re-elected. Died 27 March, 1931.
<i>succeeded by</i> Alfred James Pittard ..	..	6 June, 1931 ..	1937	Elected to vacancy occurring by effluxion of period for which Hon. A. Bell was elected.
WESTERN :				
The Honorables—				16,823 Electors { Males, 13,026. Females, 3,797.
Marcus Saltau ..	14 May, 1928 ..	..	1934	Retired by rotation and re-elected.
Edward James White ..	..	4 June, 1925 ..	1931	Retired by rotation and re-elected.
<i>succeeded by</i> William John Williamson ..	..	6 June, 1931 ..	1937	Elected in place of Hon. E. J. White, who retired by rotation.
				Total No. of Electors, *472,449 { Males, 351,296 Females, 121,153

* Including 242 non-ratepaying electors—142 males, 100 females

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF VICTORIA.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MEMBERS.

No.	Member.	Province.	Town Address.	Private Address.
1	Angliss, The Honorable William Charles	Southern ..	44 Bourke-street. C.1 ..	"Benbow," 48 Harcourt-street, Auburn. E.3
2	Bath, The Honorable Edwin George ..	Nelson ..	Parliament House. C.1 ..	Swanwater West, Cope Cope
3	Brawn, The Honorable Frederick William	Wellington ..	Parliament House. C.1 ..	213 Mill-street, Ballarat
4	Chandler, The Honorable Alfred Elliott	South-Eastern ..	Parliament House. C.1 ..	"Boronia," Boronia
5	Clarke, The Honorable Sir Frank, K.B.E., <i>President</i>	Melbourne South	360 Collins-street. C.1 ..	262 Domain-road, South Yarra. S.E.1
6	Clarke, The Honorable William Lionel Russell	Southern ..	Clarke Buildings, 430 Bourke-street. C.1	249 Domain-road, South Yarra. S.E.1
7	Cohen, Colonel The Honorable Harold Edward, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D.	Melbourne South	360 Collins-street. C.1 ..	202 Wattletree-road, Malvern. S.E.4
8	Cohen, The Honorable Henry Isaac, K.C.	Melbourne ..	38 Selborne Chambers, Chancery-lane. C.1	"Keonbrook," 106 Vale-street, East Melbourne. C.2
9	Currie, The Honorable Henry Alan, M.C.	Nelson ..	Melbourne Mansions, 91 Collins-street. C.1	"Ercildoune," Burrumbeet
10	Davis, The Honorable George Martley ..	Gippsland ..	11 Princess-avenue, Mal- vern East. S.E.5	Raymond-street, Sale
11	Disney, The Honorable James Herbert..	Melbourne West	Parliament House. C.1 ..	83 St. Vincent-place, Albert Park. S.C.6
12	Eager, The Honorable Clifden Henry Andrews	East Yarra ..	40 Selborne Chambers, Chancery-lane. C.1	217 Cotham-road, Kew. E.4
13	Edgar, The Honorable William Haslam, <i>Chairman of Committees</i>	East Yarra ..	435 Collins-street. C.1 ..	"Bingley," 617 Burke-road, Cam- berwell. E.6
14	Goudie, The Honorable George Louis ..	North-Western	Parliament House. C.1 ..	49 Elizabeth-street, Elsternwick. S.4
15	Harris, The Honorable Dr. John Richards	North-Eastern ..	Parliament House. C.1 ..	Rutherglen
16	Jones, The Honorable John Percy, <i>Commissioner of Public Works, Minister of Mines, and Minister in Charge of Immigration</i>	Melbourne East	Public Offices, C.2; and 4 Royal Arcade, Bourke- street. C.1	"Ruskin Hall," 81 Princess-street, Kew. E.4
17	Keck, The Honorable Herbert ..	Bendigo ..	Parliament House. C.1 ..	"The Palms," Retreat-road, Ben- digo
18	Kiernan, The Honorable Esmond Lawrence (<i>Honorary Minister</i>)	Melbourne North	220-228 Smith-street, Col- lingwood. N.5	Waldemar-road, Ivanhoe. N.22
19	Kilpatrick, The Honorable Richard ..	Northern ..	Parliament House. C.1 ..	Shepparton
20	Lansell, Lieut.-Col. the Honorable George Victor, V.D.	Bendigo ..	Parliament House. C.1 ..	"Denderah," View Hill, Bendigo
21	McArthur, The Honorable Gordon Stewart	South-Western..	12 Selborne Chambers, Chancery-lane, C.1	"Meningoort," Camperdown
22	*McCann, The Honorable William John..	North-Western	Parliament House. C.1 ..	"Hurlingham," Lake Charm
23	McGregor, The Honorable Martin ..	Gippsland ..	Parliament House. C.1 ..	"Skye," Narracan
24	McNamara, The Honorable Daniel Laurence (<i>Honorary Minister</i>)	Melbourne East	Trades Hall, Lygon- street, Carlton. C.1	"Iona," 24 Talbot-avenue, East St. Kilda. S.2
25	Olney, The Honorable Herbert Horace	Melbourne North	Parliament House. C.1 ..	"Yantaringa," 47 Locksley-road, Ivanhoe, N.21
26	Pittard, The Honorable Alfred James ..	Wellington ..	Parliament House. C.1 ..	Hamilton-avenue, Ballarat
27	Richardson, The Honorable Horace Frank	South-Western..	Parliament House. C.1 ..	The Exchange, Geelong
28	Saltau, The Honorable Marcus ..	Western ..	530 Collins-street. C.1 ..	"Moolooloo," Heyington-place, Toorak, S.E.2.
29	Smith, The Honorable Herbert Henry ..	Melbourne ..	c/o Messrs. R. E. Lewis and Beacham Kiddle, 414 Little Collins-street. C.1	
30	Tuckett, The Honorable George Joseph	Northern ..	Parliament House. C.1 ..	"Theddingworth," Nathalia
31	Tyner, The Honorable William ..	South-Eastern ..	475 Collins-street. C.1 ..	70 Hawthorn-road, Caulfield. S.E.7
32	Williams, The Honorable Robert (<i>Minister of Forests and Minister of Public Health</i>)	Melbourne West	Parliament House. C.1 ..	123 Wright-street, Middle Park. S.C.6
33	Williamson, The Honorable William John	Western ..	Parliament House. C.1 ..	Portland
34	Zwar, The Honorable Albert Michael ..	North-Eastern ..	Parliament House. C.1 ..	Beechworth

* Resigned 24 October, 1931.

OFFICERS.

