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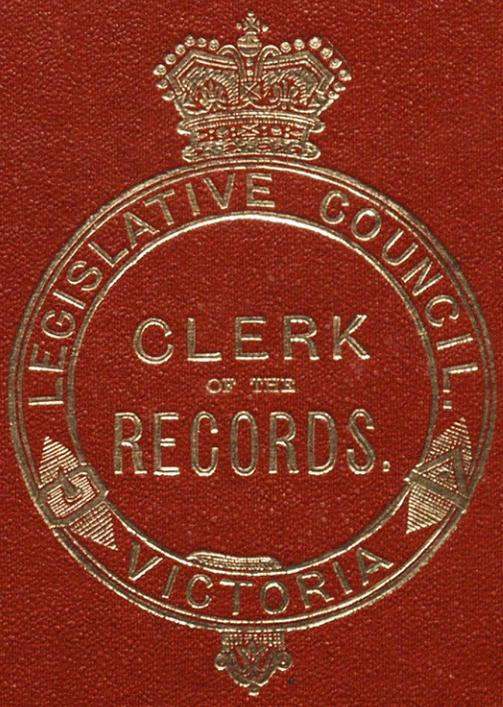

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TUESDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 1911.

1. The Council met pursuant to the Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the twenty-seventh day of November, 1911, which Proclamation was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

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

PROCLAMATION

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

I, the Governor of the State of Victoria in the Commonwealth of Australia, do by this my Proclamation fix Tuesday, the fifth day of December, 1911, as the time for the commencement and holding of the next Session of the Parliament of Victoria, for the despatch of business, at the hour of Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, in the State Parliament Houses, situate in the Carlton Gardens, in the City of Melbourne : And the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Council and the Members of the Legislative Assembly are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State of Victoria aforesaid, at Melbourne, this twenty-seventh day of November, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and eleven, and in the second year of His Majesty's reign.

(L.S.) JOHN FULLER.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. MURRAY.

GOD SAVE THE KING !

His Honour the Honorable Sir John Madden, G.C.M.G., LL.D., Chief Justice, and His Honour Sir Thomas A'Beckett, Commissioners from His Excellency the Governor appointed to open the Parliament, having been introduced to the Council Chamber by the Usher, the Honorable Sir John Madden desired the Usher to request the presence of the Members of the Legislative Assembly to hear the Commission read for the commencement and holding of this present Session of the Parliament.

The Members of the Legislative Assembly having presented themselves, The Honorable Sir John Madden said :—

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:

His Excellency the Governor, not thinking fit to be present in person, has been pleased to cause Letters Patent to issue, under the Seal of the State, constituting us his Commissioners, to do in his name all that is necessary to be performed in this Parliament. This will more fully appear from the Letters Patent which will now be read by the Clerk of the Parliaments.

Then the said Letters Patent were read by The Clerk as follow, viz. :—

GEORGE, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India :

WHEREAS by Proclamation made the twenty-seventh day of November last by His Excellency Sir JOHN MICHAEL FLEETWOOD FULLER, Baronet, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, Tuesday, the fifth day of December instant, was fixed as the time for the commencement and holding of the first Session of the twenty-third Parliament of Victoria, at eleven of the clock a.m., in the State Parliament Houses, situate in the Carlton Gardens, in the City of Melbourne : And forasmuch as for certain causes the said Sir JOHN MICHAEL FLEETWOOD FULLER, cannot conveniently be present in person in the said Parliament at that time : NOW KNOW YE THAT WE, trusting in the discretion, fidelity, and care of Our trusty and well-beloved His Honour the Honourable Sir JOHN MADDEN, Chief Justice, and His Honour Sir THOMAS A'BECKETT, Judge of Our Supreme Court of Victoria, do give and grant by the tenor of these presents unto you the said JOHN MADDEN and THOMAS A'BECKETT, or either of you, full power in Our name to begin and hold the said Session of Our said Parliament, and to do everything which for and by Us, or the said Sir JOHN MICHAEL FLEETWOOD FULLER, shall be there to be done ; commanding also by the tenor of these presents all whom it may concern to meet our said Parliament, and to the said JOHN MADDEN and THOMAS A'BECKETT, or either of them, that they diligently attend in the premises and form aforesaid. In testimony whereof We have caused the Seal of Our said State to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS Our trusty and well-beloved Sir JOHN MICHAEL FLEETWOOD FULLER, Baronet, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George ; (L.S.) Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c., at Melbourne, this fourth day of December, One thousand nine hundred and eleven, and in the second year of Our reign.

JOHN FULLER.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. MURRAY.

Entered on Record by me in Register of Patents, Book 24, Page 379, this fourth day of December, One thousand nine hundred and eleven.

W. A. CALLAWAY.

Then Sir John Madden said :—

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

We have it in command from His Excellency to let you know that later this day His Excellency will declare to you in person, in this place, the causes of his calling this Parliament together ; and, Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly, as it is necessary before you proceed to the despatch of business that a Speaker of the Legislative Assembly be chosen, His Excellency requests that you, in your Chamber, will proceed to the choice of a proper person to be Speaker.

The Members of the Legislative Assembly withdrew.

The Commissioners withdrew.

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

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS.—The Honorables the President, R. H. S. Abbott, W. A. Adamson, W. L. Baillieu, J. D. Brown, W. L. R. Clarke, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, W. Little, D. E. McBryde, and H. Skinner, severally delivered to the Clerk the Declaration required by the thirty-seventh section of the Act No. 1075, as hereunder set forth :—

" In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, JOHN MARK DAVIES, 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 the State of Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred 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 situated in the municipal district of Lilydale, and are known as Crown allotment fifty-six, and part of Crown allotment fifty-eight, parish of Wandin Yallock, county of Evelyn, containing one hundred and forty-nine acres or thereabouts.

" And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Lilydale are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and thirty-five pounds.

" 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.

"JNO. M. DAVIES."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, RICHARD HARTLEY SMITH ABBOTT, 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 the State of Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred 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 situated in the municipal districts of Bendigo and Strathfieldsaye, and are known as—

'Mandalay,' Rowan-street; 'Tacsonia,' Rowan-street; house property, Wattle-street, city of Bendigo.

'Edinburgh Tannery,' parish of Mandurang; 'Hooligan,' land, parish of Eppalock, shire of Strathfieldsaye.

"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 such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and thirty-five pounds; and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Strathfieldsaye are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and five pounds.