<i>The President</i>	The Honorable Sir FRANK CLARKE, K.B.E.	} Parliament House. C.1 (Telephone F2131)	(See above)
<i>Chairman of Committees</i> ..	The Honorable WILLIAM HASLAM EDGAR		
<i>Clerk of the Legislative Council</i>	PERCY THOMAS POOK, Esquire, LL.M., J.P.	Parliament House. C.1 ..	68 Clarendon-street, East Mel- bourne. C.2. (Telephone J2315)
<i>Clerk-Assistant and Usher</i> ..	HUGH BLAIR JAMIESON, Esquire ..	Parliament House. C.1 ..	163 Glen Iris-road, Glen Iris. S.E.6 (Telephone U9146)
<i>Clerk of the Records and Clerk Assisting at the Table</i>	ROY STANLEY SARAH, Esquire ..	Parliament House. C.1 ..	4 Albert-street, East Malvern. S.E.5. (Telephone U8116)

NOTE.—Honorable Members are requested to notify any change of address to the Usher of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Council,

Melbourne, 31st December, 1931.

PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA.

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No.	Member.	Province.	Date of first Election.
1	*EDGAR, Hon. W. H., <i>Chairman of Committees(a)</i>	East Yarra	1 June, 1904†§
2	*BRAWN, Hon. F. W. (b)	Wellington	3 May, 1907
3	*JONES, Hon. J. P. (c)	Melbourne East	2 June, 1910§
4	CLARKE, Hon. W. L. R.	Southern	30 Sept., 1910
5	*RICHARDSON, Hon. H. F. (d)	South-Western	24 May, 1912
6	ANGLISS, Hon. W. C.	Southern	21 June, 1912
7	*CLARKE, Hon. Sir Frank, K.B.E., <i>President(e)</i>	Melbourne South	6 June, 1913§
8	*DISNEY, Hon. J. H. (f)	Melbourne West	1 June, 1916
9	*DAVIS, Hon. G. M. (g)	Gippsland	9 Feb., 1917
10	*MCNAMARA, Hon. D. L. (h)	Melbourne East	18 May, 1917
11	*CHANDLER, Hon. A. E. (i)	South-Eastern	} 5 June, 1919§
12	*GOUDIE, Hon. G. L. (j)	North-Western	
13	*KIERNAN, Hon. E. L. (k)	Melbourne North	5 June, 1919
14	*†HARRIS, Hon. Dr. J. R. (l)	North-Eastern	2 Sept., 1920
15	*COHEN, Hon. H. I., K.C. (m)	Melbourne	5 May, 1921
16	KECK, Hon. H.	Bendigo	6 Oct., 1921
17	SMITH, Hon. H. H.	Melbourne	15 Dec., 1921
18	BATH, Hon. E. G.	Nelson	31 May, 1922
19	*MCGREGOR, Hon. M. (n)	Gippsland	} 31 May, 1922§
20	TYNER, Hon. W.	South-Eastern	
21	*WILLIAMS, Hon. R. (o)	Melbourne West	} 17 Nov., 1922
22	ZWAR, Hon. A. M.	North-Eastern	
23	*SALTAU, Hon. M. (p)	Western	28 Feb., 1924
24	TUCKETT, Hon. G. J.	Northern	4 June, 1925§
25	*CURRIE, Hon. H. A., M.C. (q)	Nelson	} 2 June, 1928§
26	KILPATRICK, Hon. R.	Northern	
27	LANSELL, Lieut.-Col., Hon. G. V., V.D.	Bendigo	} 22 June, 1929
28	McCANN, Hon. W. J. (r)	North-Western	
29	COHEN, Colonel Hon. Harold, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D.	Melbourne South	8 Feb., 1930
30	EAGER, Hon. C. H. A.	East Yarra	} 6 June, 1931§
31	McARTHUR, Hon. G. S.	South-Western	
32	OLNEY, Hon. H. H.	Melbourne North	} 6 June, 1931§
33	PITTARD, Hon. A. J.	Wellington	
34	WILLIAMSON, Hon. W. J.	Western	

* Executive Councillor.—† Service not continuous.—‡ Unofficial Leader.—§ General or Periodical Election.

(a) Hon. W. H. Edgar represented Melbourne West Province 1 June, 1904, to 5 June, 1913; first elected for East Yarra Province 5 July, 1917; was Honorary Minister 1 June, 1909, to 27 Feb., 1912, and Minister of Public Health and Commissioner of Public Works 27 Feb., 1912, to 21 June, 1913; appointed Chairman of Committees 4 July, 1922, and re-appointed 8 July, 1924, 8 July, 1925, 4 July, 1928, and 16 June, 1931.

(b) Hon. F. W. Brawn was Honorary Minister 19 Mar., to 18 July, 1924, and 3 July to 12 Dec., 1929.

(c) Hon. J. P. Jones was Honorary Minister 9 to 22 Dec., 1913; Commissioner of Public Works, Minister of Public Health, and Minister in charge of Immigration 18 July to 18 Nov., 1924; and Commissioner of Public Works, Minister of Mines, and Minister in charge of Immigration 20 May, 1927, to 22 Nov., 1928, and 12 Dec., 1929, to date.

(d) Hon. H. F. Richardson was Honorary Minister 29 Nov., 1917, to 21 Mar., 1918; Minister of Forests 18 Nov., 1924, to 20 May, 1927; Unofficial Leader 25 Sept., 1923, to 18 Nov., 1924.

(e) Hon. Sir Frank Clarke represented Northern Province 6 June, 1913, to 4 June, 1925; elected for Melbourne South Province 4 June, 1925; was Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey 29 Nov., 1917, to 21 Oct., 1919, Minister of Water Supply 29 Nov., 1917, to 22 Feb., 1921; Commissioner of Public Works 21 Oct., 1919, to 29 Aug., 1923; elected President 29 Aug., 1923, and re-elected 8 July, 1925, and 16 June, 1931.

(f) Hon. J. H. Disney was Honorary Minister 18 July to 18 Nov., 1924, and 20 May, 1927, to 22 Nov., 1928.

(g) Hon. G. M. Davis was Honorary Minister 17 Jan., 1922, to 7 Sept., 1923.

(h) Hon. D. L. McNamara was Minister of Mines and Minister of Forests 18 July to 18 Nov., 1924; Honorary Minister 24 June, 1931, to date.

(i) Hon. A. E. Chandler was Commissioner of Public Works and Minister of Mines 22 Nov., 1928, to 12 Dec., 1929.

(j) Hon. G. L. Goudie was Commissioner of Public Works and Minister of Mines 7 Sept., 1923, to 19 Mar., 1924, and 18 Nov., 1924, to 20 May, 1927.

(k) Hon. E. L. Kiernan appointed Honorary Minister 12 Dec., 1929.

(l) Hon. Dr. J. R. Harris was Honorary Minister 2 July, 1925, to 20 May, 1927; Unofficial Leader since 27 Nov., 1928.

(m) Hon. H. I. Cohen was Unofficial Leader 4 July, 1922, to 7 Sept., 1923, and 2 Dec., 1924, to 22 Nov., 1928; Honorary Minister 7 Sept., 1923, to 19 Mar., 1924; Commissioner of Public Works and Minister of Mines 19 Mar., to 18 July, 1924; Attorney-General and Solicitor-General 11 July to 18 July, 1924; Minister of Public Instruction 22 Nov., 1928, to 12 Dec., 1929.

(n) Hon. M. McGregor was Honorary Minister 19 Mar., to 18 July, 1924, and 18 Nov., 1924, to 20 May, 1927.

(o) Hon. R. Williams was Honorary Minister 20 May, 1927, to 22 Nov., 1928, and 12 Dec. 1929, to 23rd June, 1931; Minister of Forests and Minister of Public Health 24 June, 1931, to date.

(p) Hon. M. Saltau was Honorary Minister 22 Nov., 1928, to 3 July, 1929.

(q) Hon. H. A. Currie was Honorary Minister 3 July to 12 Dec., 1929.

(r) Hon. W. J. McCann resigned 24 October, 1931, to contest Commonwealth by-election for the Wimmera Division of Victoria, but did not nominate for that election.

1931.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF VICTORIA.

THIRD SESSION

OF THE

THIRTIETH PARLIAMENT.

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Assembly notify that they have decided not to make the amendment suggested by the Council, 24 Dec., p. 145; Bill further considered in Committee, and reported without amendment, report considered and adopted; motion—That the Bill be now read a third time; the same suggested amendment again proposed, and agreed to; Bill returned to Assembly with the suggested amendment, 24 Dec., p. 146.

Assembly notify that they have made the amendment suggested by the Council; Bill read a third time, and passed, 24 Dec., p. 146. *Assented to 30 Dec. Act No. 4017.*

APPROPRIATION BILL†—(*from Assembly—Hon. J. P. Jones*).—Read a first time, 23 Dec., 1931, p. 140; read a second time, and committed; considered in Committee; suggested amendments reported and adopted; Bill returned to Assembly with the suggested amendments, 23 Dec., p. 143. *Bill not returned from Assembly.*

CAMBERWELL LOANS BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. J. P. Jones*).—Private Bill—Ordered to be dealt with as a Public Bill; read a first time, and passed remaining stages without amendment, 20 Oct., 1931, pp. 95, 96. *Assented to 27 Oct. Act No. 3967.*

CAULFIELD LOANS BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. J. P. Jones*).—Private Bill—Ordered to be dealt with as a Public Bill; read a first time, 17 Dec., 1931, p. 131; read a second time, and passed remaining stages without amendment, 21 Dec., p. 136. *Assented to 24 Dec. Act No. 3991.*

CEMETERIES BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. D. L. McNamara*).—Read a first time, 17 Dec., 1931, p. 132; motion—That this Bill be now read a second time—negatived, 21 Dec., p. 137.

Motion for second reading moved again, on notice, and agreed to—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; report, by leave, considered and adopted; Bill read a third time and passed; concurrence of Assembly in Council's amendments desired, 23 Dec., p. 140.

Assembly notify that they have agreed to some of the amendments and have disagreed with one of the said amendments, 23 Dec., p. 141; message considered—the Council insist on their amendment disagreed with by the Assembly, 24 Dec., p. 144; Assembly notify that they do not insist on disagreeing with the amendment made and insisted on by the Council, 24 Dec., p. 145. *Assented to 30 Dec. Act No. 4006.*

CLOSER SETTLEMENT (FINANCIAL) BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. R. Williams*).—Read a first time, 2 Dec., 1931, p. 112; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee; suggested amendments reported and adopted; Bill returned to Assembly with the suggested amendments, 8 Dec., p. 116.

Assembly notify that they have decided not to make the amendments suggested by the Council, 17 Dec., p. 131; Bill further considered in Committee, and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; motion—That the Bill be now read a third time; the same suggested amendments again proposed, and agreed to; Bill returned to Assembly with the suggested amendments, 22 Dec., p. 138.

Assembly notify that they have made the suggested amendments with modifications, 23 Dec., p. 142; debate resumed on question, That the Bill be now read a third time; amendment—to omit “be now read a third time” and insert “be laid aside”—on division, negatived; Bill read a third time and passed, 24 Dec., p. 144. *Assented to 30 Dec. Act No. 4008.*

COMPANIES BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. J. P. Jones*).—Read a first time, 25 Nov., 1931, p. 108; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 8 Dec., p. 115; 9 Dec., p. 117; 10 Dec., p. 125; 16 Dec., p. 129; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; report, by leave, considered and adopted; Bill read a third time and passed; concurrence of Assembly in Council's amendments desired, 16 Dec., p. 130.

Assembly notify their agreement to Council's amendments, 18 Dec., p. 133. Assembly transmit Lieutenant-Governor's message recommending an amendment, with which amendment the Assembly have agreed; His Excellency's message considered and the amendment agreed to, 23 Dec., p. 143. *Assented to 30 Dec. Act No. 4005.*

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILLS†.—Brought from Assembly and passed all stages without amendment:—

Bill No. 1.—(*Hon. J. P. Jones*)—30 June and 1 July, 1931, pp. 29, 30. *Assented to 2 July. Act No. 3951.*

Bill No. 2.—(*Hon. J. P. Jones*)—29 July, 1931, p. 38. *Assented to 30 July. Act No. 3954.*

Bill No. 3.—(*Hon. J. P. Jones*)—4 Aug., 1931, pp. 39–40. *Assented to 7 Aug. Act No. 3955.*

LAND TAX BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. J. P. Jones*).—Read a first time, 17 Dec., 1931, p. 132; read a second time, and committed; considered in Committee; a suggested amendment reported and adopted; Bill returned to Assembly with the suggested amendment, 23 Dec., p. 142.

Assembly notify that they have made the suggested amendment with a modification, 24 Dec., p. 145; Bill further considered in Committee, and reported without amendment; report considered, and adopted; Bill read a third time, and passed, 24 Dec., p. 146. *Assented to 30 Dec. Act No. 4013.*

LANDLORD AND TENANT (RENT REDUCTION) BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. J. P. Jones*).—Read a first time; motion, by leave—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate adjourned, 11 Nov., 1931, pp. 102, 103; debate resumed; Bill read a second time, and committed; considered in Committee, 17 Nov., p. 105; further considered in Committee, 24 Nov., p. 107; 25 Nov., p. 108; 26 Nov., p. 109; further considered in Committee, and reported with amendments; recommitted in respect of clause 3 and new clause B; reconsidered in Committee, and re-reported with further amendments; report, by leave, considered and adopted; Bill read a third time and passed; concurrence of Assembly in Council's amendments desired, 1 Dec., p. 112.