"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. H. S. ABBOTT."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, WILLIAM ADDISON ADAMSON, 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 the State of Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty pounds and upwards 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 situated in the municipal district of Brighton, and are known as 'Farleigh' and vacant land in Male-street, Brighton, and in the municipal district of Melbourne, known as the Racing Club Hotel, and in the municipal district of Whittlesea, known as the Sale Yards, in the Plenty-road, and in the municipal district of Lancefield, known as the Sale Yards, in Dunsford and High streets, and in the municipal district of Essendon, known as Adamson, Strettle and Co.'s Stud Stock Sale Yards, Epsom and Ascot Vale roads.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Brighton are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and thirty-five pounds, 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 such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and eighty pounds, and such of the said lands and tenements as are situated in the municipal district of Whittlesea are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Fifteen pounds, and such of the said lands and tenements as are situated in the municipal district of Lancefield are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Nine pounds, and such of the said lands as are situated in the municipal district of Essendon are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Two hundred and fifty pounds.

"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. A. ADAMSON."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, WILLIAM LAWRENCE BAILLIEU, 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 the State of Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred and seventy 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 situated in the municipal district of the town of Camberwell, and are known as all that piece of land containing two acres three roods and twenty-two perches, being part of Crown portion 129, parish of Boroondara, county of Bourke, and being the land more particularly described in certificate of title, volume 2625, folio 524945.

"And I further declare that the said lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of the town of Camberwell and are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and seventy pounds.

"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. BAILLIEU."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, JAMES DRYSDALE BROWN, 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 the State of Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred and thirty-eight 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 situated in the municipal district of Coburg, and are known as part of Crown portion One hundred and forty-three at Coburg, parish of Jika Jika, county of Bourke.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Coburg are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and thirty-eight pounds.

"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. DRYSDALE BROWN."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, 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 the State of Victoria of the yearly value of Ninety-five pounds eighteen shillings 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 situated in the municipal district of Ballarat, and are known as one hundred and thirty-seven acres, part of Dowling Forest Pre-emptive right A, No. 118 in the rate-book.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Ballarat are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and three pounds.

"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 Acts, 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 the State of Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty-eight 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 situated in the municipal district of Malvern, and are known as No. 1 Claremont Avenue, Malvern.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Malvern are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Fifty-eight pounds, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Malvern are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Fifty-eight pounds.

"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 Acts, 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 the State of Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred and twenty-five 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 situated in the municipal district of Melbourne, and are known as Nos. 22-24-26 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 such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and twenty-five pounds.

"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 Acts, I, WILLIS LITTLE, 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 the State of Victoria of the yearly value of Two hundred 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 situated in the municipal district of Benalla, and are known as allotments 1 to 4, section H, Benalla, one hundred and ninety-three acres, Fifty-seven pounds; allotments 1 and 2, section I, Benalla, three hundred and twenty-seven acres, Eighty-one pounds; allotment 3, section I, Benalla, sixty-five acres, Sixteen pounds; and allotment 24AB, Benalla, three hundred and twenty acres, Fifty pounds.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Benalla are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Two hundred and four pounds.

"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.

"WILLIS LITTLE."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, DUNCAN ELPHINSTONE MCBRYDE, 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 the State of Victoria of the yearly value of Three hundred and eighty 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 situated in the municipal district of Brighton, and are known as 'Kamesburgh,' containing ten acres or thereabouts, being part of Dendy's special survey at Brighton, and situate at the angle of North-road and Cochrane-street, and purchased by me for the sum of Twelve thousand two hundred pounds.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Brighton are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Three hundred and eighty pounds.

"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. E. MCBRYDE."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, HENRY SKINNER, 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 the State of Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred 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 situated in the municipal district of South Melbourne and are known as part of allotment Ten section Two at Emerald Hill, Parish of South Melbourne, County of Bourke, and comprise three shops.

"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 such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and fifteen pounds.

"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 SKINNER."

4. 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 avail myself of the earliest opportunity, after the return of the Writs for the recent General Elections, of having your advice and assistance in certain matters which require immediate attention.

The requisite provision for the Public Service of this year remains still to be made, and, in view of this pressing circumstance, I have felt it my duty to summon Parliament for the despatch of public business as soon as possible after the elections had taken place.

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:

The Estimates of Expenditure for the year will be laid before you, and they will, I trust receive your immediate and careful consideration.

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:

It is deemed by My Advisers desirable that this Session of Parliament should be principally occupied in making due provision for the services of the year.

Several other matters of urgency will also be submitted for your consideration. Among these will be a Public Works Loan Application Bill, and measures authorizing the construction of important Railway Lines.

I beg to express the earnest hope that your labours may tend to the welfare and happiness of the people.

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.

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

6. Declarations of Members.—The Honorables J. G. Aikman, A. A. Austin, J. Balfour, T. Beggs, F. W. Brawn, E. J. Crooke, Dr. W. H. Embling, W. J. Evans, T. C. Harwood, A. Hicks, Walter S. Manifold, J. Y. McDonald, A. McLellan, D. Melville, E. Miller, T. H. Payne, W. Pearson, R. B. Rees, and A. O. Sachse, severally delivered to the Clerk the Declaration required by the thirty-seventh section of the Act No. 1075, as hereunder set forth :—

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, John George Aikman, 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 the State of Victoria of the yearly value of Two thousand one hundred and 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 situated in the municipal district of Melbourne, and are known as the Melbourne Coffee Palace, 214 to 218 Bourke-street.

"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 such district upon a yearly value of Two thousand one hundred and fifty pounds.

"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. G. AIKMAN."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I Austin Albert Austin, 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 the State of Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred 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 situated in the municipal district of Buninyong, and are known as 'Larundel,' Elaine.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Buninyong are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Six hundred and eighty-three pounds.

"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.

"AUSTIN ALBERT AUSTIN."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, James Balfour, 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 the State of Victoria of the yearly value of Seventy-five 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 situated in the municipal district of Queenscliff, and are known as Crown allotment nine, section two, town of Queenscliff, parish of Paywit, county of Grant.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Queenscliff are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Seventy-five pounds.

"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.

"JAMES BALFOUR."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, Theodore Beggs, of Eurambeen, Beaufort, grazier, 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 the State of Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty-one pounds ten shillings 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 situated in the municipal district of Ripon, and are known as Crown allotments 70B, 73C, 74, 74A, and 73B, parish of Eurambeen, county of Ripon, containing 206 acres.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Ripon are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Fifty-one pounds ten shillings.

"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.

"THEODORE BEGGS."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, FREDERICK BRAWN 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 the State of Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred and sixty 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 situated in the municipal district of Ballaarat, and are known as three brick cottages in Mill-street, Ballaarat.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Ballaarat are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and twenty-seven pounds.

"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.

"F. BRAWN."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, EDWARD JOLLEY CROOKE, 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 the State of Victoria of the yearly value of Two hundred 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 situated in the municipal district of Rosedale, and are known as portion of 'The Holey Plain Estate.'