Assembly notify that they have agreed to some of the amendments made by the Council, have disagreed with others, have agreed to others with amendments, have disagreed with the amendment in clause 7 but have made an amendment in the said clause and a consequential amendment in clause 9, and have disagreed with certain amendments in clauses 12 and 13 but have made other amendments in the said clauses, 9 Dec., p. 116; message considered—the Council disagree with one of the amendments of the Assembly on the amendment of the Council to insert new clause F but have made an amendment in the said new clause, agree to the other amendments of the Assembly on the amendments of the Council and to the amendments and consequential amendments made by the Assembly (one with an amendment and one with a consequential amendment in the Bill), and do not insist on some of their amendments disagreed with by the Assembly, but insist on their amendments to insert new clauses C and D, and insist on their amendment to insert new clause A but make amendments in the said new clause, 10 Dec., pp. 118–24.

Assembly notify that they agree to the amendment of the Council on the amendments of the Assembly on the amendments of the Council in clause 5, do not insist on disagreeing with the amendment of the Council to insert new clause A and have agreed to the said new clause as now amended by the Council, do not insist on their amendment in sub-clause (3) of new clause F disagreed with by the Council and have agreed to the amendment of the Council in sub-clause (4) of the said new clause, have agreed to the consequential amendment made by the Council in clause 17, do not insist on disagreeing with the amendment of the Council to insert new clause D but have made amendments in the said new clause, and insist on disagreeing with the amendment of the Council to insert new clause C but have inserted a new clause to follow clause 14, 15 Dec., p. 127; message considered—the Council agree to the amendments of the Assembly on the amendment of the Council to insert new clause D, and to the amendment made by the Assembly in clause 14, do not now insist on their amendment to insert new clause C, and agree to the new clause inserted by the Assembly to follow clause 14, 15 Dec., pp. 127–9. Assembly transmit Lieutenant-Governor's message recommending amendments, with which amendments the Assembly have agreed; His Excellency's message considered and amendments agreed to, 21 Dec., p. 136. *Assented to 24 Dec. Act No. 3990.*

LEGAL PROFESSION PRACTICE BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. J. P. Jones*).—Read a first time, 26 Nov., 1931, p. 109; motion—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate adjourned, 2 Dec., p. 112; debate resumed, and further adjourned, 9 Dec., p. 117; 16 Dec., p. 130. *Bill lapsed.*

*LICENSING BILL—(*Hon. W. Tyner*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 June, 1931, p. 26; motion—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate adjourned; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments, *and with an amended title*; report, by leave, considered and adopted; Bill read a third time and passed; concurrence of Assembly desired, 1 July, p. 30. *Bill not returned from Assembly.*

LICENSING (FEES) BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. R. Williams*).—Read a first time, 21 Dec., 1931, p. 135; motion—That this Bill be now read a second time; further motion—That the debate be now adjourned—negatived; Bill read a second time, on division, and passed remaining stages without amendment, 22 Dec., pp. 139–40. *Assented to 30 Dec. Act No. 4001.*

LICENSING (HALF-YEARLY PAYMENTS) BILL†—(*from Assembly—Hon. R. Williams*).—Passed all stages without amendment, 23–4 Dec., 1931, pp. 142, 145. *Assented to 30 Dec. Act No. 4011.*

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (TEMPORARY REDUCTION OF INTEREST) BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. J. P. Jones*).—Read a first time, 10 Dec., 1931, p. 124; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment, 16 Dec., p. 129. *Assented to 24 Dec. Act No. 3985.*

MALVERN LOANS BILL†—(*from Assembly—Hon. J. P. Jones*).—Private Bill—Ordered to be dealt with as a Public Bill; read a first time, 22 Dec., 1931, p. 139; read a second time, and passed remaining stages without amendment, 23 Dec., p. 141. *Assented to 30 Dec. Act No. 4003.*

*MASSEURS BILL—(*Hon. W. J. Beckett*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 May, 1931, p. 14. *Bill lapsed.*

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BOARD BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. J. P. Jones*).—Read a first time, 17 Dec., 1931, p. 132; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment, 22 Dec., p. 138. *Assented to 24 Dec. Act No. 3994.*

- MILDURA IRRIGATION AND WATER TRUSTS BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. R. Williams*).—Read a first time, 21 Dec., 1931, p. 135; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment, 22 Dec., p. 140. *Assented to 30 Dec. Act No. 4002.*
- MILDURA VINEYARDS PROTECTION BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. R. Williams*).—Read a first time, 2 Dec., 1931, p. 113; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment, 8 Dec., p. 116. *Assented to 15 Dec. Act No. 3983.*
- *MINES BILL—(*Hon. J. P. Jones*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 May, 1931, p. 15; motion—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate adjourned, 23 June, p. 28; debate resumed; question—That this Bill be now read a second time—on division, negatived, 15 July, p. 34.
- *MINISTRY OF HEALTH BILL—(*Hon. E. L. Kiernan*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 May, 1931, p. 14; motion—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate adjourned, 11 Nov., p. 102. *Bill lapsed.*
- MOTOR CAR BILL†—(*from Assembly—Hon. R. Williams*).—Passed all stages without amendment, 2 Dec., 1931, p. 113. *Assented to 4 Dec. Act No. 3981.*
- MOTOR CAR BILL (No. 2)—(*from Assembly—Hon. J. P. Jones*).—Read a first time, 22 Dec., 1931, p. 140; read a second time, and committed; considered in Committee, 23 Dec., p. 141. *Bill lapsed.*
- NORTHCOTE LOAN BILL†—(*from Assembly—Hon. J. P. Jones*).—Private Bill—Ordered to be dealt with as a Public Bill; read a first time; motion—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate adjourned, 17 Nov., 1931, p. 105; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment, 24 Nov., p. 107. *Assented to 1 Dec. Act No. 3975.*
- *NURSES BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*).—Initiated and read a first time, 20 Oct., 1931, p. 96; motion—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate adjourned, 27 Oct., p. 99; debate resumed; Bill read a second time, and committed; considered in Committee, 10 Nov., p. 102; further considered in Committee, and reported with amendments; report, by leave, considered and adopted; Bill read a third time and passed; concurrence of Assembly desired, 11 Nov., p. 102; Assembly notify their agreement to the Bill, 2 Dec., p. 112. *Assented to 4 Dec. Act No. 3979.*
- *NURSES (CHILDREN'S) BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*).—Initiated and read a first time, 10 Nov., 1931, p. 102; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 24 Nov., p. 108. *Bill lapsed.*
- POLICE OFFENCES (CONSORTING) BILL†—(*from Assembly—Hon. J. P. Jones*).—Passed all stages without amendment, 11 Nov., 1931, p. 103. *Assented to 17 Nov. Act No. 3974.*
- POLICE OFFENCES (SPORTS GROUNDS) BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. R. Williams*).—Read a first time; read a second time, by leave, and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; report, by leave, considered and adopted; Bill read a third time and passed; concurrence of Assembly in Council's amendment desired, 23–4 Dec., 1931, pp. 142, 143. Assembly notify their agreement to Council's amendment, 24 Dec., p. 145. *Assented to 30 Dec. Act No. 4007.*
- POLICE OFFENCES (TROTTING RACES) BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. R. Williams*).—Read a first time, 8 Sept., 1931, p. 55; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment, 15 Sept., p. 69. *Assented to 22 Sept. Act No. 3960.*
- PRESTON LOAN BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. J. P. Jones*).—Private Bill—Ordered to be dealt with as a Public Bill; read a first time, 16 June, 1931, p. 24; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment, 23 June, p. 28. *Assented to 2 July. Act No. 3950.*
- PUBLIC WORKS LOAN APPLICATION BILL†—(*from Assembly—Hon. J. P. Jones*).—Read a first time, 1 Dec., 1931, p. 111; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment, 2 Dec., p. 113. *Assented to 4 Dec. Act No. 3980.*
- QUEEN VICTORIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL LAND BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. R. Williams*).—Passed all stages without amendment, 20 Oct., 1931, pp. 95, 96. *Assented to 27 Oct. Act No. 3968.*
- RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. J. P. Jones*).—Read a first time, 16 Dec., 1931, p. 130; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment, 21 Dec., p. 137. *Assented to 30 Dec. Act No. 3996.*
- ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SHOW-GROUNDS BILL†—(*from Assembly—Hon. R. Williams*).—Private Bill—Ordered to be dealt with as a Public Bill; read a first time; read a second time, by leave, and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; report, by leave, considered and adopted; Bill read a third time and passed; concurrence of Assembly in Council's amendments desired, 30 Sept., 1931, p. 81. Assembly notify their agreement to Council's amendments, 6 Oct., p. 83. *Assented to 8 Oct. Act No. 3965.*
- SEWERAGE DISTRICTS (TEMPORARY REDUCTION OF INTEREST) BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. J. P. Jones*).—Read a first time, 10 Dec., 1931, p. 124; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; report, by leave, considered and adopted; Bill read a third time and passed; concurrence of Assembly in Council's amendment desired, 16 Dec., p. 129. Assembly notify their agreement to Council's amendment, 17 Dec., p. 131. *Assented to 24 Dec. Act No. 3987.*