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Rosedale are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Two hundred and twenty-seven pounds.

"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. CROOKE."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, WILLIAM HENRY EMBLING, 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 the State of Victoria of the yearly value of Two hundred 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 situated in the municipal district of St. Kilda, and are known as 'Elmwood,' Chapel-street, St. Kilda.

"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 such district upon a yearly value of Two hundred pounds.

"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 HENRY EMBLING."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, WILLIAM JOHN EVANS, 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 the State of 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 situated in the municipal districts of Port Melbourne and South Melbourne and are known respectively as 143 Cruickshank-street, Port Melbourne; and 208 and 210 York-street, South Melbourne.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Port Melbourne are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Twenty-five pounds, and 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 such district upon a yearly value of Fifty-four pounds.

"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. EVANS."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, THOMAS CHARLES HARWOOD, 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 the State of 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 situated in the municipal districts of Newtown and Chilwell and Geelong, and are respectively known as 'Hawthorn,' Skene-street, Newtown, Geelong, and number 87 Yarra-street, Geelong.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Newtown and Chilwell are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and fifteen pounds, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Geelong are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Forty-eight pounds.

"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.

"THOS. C. HARWOOD."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, ALFRED HICKS, 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 the State of Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred 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 situated in the municipal district of Eaglehawk, and are known as shops and dwellings situate in High-street.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Eaglehawk are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and thirty pounds, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Eaglehawk are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and thirty pounds.

"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. HICKS."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, WALTER SYNNOT MANIFOLD, 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 the State of Victoria of the yearly value of Ninety-four (£94) 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 situated in the municipal district of the shire of Warrnambool, and are known as parts of Crown allotment 24A and Crown allotment 23 A[1], parish of Mepunga, county of Heytesbury, containing three hundred and thirty-three acres three roods and eighteen perches.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of the shire of Warrnambool are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Ninety-four pounds.

"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.

"WALTER MANIFOLD."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, JOHN YOUNG MCDONALD, 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 the State of Victoria of the yearly value of Two hundred and sixty-nine 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 situated in the municipal district of Ballarat West, and are known as the 'Edinburgh Buildings.'

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Ballarat West are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Two hundred and sixty-nine pounds, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Ballarat West are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Two hundred and sixty-nine pounds.

"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. Y. MCDONALD."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, ADAM MCLELLAN, 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 the State of 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 situated in the municipal district of Richmond, and are known as land and buildings, corner of Lord-street and Boyd-street, Richmond.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Richmond are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and sixty-two pounds.

"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.

"ADAM MCLELLAN."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, DONALD MELVILLE, 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 the State of Victoria of the yearly value of Ninety-eight (£98) 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 situated in the municipal districts of Brunswick, Pyalong, and McIvor, and are known as—

"My residence, situated in Albion-street, West Brunswick, with three acres land; two hundred and six acres land within the shire of Pyalong; and one hundred and forty acres land within the shire of McIvor.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Brunswick are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Fifty-three (£53) pounds, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Pyalong are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Thirty pounds, and that within the municipal district of McIvor at Fifteen pounds.

"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. MELVILLE."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, EDWARD MILLER, 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 the State of Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred and 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 situated in the municipal district of Kew, and are known as land, four acres, Findon-street and Barker's-road.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Kew are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and fifty pounds.

"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.

"EDWARD MILLER."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, THOMAS HENRY PAYNE, 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 the State of Victoria of the yearly value of Nine hundred 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 situated in the municipal district of city of Prahran, and are known as 'Leura,' Toorak, being Crown portion 30, parish of Prahran, county of Bourke.

"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 such district upon a yearly value of Nine hundred pounds.

"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.

"T. H. PAYNE."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, WILLIAM PEARSON, 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 the State of Victoria of the yearly value of Five hundred 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 situated in the municipal district of Rosedale, and are known as 'Kilmany Park,' Sale.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Rosedale are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight pounds, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Rosedale are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight pounds.

"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.

"WM. PEARSON."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, RICHARD BLOOMFIELD REES, 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 the State of Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred 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 situated in the municipal district of Swan Hill, and are known as shop and dwelling properties, situate in Campbell-street.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Swan Hill are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of above One hundred pounds per annum.

"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. BLOOMFIELD REES."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, ARTHUR OTTO SACHSE, 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 the State of Victoria of the yearly value of Three hundred 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 situated in the municipal district of Prahran, and are known as 'Marilla,' Toorak-road, South Yarra.

"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 such district upon a yearly value of Three hundred pounds.

"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. O. SACHSE."

7. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions praying that the Council will pass a Measure giving electors the opportunity of deciding, through a Referendum, with one single and simple question, whether or not Scripture lessons shall be introduced into the State-school course were presented:—

By the Honorable J. D. Brown—

From certain electors in Stawell.
From certain electors in Ararat.
From certain electors in Baringhup and other districts.

By the Honorable A. Hicks—

From certain electors in Maldon and other districts.

By the Honorable W. L. R. Clarke—

From certain electors in Woodend and other districts.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

8. DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, a Bill to provide for the Appointment of a Director of Agriculture was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

9. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, by leave, That the Honorable Thomas Charles Harwood be Chairman of Committees of the Council.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, by leave, That the following Members of this House be appointed Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways:—The Honorables Dr. W. H. Embling and D. Melville.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

11. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, by leave, That leave of absence be granted to the Honorable J. McWhae for the remainder of the Session on account of urgent private business.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

VICTORIA.

Pursuant to the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act* 1890, I do hereby appoint—

The Honorable Richard Hartley Smith Abbott,
The Honorable James Drysdale Brown,
The Honorable William John Evans,
The Honorable Willis Little,
The Honorable Duncan Elphinstone McBryde,
The Honorable John Young McDonald, and
The Honorable Edward Miller,

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

Given under my hand this fifth day of December, One thousand nine hundred and eleven.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President of the Legislative Council.

13. PAPERS.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—

Report of Proceedings taken under the provisions of Part III, *Land Act* 1901, relating to Village Settlements, during the financial year ended 30th June, 1911.
Report of the Council of Judges under section 33 of the *Supreme Court Act* 1890.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Amendment of, and Addition to, the Regulations under the *Land Act* 1901.

Amendment of Regulations under the *Land Act* 1901.

Annual Report of the General Manager of State Coal Mines to the Honorable P. McBride, M.P., Minister for Mines and Forests for Victoria, including the State Coal Mines Balance-sheet, and Statement of Accounts, duly audited, &c., for the year 1910–11.

Fisheries Act 1890.—Notices of intention to issue Proclamations :—

To close portion of Birch's or Bullarook Creek against all fishing until 31st August, 1913.

To close portion of the Little Morwell River against all fishing until 31st August, 1913.

To close portion of the Macedon River against all fishing for two years.

To close Sunny Creek and portion of the Moe or Little Moe River against all fishing until 31st August, 1913.

Report of the Proceedings of the University of Melbourne, from 31st July, 1910, to 31st July, 1911, together with four Appendices, containing, A.—List of Contributions to Literature and Science published by members of University staff and students working in the University laboratories; B.—List of Donations to the Libraries; C.—Statement of Accounts for the year 1910; D.—Amendment of Statutes and Regulations and New Regulations made during the year.

State Rivers and Water Supply Commission.—Sixth Annual Report, 1910–11.

Summary of Statements for the year 1910 made by the Companies transacting Life Assurance business in Victoria.

The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890—Part IX.—Statement showing the Names of all Persons temporarily employed in the Department of the Legislative Council.

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways.—Twenty-first General Report.

Thirty-third Annual Report on Friendly Societies.—Report of the Goverment Statist for the year 1910, to which are appended, Valuations of Societies, Numerical and Financial Summaries of the Returns furnished by the Secretaries, &c.

Twenty-fifth Annual Report on Trade Unions.—Report of the Government Statist for the year 1910, with an Appendix.

14. Speech of His Excellency the Governor.—The President reported the Speech of His Excellency the Governor.

The Honorable H. Skinner moved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Governor in reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable H. Skinner moved, That the Committee consist of the Honorables H. Skinner, A. A. Austin, T. Beggs, W. L. R. Clarke, W. J. Evans, J. Y. McDonald, and R. B. Rees.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Committee retired to prepare the Address.

The Honorable H. Skinner presented the Address, which had been agreed to by the Committee, and the same was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

To His Excellency Sir John Michael Fleetwood Fuller, *Baronet, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.*

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.

The Honorable H. Skinner moved, That the Council agree with the Committee in the said Address.

Debate ensued.

The Honorable A. O. Sachse moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

And after debate—

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and negatived.

And after further debate—

The Honorable A. O. Sachse moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

15. Message from the Assembly.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Assembly :—

Mr. President,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Six hundred and twelve thousand and fifty-six pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and eleven and One thousand nine hundred and twelve,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 5th December, 1911.

16. Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 1).—On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and, by leave, was read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable T. C. Harwood having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Assembly be informed that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

17. Adjournment.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu 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 forty-two minutes past nine o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

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

By Authority: J. Kemp, Government Printer, Melbourne.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 1.

TUESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 1911.

Questions.

1. The Hon. R. B. REES: To call the attention of the House to a Petition signed by the Chairmen and Secretaries of the five School Committees in the Mildura district requesting the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction to revert to a former method of allotting the school holidays for those schools. And to ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if the Government will reconsider the petition and grant the request contained therein.

2. The Hon. W. J. EVANS: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Health—

   With reference to the proposed appointment of Dr. Cameron to the office of Director of Agriculture, will he lay upon the Table of the House all papers relating to the qualifications and departmental record of that officer, giving date of first appointment to the Public Service, and subsequent promotions, together with amount of salary for each period up to the present time, in order that Members may be fully seized of the merits of the proposal to make him Director of Agriculture.

3. The Hon. W. J. EVANS: To call the attention of the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works to the following paragraph in the *Argus* of November 29th:—

   WYUNA STATE FARM.

   To the Editor of the *Argus*.

   Sir,—In the *Argus* of Friday it was stated that "Dr. Cameron said that he had been unable to obtain books showing the revenue from the farm, though two accountants had been sent up with the object of producing a statement." As clerk at the farm, I would like to state that the book-keeping is done, not here, but by the Department in Melbourne, we sending them, fortnightly, a complete list of all moneys received. For our own convenience we keep a record of the date, particulars, and amount of all receipts issued, and had the accountants, who knew the books were kept in town, asked us if we had any record of the receipts, it would have only been a question of adding up, and they could have had the returns for the whole or any period since May 29, 1906, *i.e.*, for the whole time Mr. Tolley was manager.—Yours, &c., BASIL R. DAVIES.

   Nov. 27.

   And to ask whether it is a fact that the writer has been dismissed the service. If so, at whose instigation, and for what reason.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon. W. L. BAILLIEU: To move, That Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week be the days on which the Council shall meet for the despatch of business during the present Session, and that half-past Four o'clock be the hour of meeting on each day; that on Tuesday and Thursday in each week the transaction of Government business shall take precedence of all other business; and that on Wednesday in each week Private Members' business shall take precedence of Government business.

2. The Hon. W. L. BAILLIEU: To move, That the Honorables the President, J. Balfour, J. D. Brown, E. J. Crooke, F. Hagelthorn, T. C. Harwood, Walter S. Manifold, D. E. McBryde, E. Miller, and T. H. Payne be Members of the Select Committee on the Standing Orders of the House; three to be the quorum.

3. The Hon. W. L. BAILLIEU: To move, That the Honorables the President, J. G. Aikman, W. L. Baillieu, A. McLellan, and W. Pearson be Members of the Joint Committee to manage and superintend the Parliament Buildings.

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4. The Hon. W. L. Baillieu : To move, That the Honorables the President, W. A. Adamson, Dr. W. H. Embling, D. Melville, and A. O. Sachse be Members of the Joint Committee to manage the Library.

5. The Hon. W. L. Baillieu : To move, That the Honorables W. J. Evans, A. Hicks, J. Y. McDonald, R. B. Rees, and J. Sternberg be Members of the Joint Committee to manage the Refreshment Rooms.

6. The Hon. W. L. Baillieu : To move, That the Honorables the President, R. H. S. Abbott, T. Beggs, F. W. Brawn, W. L. R. Clarke, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, W. Little, J. McWhae, and J. Sternberg be Members of the Printing Committee ; three to be the quorum.

Orders of the Day :—

1. Address in Reply to Speech of His Excellency the Governor—Consideration of Report of Committee—*Resumption of debate*—(*Hon. A. O. Sachse.*)

2. Director of Agriculture Bill—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu*)—Second reading.

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

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES—SECOND SESSION 1911.

Address in Reply to the Opening Speech of His Excellency the Governor—(Appointed 5th December, 1911).—The Honorables H. Skinner, A. A. Austin, T. Beggs, W. L. R. Clarke, W. J. Evans, J. Y. McDonald, and R. B. Rees.

Elections and Qualifications—(Appointed by Mr. President's Warrant, 5th December, 1911).—The Honorables R. H. S. Abbott, J. D. Brown, W. J. Evans, W. Little, D. E. McBryde, J. Y. McDonald, and E. Miller.