Assembly notify that they desire a Free Conference on the subject-matter of the amendments suggested by the Council; the Council agree to the Free Conference, appoint six Managers, and fix time and place of meeting, 27 Oct., p. 98; Managers report that the Conference had concluded without arriving at an agreement, 29 Oct., p. 100.

Assembly notify that they have declined to entertain the amendment suggested in clause 3 to omit the Schedule and insert a new Schedule as it is an infringement of sub-section (2) of section thirty-six of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928*, have decided not to make the suggested amendment in clause 7, have decided not to make the suggested amendment in clause 18 but have made other amendments in the said clause, and have made the others of the said suggested amendments with modifications, 11 Nov., p. 102; debate resumed on question, That the Bill be now read a third time; amendment—to omit “be now read a third time” and insert “be laid aside”—on division, agreed to, 11 Nov., p. 103. *Bill laid aside.*

UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—(*from Assembly—Hon. R. Williams*).—Read a first time, 25 Nov., 1931, p. 108; motion—That this Bill be now read a second time; amendment—to omit “be now read a second time” and insert “be laid aside”; further motion for the adjournment of the debate negatived; amendment, on division, agreed to, 26–7 Nov., p. 109. *Bill laid aside.*

UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—(*from Assembly—Hon. R. Williams*).—Passed all stages without amendment, 17 Dec., 1931, p. 132. Assembly transmit communication from Clerk of the Parliaments calling attention to clerical errors, which errors the Assembly have agreed to correct; the Council concur with the Assembly in the correction of the errors, 22 Dec., p. 139. *Assented to 30 Dec. Act No. 4000.*

VACUUM OIL COMPANY BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. R. Williams*).—Read a first time, 16 Dec., 1931, p. 130; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment, 17 Dec., p. 132. *Assented to 24 Dec. Act No. 3989.*

WAREEK LAND BILL†—(*from Assembly—Hon. R. Williams*).—Read a first time; read a second time, by leave, and committed; considered in Committee, 2 Dec., 1931, pp. 112, 113; further considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read a third time and passed, 16 Dec., p. 130. *Assented to 24 Dec. Act No. 3986.*

WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL†—(*from Assembly—Hon. J. P. Jones*).—Read a first time, 16 Dec., 1931, p. 130; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment, 17 Dec., p. 131. *Assented to 24 Dec. Act No. 3988.*

WHEAT AND FLOUR ACQUISITION BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. E. L. Kiernan*).—Read a first time, 29 Oct., 1931, p. 100; question—That this Bill be now read a second time—on division, negatived, 10 Nov., p. 101.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION (TRANSFER OF FUNDS) BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. J. P. Jones*).—Read a first time, 16 June, 1931, p. 24; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 23 June, p. 28; further considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read a third time and passed, 14 July, p. 33. *Assented to 21 July. Act No. 3952.*

WRONGS BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. C. H. A. Eager*).—Read a first time, 8 Sept., 1931, p. 55; motion—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate adjourned, 6 Oct., p. 87; debate resumed and further adjourned, 14 Oct., p. 94. *Bill lapsed.*

* Bill initiated in the Council.

† Bill not printed by the Council.

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VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

No. 1.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH MAY, 1931.

1. The Council met pursuant to the Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the tenth day of April, 1931, which Proclamation was read by the Clerk and is as follows :—

FURTHER PROROGUING PARLIAMENT AND FIXING THE TIME FOR HOLDING THE THIRD SESSION OF THE THIRTIETH PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS The Parliament of Victoria stands prorogued until Tuesday, the twenty-first day of April, 1931: Now I, the Governor of the State of Victoria, in the Commonwealth of Australia, do by this my Proclamation further prorogue the said Parliament of Victoria until Wednesday, the sixth day of May, 1931, and I do hereby fix Wednesday, the sixth day of May, 1931 aforesaid, at the hour of Two o'clock in the afternoon, as the time for the commencement and holding of the next Session of the said Parliament of Victoria for the despatch of business, in the Parliament Houses, situate in Spring-street, in the City of Melbourne: And the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Council and the Members of the Legislative Assembly are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

(L.S.) Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State of Victoria aforesaid, at Melbourne, this tenth day of April, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, and in the twenty-first year of the reign of His Majesty King George V.

SOMERS.

By His Excellency's Command,

E. J. HOGAN.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

2. APPROACH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The approach of His Excellency the Governor was announced by the Usher.

His Excellency came into the Council Chamber, and commanded the Usher to desire the immediate attendance of the Legislative Assembly, who being come with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to speak as follows :—

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

I have been advised to summon Parliament at this early date for the consideration of urgent public business.