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways (Joint)—(Appointed 5th December, 1911).—The Honorables Dr. W. H. Embling and D. Melville.

PRINTED PAPERS.

The following Printed Papers can now be obtained by Honorable Members from the Clerk of the Legislative Council (Telephones 3066 and 1702), and by others on the circulation list, from the Government Printer. They can also be purchased by the Public from the Government Printer.

First Fifty Years of Responsible Government in Victoria, 1856-1906, by T. G. Watson, C.M.G., Clerk of the Parliaments.

Notes on the Financial Problems of the Commonwealth and the States of Australia, by T. G. Watson, C.M.G., Clerk of the Parliaments.

State Rivers and Water Supply Commission.—Annual Report for 1910-11. (No. 6, 2nd Sess.)

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 5th DECEMBER, 1911.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 1.
Director of Agriculture Bill—[11].

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

By Authority : J. Kemp, Government Printer, Melbourne.

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No. 2.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 1911.

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

2. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS.—The Honorables F. Hagelthorn and J. Sternberg severally delivered to the Clerk the Declaration required by the thirty-seventh section of the Act No. 1075, as hereunder set forth :—

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, FREDERICK HAGELTHORN, 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 the State of Victoria of the yearly value of Three hundred 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 situated in the municipal district of Malvern, and are known as "Coonil," Wattletrée-road.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Malvern are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Three hundred pounds, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Malvern are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Three hundred pounds.

"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.

"F. HAGELTHORN."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, JOSEPH STERNBERG, 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 the State of Victoria of the yearly value of over 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 situated in the municipal districts of the shire of Deakin and of the city of Melbourne, and are known as, firstly, Crown allotments 39A, 39B, 40A, 40B, and 41B, parish of Carag Carag, county of Rodney, in the municipal district shire of Deakin; and secondly, Crown allotment 12, section 14, city of Melbourne, at East Melbourne, parish of North Melbourne, county of Bourke, particularly described in the certificate of title entered in the Register Book, vol. 2665, fol. 532852.

"And I further declare that such of the lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of the shire of Deakin are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Forty-two pounds; 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 such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and twenty-eight pounds.

"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. STERNBERG."

3. Message from His Excellency the Governor.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, and the same was read by the Honorable the President :—

JOHN FULLER,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 1.

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

"*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Six hundred and twelve thousand and fifty-six pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and eleven and One thousand nine hundred and twelve.*"

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1911.

4. Adjournment.—The Honorable R. B. Rees moved, That the Council do now adjourn, and said he proposed to speak on the subject of the answer of the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works to his question, which is as follows, viz. :—"To call the attention of the House to a Petition signed by the Chairmen and Secretaries of the five School Committees in the Mildura district requesting the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction to revert to a former method of allotting the school holidays for those schools. And to ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if the Government will reconsider the petition and grant the request contained therein," and six members having risen in their places and required the motion to be proposed, the question was put, and, after debate, negatived.

5. Message from the Assembly.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Assembly:—

Mr. President,

The Legislative Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have agreed to the following resolution, viz. :—"That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed in the process, trade, or business of asphalting or tar-paving," with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 12th December, 1911.

Ordered, after debate, That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration to-morrow.

6. Message from the Assembly.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Assembly :—

Mr. President,

The Legislative Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have agreed to the following resolution, viz. :—"That it is expedient to appoint a Special Country Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed in or in connexion with a shop (other than a Fourth Schedule shop) as a shop assistant, packer, storeman, or carter," with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 12th December, 1911.

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

7. Days of Business.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week be the days on which the Council shall meet for the despatch of business during the present Session, and that half-past Four o'clock be the hour of meeting on each day; that on Tuesday and Thursday in each week the transaction of Government business shall take precedence of all other business; and that on Wednesday in each week Private Members' business shall take precedence of Government business.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. Standing Orders Committee.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That the Honorables the President, J. Balfour, J. D. Brown, E. J. Crooke, F. Hagelthorn, T. C. Harwood, Walter S. Manifold, D. E. McBryde, E. Miller, and T. H. Payne be Members of the Select Committee on the Standing Orders of the House; three to be the quorum.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. Parliament Buildings Committee.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That the Honorables the President, J. G. Aikman, W. L. Baillieu, A. McLellan, and W. Pearson be Members of the Joint Committee to manage and superintend the Parliament Buildings.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. Library Committee.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That the Honorables the President, W. A. Adamson, Dr. W. H. Embling, D. Melville, and A. O. Sachse be Members of the Joint Committee to manage the Library.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

11. Refreshment Rooms Committee.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That the Honorables W. J. Evans, A. Hicks, J. Y. McDonald, R. B. Rees, and J. Sternberg be Members of the Joint Committee to manage the Refreshment Rooms.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

12. Printing Committee.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That the Honorables the President, R. H. S. Abbott, T. Beggs, F. W. Brawn, W. L. R. Clarke, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, W. Little, J. McWhae, and J. Sternberg be Members of the Printing Committee ; three to be the quorum.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

13. Petitions.—The following Petitions praying that the Council will pass a Measure giving electors the opportunity of deciding, through a Referendum, with one single and simple question, whether or not Scripture lessons shall be introduced into the State-school course were presented :—

By the Honorable T. C. Harwood—
From certain electors in Foster, Marnoo, Minyip, and other districts.
From certain electors in Noorat and Terang.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

14. Papers.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—

Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the year 1910—
Part VI.—Vital Statistics, &c.
Part VII.—Municipal Statistics.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Fisheries Act 1890.—Notice of intention to close Olinda or Running Creek against all fishing until 31st August, 1913.

The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890, Part IX.—Statement showing the names, remuneration, duties, &c., of all persons temporarily employed in the Department of the Legislative Assembly under the authority of Part IX. of the Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890 during the period from 21st November, 1910, to 30th November, 1911.

Victorian Railways.—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the quarter ending 30th September, 1911.

15. Address in Reply to Speech of His Excellency the Governor.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Council agree with the Committee in the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor, having been read—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That the Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor by the President and such Members of the Council as may wish to accompany him.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

16. Leave of Absence.—The Honorable Walter S. Manifold moved, by leave, That leave of absence be granted to the Honorable E. J. White for the remainder of the Session on account of urgent private business.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

17. Postponement of Order of the Day.—Ordered—That the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow :—

Director of Agriculture Bill—Second reading.

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

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

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 2.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH DECEMBER, 1911.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. The Hon. R. B. REES : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should take immediate steps to re-arrange the school vacations in the Mildura and Merbein Irrigation Districts as requested by Petition from the School Committees.

2. The Hon. J. G. AIKMAN : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the working of the Wyuna State Farm ; the appointment and dismissal of members of the staff connected therewith ; also the system of book-keeping adopted in connexion with the receipts and disbursements on the farm. Such Committee to consist of seven Members, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to move from place to place ; three to be the quorum.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE BILL—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu*)—Second reading.

2. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS.—APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL WAGES BOARD.—Message from the Legislative Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz.:—" That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed in the process, trade, or business of asphalting or tar-paving."—To be taken into consideration.—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu.*)

3. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS.—APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL WAGES BOARD.—Message from the Legislative Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz. :—" That it is expedient to appoint a Special Country Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed in or in connexion with a shop (other than a Fourth Schedule shop) as a shop assistant, packer, storeman, or carter."—To be taken into consideration.—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu.*)

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

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES—SECOND SESSION 1911.

ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE OPENING SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—(Appointed 5th December, 1911).—The Honorables H. Skinner, A. A. Austin, T. Beggs, W. L. R. Clarke, W. J. Evans, J. Y. McDonald, and R. B. Rees.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—(Appointed by Mr. President's Warrant, 5th December, 1911).—The Honorables R. H. S. Abbott, J. D. Brown, W. J. Evans, W. Little, D. E. McBryde, J. Y. McDonald, and E. Miller.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—(Appointed 5th December, 1911).—The Honorables Dr. W. H. Embling and D. Melville.

STANDING ORDERS—(Appointed 12th December, 1911).—The Honorables the President, J. Balfour, J. D. Brown, E. J. Crooke, F. Hagelthorn, T. C. Harwood, Walter S. Manifold, D. E. McBryde, E. Miller, and T. H. Payne.

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PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (JOINT)—(Appointed 12th December, 1911).—The Honorables the President, J. G. Aikman, W. L. Baillieu, A. McLellan, and W. Pearson.

LIBRARY (JOINT)—(Appointed 12th December, 1911).—The Honorables the President, W. A. Adamson, Dr. W. H Embling, D. Melville, and A. O. Sachse.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—(Appointed 12th December, 1911).—The Honorables W. J. Evans, A. Hicks, J. Y. McDonald, R. B. Rees, and J. Sternberg.

PRINTING—(Appointed 12th December, 1911).—The Honorables the President, R. H. S. Abbott, T. Beggs, F. W. Brawn, W. L. R. Clarke, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, W. Little, J. McWhae, and J. Sternberg.

PRINTED PAPERS.

The following Printed Papers can now be obtained by Honorable Members from the Clerk of the Legislative Council (Telephones 3066 and 1702), and by others on the circulation list, from the Government Printer. They can also be purchased by the Public from the Government Printer.

First Fifty Years of Responsible Government in Victoria, 1856-1906, by T. G. Watson, C.M.G., Clerk of the Parliaments.

Land Tax Payments.—(2nd Sess., C. No. 1.)

Notes on the Financial Problems of the Commonwealth and the States of Australia, by T. G. Watson, C.M.G., Clerk of the Parliaments.

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways.—Twenty-first General Report. (No. 14, 2nd Sess.)

State Rivers and Water Supply Commission.—Annual Report for 1910-11. (No. 6, 2nd Sess.)

University of Melbourne.—Report of the Proceedings—From 31st July, 1910, to 31st July, 1911, together with Four Appendices. (No. 2, 2nd Sess.)

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 8TH DECEMBER, 1911.

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

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 5.
Public Works Loan Application Bill—[3].

By Authority: J. KEMP, Government Printer, Melbourne.

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No. 3.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH DECEMBER, 1911.

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

2. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The President informed the House that, accompanied by several honorable members, he had that day waited upon His Excellency the Governor, and had presented to His Excellency the Address in Reply adopted by the Council last night, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply :—

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

In the name and on behalf of His Majesty the King I thank you for your expressions of loyalty to Our Most Gracious Sovereign contained in the Address which you have been good enough to present to me.

I fully rely on your wisdom in deliberating upon the important measures to be brought under your consideration, and I earnestly hope that the results of your labours will be conducive to the advancement and prosperity of this State.

JOHN FULLER,
Governor of Victoria.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 13th December, 1911.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of money available under Loan Acts for Public Works and other purposes,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 12th December, 1911.

4. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, and ordered to be printed.

The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, by leave, That the second reading of this Bill be made an Order of the Day for later this day.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

5. SCHOOL VACATIONS IN THE MILDURA AND MERBEIN IRRIGATION DISTRICTS.—The Honorable R. B. Rees moved, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should take immediate steps to re-arrange the school vacations in the Mildura and Merbein Irrigation Districts as requested by Petition from the School Committees.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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The Council divided.

Ayes, 15.	Noes, 10.
The Hon. F. W. Brawn,	The Hon. J. G. Aikman,
E. J. Crooke,	W. L. Baillieu,
Dr. W. H. Embling,	J. D. Brown,
A. Hicks,	W. H. Edgar,
W. Little,	F. Hagelthorn,
Walter S. Manifold,	T. C. Harwood,
D. E. McBryde,	J. P. Jones,
D. Melville,	A. McLellan.
E. Miller,	
T. H. Payne,	*Tellers.*
W. Pearson,	W. A. Adamson,
H. Skinner,	W. J. Evans.
J. Sternberg.	
Tellers.	
R. B. Rees,	
A. O. Sachse.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. Public Works Loan Application Bill.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, by leave, That the second reading of this Bill be made an Order of the Day for later this day.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. Wyuna State Farm.—The Honorable J. G. Aikman moved, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the working of the Wyuna State Farm; the appointment and dismissal of members of the staff connected therewith; also the system of book-keeping adopted in connexion with the receipts and disbursements on the farm. Such Committee to consist of seven Members, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to move from place to place; three to be the quorum.
Debate ensued.
Question—put
The Council divided.

Ayes, 12.	Noes, 14.
The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,	The Hon. W. L. Baillieu,
W. A. Adamson,	F. W. Brawn,
Dr. W. H. Embling,	J. D. Brown,
W. J. Evans,	F. Hagelthorn,
T. C. Harwood,	A. Hicks,
J. P. Jones,	W. Little,
Walter S. Manifold,	D. E. McBryde,
J. Y. McDonald,	D. Melville,
R. B. Rees,	E. Miller,
A. O. Sachse.	T. H. Payne,
	H. Skinner,
Tellers.	J. Sternberg.
J. G. Aikman,	
A. McLellan.	*Tellers.*
	E. J. Crooke,
	W. Pearson.

And so it passed in the negative.