My Ministers look forward with confidence to the co-operation of both Houses of the Legislature in framing legislation which will promote the interests of Victoria.

As this will be the last time I shall have the privilege of calling together the representatives of the people, I take the opportunity of saying farewell to you. In doing so, I gratefully acknowledge the courtesy and appreciate the kindness that I have received from the people of this State.

During my sojourn here I have visited practically every part of Victoria and have come into contact with all sections of the community. I have endeavoured to familiarize myself with the conditions under which settlers on the land are working, particularly those in remote parts of the State.

I regret that, during the latter portion of my term of office, Australia has, in common with other countries, been suffering from the effects of a world-wide economic and financial depression; but I believe that, with the concerted efforts of all, the difficulties confronting us will be overcome, and in the near future improved conditions will prevail.

At present, indeed, seasonable prospects are very favorable, splendid autumn rains having fallen over practically the whole of Victoria.

The magnitude and complexity of the problem of unemployment have caused my Advisers grave concern.

The Unemployment Relief Works Board constituted under the Unemployment Relief Acts has given serious consideration to its task.

Of the amount of £1,603,000 estimated to be received under those Acts, a sum of £1,159,000 has been actually expended, of which £829,000 have been devoted to relief works:

Grants totalling £511,750 have been made available to this State by the Commonwealth Government for relief works, of which sum an amount of £372,000 has been expended and the balance allocated.

Increases in the rates of sustenance were recently approved. An amount of £540,000 from the Unemployment Relief Fund was earmarked for the provision of sustenance, the relief of single men and women, and the supply of firewood.

A women's section of the Government Labour Exchange has been established.

Arrangements are being made to settle a number of unemployed workers and their families on the land.

Three camps for single men have been established in the country, the men being employed in preparing selected areas for settlement. A fourth camp is to be established in the Heytesbury Forest.

With the object of reviving interest in gold mining, a sum of £23,000 has been allocated from the Unemployment Relief Fund to provide assistance for miners and prospectors.

It is satisfactory to note that the gold production for the quarter ended March last, that is to say 8,940 ounces, was almost double that for the corresponding quarter last year.

As a result of the completion of extensions, the Yallourn Briquetting Factory can now produce a daily output of 1,200 tons. Following upon reductions already made in the charges for industrial briquettes, the prices of household briquettes have been reduced.

Proposals for a comprehensive scheme for water supply from the Otway Ranges to centres in the Western District are being considered.

Several Home Maintenance Area Boards have completed their inquiries, and it is anticipated that the findings of the remaining Boards will be furnished at an early date.

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

Supplementary Estimates of expenditure for the current financial year will be placed before you in due course.

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year 1931-32 will be submitted for your consideration at a much earlier date than usual.

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

In view of the present state of the finances and markets of the world, and recognizing the necessity for enabling farmers to carry on production, the Government will introduce immediately legislation containing provisions which will protect farmers from harassing legal proceedings and dispossession.

My Advisers will bring forward not only the Marketing of Primary Products Bill previously introduced, but also a measure which will enable an increased price to be charged for wheat and flour sold locally and at the same time protect the consumer against any unjustifiable increase in the price of bread.

Bills relating to Farm Produce Agents, Dairy Produce, Stock Foods, and a Milk Board will be placed before you.

Notwithstanding the considerable economies effected by the Victorian Railways Commissioners, the question of railway finance continues to occasion my Ministers much concern. Early in the financial year a railway deficit of £281,000 was estimated, but the subsequent serious decline in the railway revenue may increase that amount to £1,800,000.

Owing to the large deficiency in the Railway Accounts and to other causes, the consolidated revenue of the State will not equal the expenditure this year. A substantial deficit is inevitable. The necessity for balanced budgets is recognized by the Government, but the difficulties in achieving this object immediately are very great. The present outlook is so uncertain and the situation is so involved, that accomplishment will not be possible without the whole-hearted co-operation of all sections of the people.

The anxiety of my Advisers with respect to the problem of unemployment must be fully shared by the community. Although many demands are being made upon taxpayers, my Ministers believe that it is unquestionably the duty of the people of Victoria to ensure that unemployed workers and their families will not suffer from want of adequate food and clothing. The main objective of the unemployment relief scheme is the provision of employment, but, owing to the limited funds available, the Government has been unable to put in hand a comprehensive programme of works which would provide a fair measure of employment to all unemployed workers pending their re-absorption in industry. Although strenuous efforts have been and are being made to relieve the position, my Ministers feel that, having regard to the likelihood of unemployment increasing as winter approaches, the financial provision made under the Unemployment Relief Acts will not be sufficient to enable the situation to be met adequately throughout the coming months. Proposals to provide further relief will, therefore, be placed before you.

The Bill dealing with temporary relief for farmers in respect of their obligations will also make provision for the protection in certain circumstances of unemployed tenants, mortgagors, and purchasers of dwelling houses.

Legislation will be again introduced providing for a scheme of insurance against unemployment.

A Bill will be brought forward to provide for the establishment of a Board, on which the employees will be represented, for the classification of officers of the Public Service, and the fixation of their salaries and wages.

Bills providing for a Ministry of Transport and a Ministry of Health will be re-introduced, and a Bill to amend the Health Act will be laid before you.

In addition to other measures, Bills dealing with the following matters will be submitted to you :—

Vacuum Oil Company's Land Purchase,
 Profiteering Prevention,
 Solicitors' Trust Funds,
 Gas Regulation,
 Factories and Shops,
 Registry Offices for Employment,
 Public Entertainments,
 Local Government,
 Town Planning,
 Advertisements on Country Roads, and
 Weights and Measures.

I now leave you to the discharge of your duties, and trust that Divine Providence will guide your deliberations.

Which being concluded, a copy of the Speech was delivered to the President, and a copy to Mr. Speaker, and His Excellency the Governor left the Chamber.

The Legislative Assembly then withdrew.

3. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS.**—The Honorables the President (Sir Frank Clarke), W. Angliss, E. G. Bath, W. J. Beckett, A. E. Chandler, W. L. R. Clarke, Harold Cohen, H. I. Cohen, H. A. Currie, G. M. Davis, J. H. Disney, C. H. A. Eager, W. H. Edgar, G. L. Goudie, Dr. J. R. Harris, J. P. Jones, H. Keck, G. V. Lansell, W. J. McCann, M. McGregor, D. L. McNamara, H. F. Richardson, M. Saltau, G. J. Tuckett, W. Tyner, E. J. White, R. Williams, and A. M. Zwar severally delivered to the Clerk the Declaration required by the fifty-fifth section of the Act No. 3660, as hereunder set forth :—

“In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928, I, FRANCIS GRENVILLE CLARKE*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of St. Kilda and are known as Nos. 111 and 113 Mitford-street, Elwood, being allotment 27, section 3, at Elwood.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of St. Kilda are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £190.