8. Petition.—The Honorable W. A. Adamson presented a Petition from J. P. Sennitt and Son Proprietary Limited, A. Angliss and Company Proprietary Limited, The Victorian Butter Factories Co-operative Company Limited, The Melbourne Ice Skating and Refrigerating Company Limited, The Melbourne Ice and Refrigerating Works, The Metropolitan Ice and Cold Storage Works, the Mayor, Aldermen, Councillors, and Citizens of the City of Melbourne, W. and R. Fletcher Limited and T. Borthwick and Sons (Australasia) Limited, praying that the Public Works Loan Application Bill be referred to a Select Committee of the Council, and that they be allowed to appear and be heard before such Committee, or that they may be afforded an opportunity of being heard at the Bar of the House.
Petition read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

9. Director of Agriculture Bill.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable F. Hagelthorn moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
The Honorable W. L. Baillieu 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.

10. Public Works Loan Application Bill.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
The Honorable Walter S. Manifold moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

11. Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered—That the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next:—

Factories and Shops Acts.—Appointment of Special Wages Board.—Message from the Legislative Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz.:—" That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed in the process, trade, or business of asphalting or tar-paving."—To be taken into consideration.

Factories and Shops Acts.—Appointment of Special Wages Board.—Message from the Legislative Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz. :—" That it is expedient to appoint a Special Country Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed in or in connexion with a shop (other than a Fourth Schedule shop) as a shop assistant, packer, storeman, or carter."—To be taken into consideration.

12. Adjournment.—Ordered, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.

And then the Council, at fourteen minutes past ten o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

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

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 3.

TUESDAY, 19TH DECEMBER, 1911.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon. W. L. BAILLIEU: To move, That, during the remainder of the Session, the Council shall meet for the despatch of business on Fridays at Two o'clock.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE BILL—(*Hon. F. Hagelthorn*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate*—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu*).

2. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS.—APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL WAGES BOARD.—Message from the Legislative Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz.:—"That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed in the process, trade, or business of asphalting or tar-paving."—To be taken into consideration.—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu.*)

3. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS.—APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL WAGES BOARD.—Message from the Legislative Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz.:—"That it is expedient to appoint a Special Country Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed in or in connexion with a shop (other than a Fourth Schedule shop) as a shop assistant, packer, storeman, or carter."—To be taken into consideration.—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu.*)

4. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN APPLICATION BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. W. L. Baillieu*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate*—(*Hon. Walter S. Manifold*).

CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION.

On the Committal of the Public Works Loan Application Bill—

The Hon. D. MELVILLE: To move, That it be an instruction to the Committee that they have power to call witnesses to the Bar to give evidence with respect to the Bill.

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

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 19th December.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS—At seven o'clock.

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STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES—SECOND SESSION 1911.

ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE OPENING SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—(Appointed 5th December, 1911).—The Honorables H. Skinner, A. A. Austin, T. Beggs, W. L. R. Clarke, W. J. Evans, J. Y. McDonald, and R. B. Rees.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—(Appointed by Mr. President's Warrant, 5th December, 1911).—The Honorables R. H. S. Abbott, J. D. Brown, W. J. Evans, W. Little, D. E. McBryde, J. Y. McDonald, and E. Miller.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—(Appointed 5th December, 1911).—The Honorables Dr. W. H. Embling and D. Melville.

STANDING ORDERS—(Appointed 12th December, 1911).—The Honorables the President, J. Balfour, J. D. Brown, E. J. Crooke, F. Hagelthorn, T. C. Harwood, Walter S. Manifold, D. E. McBryde, E. Miller, and T. H. Payne.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (JOINT)—(Appointed 12th December, 1911).—The Honorables the President, J. G. Aikman, W. L. Baillieu, A. McLellan, and W. Pearson.

LIBRARY (JOINT)—(Appointed 12th December, 1911).—The Honorables the President, W. A. Adamson, Dr. W. H. Embling, D. Melville, and A. O. Sachse.

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PRINTING—(Appointed 12th December, 1911).—The Honorables the President, R. H. S. Abbott, T. Beggs, F. W. Brawn, W. L. R. Clarke, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, W. Little, J. McWhae, and J. Sternberg.

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State Rivers and Water Supply Commission.—Annual Report for 1910-11. (No. 6, 2nd Sess.)

University of Melbourne.—Report of the Proceedings—From 31st July, 1910, to 31st July, 1911, together with Four Appendices. (No. 2, 2nd Sess.)

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 13TH DECEMBER, 1911.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 3.
Public Works Loan Application Bill—[3]. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 6.
Railway Loan Application (No. 2) Bill—[12].

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VICTORIA.

No. 4.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 19TH DECEMBER, 1911.

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

2. DECLARATION OF MEMBER.—The Honorable E. J. White delivered to the Clerk the Declaration required by the thirty-seventh section of the Act No. 1075, as hereunder set forth :—

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, EDWARD JAMES WHITE, 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 the State of Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred and twenty 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 situated in the municipal districts of Dundas and borough of Hamilton, and are known as 'Waratah,' being part of subdivision of the Kenilworth Estate, parish of Gatum Gatum, county of Dundas, containing 1,786½ acres. In the borough of Hamilton is my house and allotment fronting Clarendon-street ; an allotment fronting Gray-street ; and an allotment at back of Hospital.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Dundas are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and fifty pounds, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of borough of Hamilton are rated in the rate book of such district upon a yearly value of Forty-four pounds.

"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."

3. ADDITIONAL DAY OF BUSINESS.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, pursuant to notice, That during the remainder of the Session the Council shall meet for the despatch of business on Fridays at two o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable R. B. Rees moved, That the Council do now adjourn, and said he proposed to speak on the subject of the answer of the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works to his question as to whether the resolution of this House relating to School Vacations in the Mildura and Merbein Irrigation Districts was brought under the notice of the Government, and six members having risen in their places and required the motion to be proposed, the question was put, and, after debate, negatived.

5. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF MEETING.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, by leave, That during the remainder of the Session the Council shall meet for the despatch of business on Wednesday and Thursday at three o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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6. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions praying that the Council will pass a Measure giving electors the opportunity of deciding, through a Referendum, with one single and simple question, whether or not Scripture lessons shall be introduced into the State-school course were presented :—

By the Honorable F. W. Brawn—
From certain electors in Ballarat.
From certain electors in Ross Creek, Sebastopol, and other districts.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

7. PAPERS.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—

Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the year 1910—

Part VIII.—Production.
Part IX.—Population.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Education Act 1890, Teachers Act 1909, and Education Act 1910.—Regulations—

Sections rescinded and Regulations made.
Regulations made.

Public Service Acts.—Regulations—

Stores and Transport.
Travelling Allowances—Part II.—Allowances to certain officers.
Travelling Allowances.—Department of Lands and Survey.
Classification of Professional Division—

Department of Public Instruction.
Department of Agriculture.
Department of Law.