“And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements or any part thereof for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

“FRANK G. CLARKE.”

“In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928, I, WILLIAM CHARLES ANGLISS*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Melbourne, and are known as part of allotment 6, section 24, city of Melbourne, parish of North Melbourne, county of Bourke, and being the whole of the land comprised in certificate of title, volume 3701, folio 740157.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Melbourne are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £560.

“And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

“W. ANGLISS.”

“In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928, I, EDWIN GEORGE BATH*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Kara Kara and are known as ‘Pleasantside’ Estate.

“ And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Kara Kara are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £1,083.

“ And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

“ EDWIN G. BATH.”

“ In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928*, I, WILLIAM JAMES BECKETT, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of St. Kilda, and are known as “ Aloha,” Shakespeare Grove.

“ And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of St. Kilda are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £165.

“ And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a member of the Legislative Council.

“ W. J. BECKETT.”

“ In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928*, I, ALFRED ELLIOTT CHANDLER, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Ferntree Gully, and are known as ‘ Boronia,’ corner of Boronia and Forest roads, Boronia, being portion of Crown lot 69, parish of Scoresby.

“ And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Ferntree Gully are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £227.

“ And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

“ A. E. CHANDLER.”

“ In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928*, I, WILLIAM LIONEL RUSSELL CLARKE, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal districts of Bulla and Melbourne, and are known as Rupertswood Farm, being Crown allotment 2 and parts of Crown allotment 1 of section 21 of the parish of Bulla Bulla, and part of W. J. T. Clarke’s special survey in the same Parish, Nos. 225 and 226 in the rate-book, and as 249-251 Domain-road, South Yarra, being part of Crown allotment 21 at South Yarra, Parish of South Melbourne, No. 1198 in the rate-book.

“ And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Bulla are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £394, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Melbourne are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £450.

“ And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

“ W. L. RUSSELL CLARKE.”

“ In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928*, I, HAROLD EDWARD COHEN, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment, and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Caulfield, and are known as 22 and 24 Empress-road, Caulfield, being all the land comprised in Certificate of Title, volume 3833, folio 766504.

“ And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Caulfield are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £100.

And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a member of the Legislative Council.

“ HAROLD COHEN.”

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928*, I, HENRY ISAAC COHEN, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal districts of Melbourne and Northcote, and are known as 'Keonbrook,' 196 Vale-street, East Melbourne, and lots 11 and 12, part A, of Thornbury Park Estate.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Melbourne are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £225, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Northcote are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £39.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"HENRY I. COHEN."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928*, I, HENRY ALAN CURRIE, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Lexton, and are known as 'Ercildoune Estate.'

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Lexton are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £3,116.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"H. ALAN CURRIE."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928*, I, GEORGE MARTLEY DAVIS, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Sale, and are known as Mathieson and Davis' offices, saleyards, motor garage, and tobacconist shop; and 37 acres and 26 perches known as Sale Plains paddock and Canal paddock all in the town of Sale.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Sale are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £229.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"G. M. DAVIS."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928*, I, JAMES HERBERT DISNEY, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of South Melbourne, and are known as 'Clontarf Terrace,' Cecil-street, South Melbourne.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of South Melbourne are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £167.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"J. H. DISNEY."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928*, I, CLIFDEN HENRY ANDREWS EAGER, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Kew, and are known as 26 Barrington-avenue, Kew.

"And I further declare that the said lands or tenements situate in the municipal district of Kew are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £60.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"C. H. A. EAGER."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928, I, WILLIAM HASLAM EDGAR*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Camberwell, and are known as "Bingley," 617 Burke-road, Camberwell.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Camberwell are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £120.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"W. H. EDGAR."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928, I, GEORGE LOUIS GOUDIE*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Caulfield, and are known as 49 Elizabeth-street, Elsternwick.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Caulfield are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £58.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"GEO. L. GOUDIE."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928, I, JOHN RICHARDS HARRIS*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Rutherglen, and are known as 'Thrana' vineyard, and land, parishes of Norong and Carlyle.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Rutherglen are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £230.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"JOHN R. HARRIS."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928, I, JOHN PERCY JONES*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Melbourne, and are known as 16 to 22, 24, and 26 Patrick-street, Melbourne.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Melbourne are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £500.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"J. P. JONES."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928, I, HERBERT KECK*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Strathfieldsaye, and are known as 'The Palms,' Retreat-road, Bendigo.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Strathfieldsaye are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £240.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"HERBERT KECK."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928*, I, GEORGE VICTOR LANSSELL, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Bendigo, and are known as (i) 'Denderah,' View Hill, Bendigo, and (ii) 'Royal Bank,' View Point, Bendigo.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Bendigo are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £700.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"GEO. V. LANSSELL."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928*, I, WILLIAM JOHN McCANN, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Kerang, and are known as allotments 2, 2B, 2C, 5, and 6, section c, and allotments 4, 5, and 12, section e, parish of Dartagook.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Kerang, are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £254.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"W. J. McCANN."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928*, I, MARTIN MCGREGOR, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Narracan, and are known as allotment 97A, parish of Moe, county of Buln Buln.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Narracan are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £150.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"M. MCGREGOR."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928*, I, DANIEL LAURENCE McNAMARA, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal districts of Berwick and Caulfield, and are known as allotment 2, section p, and allotment 49A, parish of Koo-wee-rup East, county of Mornington; also house and land known as 'Iona,' Talbot-avenue, East St. Kilda.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Berwick are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £57, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Caulfield are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £63.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"D. L. McNAMARA."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928*, I, HORACE FRANK RICHARDSON, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Geelong, and are known as 'The Exchange,' Little Malop-street, Geelong.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Geelong are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £350.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"H. F. RICHARDSON."

“In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928*, I, MARCUS SALTAU, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Prahran, and are known as part of Crown portion 18, Parish of Prahran, County of Bourke, and more particularly described in certificate of title, volume 4940, folio 987927.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Prahran are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £250.

“And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

“M. SALTAU.”

“In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928*, I, GEORGE JOSEPH TUCKETT, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Numurkah, and are known as allotments 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and part of allotment 11 of section D, parish of Yalca.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Numurkah are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £607.

“And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

“GEO. J. TUCKETT.”

“In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928*, I, WILLIAM TYNER, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Caulfield, and are known as 70 Hawthorn-road, Caulfield.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Caulfield are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £100.

“And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements or any part thereof for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a member of the Legislative Council.

“WILLIAM TYNER.”

“In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928*, I, EDWARD JAMES WHITE, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Hamilton, and are known as “Newlands,” being allotments 1, 2, and 3, section 31, parish of Hamilton North.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Hamilton are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £125.

“And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

“E. J. WHITE.”

“In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928*, I, ROBERT WILLIAMS, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of South Melbourne, and are known as 123 Wright-street, Middle Park.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of South Melbourne are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £75.

“And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements or any part thereof for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a member of the Legislative Council.

“R. WILLIAMS.”

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928*, I, ALBERT MICHAEL ZWAR, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Beechworth, and are known as house and land in Church-street, and land in Malakoff-road, Beechworth.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Beechworth are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £91.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"ALBERT M. ZWAR."

5. VACANCY IN THE SENATE.—The Honorable J. P. Jones presented a Message from His Excellency the Governor transmitting a copy of the following despatch:—

Canberra,
2nd April, 1931.

Your Excellency,

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 21 of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that a vacancy has happened in the representation of the State of Victoria in the Senate, through the death of Senator Harold Edward Elliott, which occurred on the 23rd March, 1931.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

(Signed) WALTER KINGSMILL,

President of the Senate.

His Excellency
the Governor of Victoria,
Melbourne.

Ordered, after debate—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

6. THE LATE HONORABLE ALEXANDER BELL.—The Honorable J. P. Jones moved, by leave, That this House place on record its sorrow at the death of the Honorable Alexander Bell, one of the Members for the Wellington Province, and a member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways, and its appreciation of his long and useful public service.
And other honorable members having addressed the House—
The question was put and, honorable members signifying their assent by rising in their places, unanimously resolved in the affirmative.
7. JURIES BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable J. P. Jones a Bill to amend the Second Schedule to the *Juries Act 1928* was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

8. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.—The President laid upon the Table the following Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—VICTORIA.

Pursuant to the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928* I do hereby appoint—

The Honorable Henry Isaac Cohen,
The Honorable Clifden Henry Andrews Eager,
The Honorable George Louis Goudie,
The Honorable Dr. John Richards Harris,
The Honorable John Percy Jones,
The Honorable Daniel Laurence McNamara, and
The Honorable Horace Frank Richardson

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

Given under my hand this sixth day of May, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one.

FRANK CLARKE,

President of the Legislative Council.

9. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.—The President laid upon the Table the following Warrant nominating the Temporary Chairmen of Committees:—

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—VICTORIA.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order of the Legislative Council numbered 160, I do hereby nominate—

The Honorable William Charles Angliss,
The Honorable William Lionel Russell Clarke,
The Honorable James Herbert Disney, and
The Honorable George Louis Goudie

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

Given under my hand this sixth day of May, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one.

FRANK CLARKE,

President of the Legislative Council.

10. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—The Honorable H. I. Cohen moved, by leave, That leave of absence be granted to the Honorable Herbert Henry Smith for the remainder of the Session on account of urgent private business.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, by leave, That leave of absence be granted to the Honorable Howard Hitchcock for one month on account of ill-health.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable W. J. Beckett moved, by leave, That leave of absence be granted to the Honorable Esmond Lawrence Kiernan for the remainder of the Session on account of urgent private business.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

11. PAPERS.—The Honorable J. P. Jones, presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Public Service Commissioner—Report for the year 1930.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Apprenticeship Acts—Apprenticeship Commission of Victoria—

Amendment of Plumbing and Gasfitting Regulations (No. 3).

Further amendment of Electrical Trades Regulations (No. 3.)

Bank Liabilities and Assets—Summary of Sworn Returns for the quarter ended 31st December, 1930.

Business Agents Act 1930—Business Agents Licensing Regulations 1931.

Cemeteries Act 1930—Copy of Certificate of the Minister of Public Health relating to the acquisition of land for the Cheltenham Public Cemetery.

Companies Act 1928—

Regulations, Fees, and Forms.

Return by Prothonotary of Business of the Supreme Court in connexion with the winding-up of Companies.

Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928—

Amendment of Election Regulations 1930.

Statement of Appointments and Alterations of Classification in the Department of the Legislative Council.

County Court Act 1928—County Court Rules 1930.

Entertainments Tax Acts—Regulations.

Fire Brigades Act 1928—Country Fire Brigades Board—Regulations rescinded, regulations made.

Friendly Societies Act 1928—Consolidated Regulations.

Fruit and Vegetables Act 1928—Grade Standards for Onions—Schedule rescinded, schedule substituted.

Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1928—Regulations.

Legal Profession Practice Act 1928—Council of Legal Education—Amendment of Rules relating to the Qualification of Candidates to practise as Barristers and Solicitors, and for the admission of such candidates to practise.

Medical Act, 1928—Pharmacy Board of Victoria—Pharmacy Regulations 1931.

Melbourne Sailors' Home Act 1901—Accounts and Statements of Receipts and Expenditure of the Melbourne Sailors' Home for the year 1930.

Mines Act 1928—

List of Suspensions of the Labor Covenants of Mining Leases and Licences granted during the year 1930.

Mining By-laws of and for the State of Victoria—By-laws rescinded and by-laws substituted.

Motor Car Acts—Regulation.

Poisons Acts—

Dangerous Drugs Regulations 1931.

Poisons Regulations 1931.

Proclamations amending Schedules to Acts—

Articles deemed to be poisons.

Potent Drugs.

Restrictions on sale of certain substances.

Police Regulation Act 1928—Police Pensions Regulations 1930.

Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria—Report of the Trustees for the year 1930, with a Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year 1929-30.

Public Service Act 1928—Regulations—

Allowances for Maintenance of Schools.

Professional Division, Chapter II.—Department of Law.

Staffs, Appointments, and Transfers of Teachers in Primary Schools.

Teachers Colleges.

Travelling Allowances, Chapter VII.—Allowances to certain officers—

Department of Chief Secretary.

Department of Public Instruction.

Public Service Payments Reduction Act 1930—Regulation.

Railways—

Awards Nos. 26 and 27 made by the Railways Classification Board together with the Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners in regard thereto.

Forty-second General Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways.

Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act 1928—General Abstract of the number of Births, Deaths, and Marriages registered during 1930 in Victoria.

Second-hand Dealers Act 1928—Second-hand Dealers Regulations 1930.

Special and Other Appropriations Reduction Act 1930—Regulation.

State Electricity Commission Acts—Amendment of Wiring Regulations.

Superannuation Acts—Regulations.

Supreme Court Act 1928—Supreme Court Office Fees Regulations 1928.

Theatres Act 1928—Censorship of Films Regulations 1931.

Totalizator Act 1930—Totalizator Regulations 1931.

Workers Compensation Act 1928—

Workers Compensation Regulations 1928.

Workers Compensation Rules.

12. SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The President reported the Speech of His Excellency the Governor.

The Honorable J. H. Disney moved, That the Council agree to the following Address to His Excellency the Governor in reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

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

Debate ensued.

The Honorable Dr. J. R. Harris moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable J. P. Jones moved, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next, at half-past four o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

P. T. POOK,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