Travelling Allowances.—Department of Mines.

8. DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That this Bill be now read a second time, was read and, after further debate, the question being put, was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable T. C. Harwood having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill read a third time and passed.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Assembly with a Message desiring their concurrence therein.

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

Factories and Shops Acts.—Appointment of Special Wages Board.—Message from the Legislative Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz.:—"That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed in the process, trade, or business of asphalting or tar-paving."—To be taken into consideration.

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10. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That this Bill be now read a second time, having been read—

Debate resumed.

The Honorable E. Miller moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

And after debate—

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and negatived.

Debate on the main question continued.

The Honorable D. Melville moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

11. MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

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

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 19th December, 1911.

12. Savings Banks Bill.—On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

13. Message from the Assembly.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Assembly :—

Mr. President,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Benalla to Tatong,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 19th December, 1911.

14. Benalla to Tatong Railway Construction Bill.—On the motion of the Honorable J. D. Brown, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

15. Message from the Assembly.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Assembly :—

Mr. President,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Rushworth to Colbinabbin,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 19th December, 1911.

16. Rushworth to Colbinabbin Railway Construction Bill.—On the motion of the Honorable F. Hagelthorn, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

17. Message from the Assembly.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Assembly :—

Mr. President,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Crowland to Navarre,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 19th December, 1911.

18. Crowland to Navarre Railway Construction Bill.—On the motion of the Honorable J. D. Brown, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

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

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

By Authority: J. Kemp, Government Printer, Melbourne.

NOTE.—By Resolution the House has decided to meet at Three o'clock on Wednesday.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 4.

WEDNESDAY, 20th DECEMBER, 1911.

Question.

1. The Hon. F. Brawn: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
   1. Is he aware that three cases had to be held over at the last sitting of the County Court held in Ballarat.
   2. Will the Honorable the Attorney General, as promised, make such arrangements as will make it possible for litigants in this Court to get their cases dealt with within reasonable time, and be saved the expense of bringing witnesses day after day, and then to find the case postponed, owing to the Judge not having time to complete the list.
   3. Will he state when he proposes to carry out his promise to get the court premises at Ballarat brought up to a proper state of repair.

Notice of Motion: (*unopposed*)—

1. The Hon. H. Skinner: To move, That there be laid before this House a Return showing:—
   1. The number of freezing and storage chambers provided for in the plans of the proposed Government Cold Stores at the Victoria Dock, with the area and cubic capacity of each chamber.
   2. What proportion of the produce received at the Government Cold Stores during the years ending 30th June, 1910 and 1911, was brought to the Stores by road.
   3. By whom is the work of receiving, handling, and shipping of produce from the Government Cold Stores carried out. What is the extent of the work done by such persons and the rate of remuneration paid therefor.
   4. What applications for space at the Government Cold Stores for freezing meat have been refused for want of accommodation during the present season, and on what dates.

Notice of Motion:—

1. The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the proposals of the Federal Government to diminish the Gold reserve held against the issue of Federal Paper Currency is a repudiation of the agreement made with the financial institutions and the commercial community of Australia, and is fraught with most dangerous possibilities to the national solvency of Australia. It is further of opinion that the Government of the State should take every available means to protect and maintain our gold currency.

Orders of the Day:—

1. Public Works Loan Application Bill—(*from Assembly—Hon. W. L. Baillieu*)—Second reading – *Resumption of debate*—(*Hon. D. Melville*).
2. Savings Banks Bill—(*from Assembly—Hon. W. L. Baillieu*)—Second reading.
3. Benalla to Tatong Railway Construction Bill—(*from Assembly—Hon. J. D. Brown*)—Second reading.
4. Rushworth to Colbinabbin Railway Construction Bill—(*from Assembly—Hon. F. Hagelthorn*)—Second reading.
5. Crowland to Navarre Railway Construction Bill—(*from Assembly—Hon. J. D. Brown*)—Second reading.

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6. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS.—APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL WAGES BOARD.—Message from the Legislative Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz.:—"That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed in the process, trade, or business of asphalting or tar-paving."—To be taken into consideration.—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu.*)

7. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS.—APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL WAGES BOARD.—Message from the Legislative Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz.:—"That it is expedient to appoint a Special Country Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed in or in connexion with a shop (other than a Fourth Schedule shop) as a shop assistant, packer, storeman, or carter."—To be taken into consideration.—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu.*)

CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION.

On the Committal of the Public Works Loan Application Bill—

The Hon. D. MELVILLE: To move, That it be an instruction to the Committee that they have power to call witnesses to the Bar to give evidence with respect to the Bill.

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

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES—SECOND SESSION 1911.

ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE OPENING SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—(Appointed 5th December, 1911).—The Honorables H. Skinner, A. A. Austin, T. Beggs, W. L. R. Clarke, W. J. Evans, J. Y. McDonald, and R. B. Rees.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—(Appointed by Mr. President's Warrant, 5th December, 1911).—The Honorables R. H. S. Abbott, J. D. Brown, W. J. Evans, W. Little, D. E. McBryde, J. Y. McDonald, and E. Miller.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—(Appointed 5th December, 1911).—The Honorables Dr. W. H. Embling and D. Melville.

STANDING ORDERS—(Appointed 12th December, 1911).—The Honorables the President, J. Balfour, J. D. Brown, E. J. Crooke, F. Hagelthorn, T. C. Harwood, Walter S. Manifold, D. E. McBryde, E. Miller, and T. H. Payne.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (JOINT)—(Appointed 12th December, 1911).—The Honorables the President, J. G. Aikman, W. L. Baillieu, A. McLellan, and W. Pearson.

LIBRARY (JOINT)—(Appointed 12th December, 1911).—The Honorables the President, W. A. Adamson, Dr. W. H. Embling, D. Melville, and A. O. Sachse.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—(Appointed 12th December, 1911).—The Honorables W. J. Evans, A. Hicks, J. Y. McDonald, R. B. Rees, and J. Sternberg.

PRINTING—(Appointed 12th December, 1911).—The Honorables the President, R. H. S. Abbott, T. Beggs, F. W. Brawn, W. L. R. Clarke, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, W. Little, J. McWhae, and J. Sternberg.

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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 19TH DECEMBER, 1911.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 4.
Crowland to Navarre Railway Construction Bill—[4]. (To Council Members only.)
Rushworth to Colbinabbin Railway Construction Bill—[5]. (To Council Members only.)
Benalla to Tatong Railway Construction Bill—[6]. (To Council Members only.)
Savings Banks Bill—[15]. (To Council Members only).

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day, No. 9.
Director of Agriculture Bill—[11]. (To Members only).

By Authority: J. KEMP, Government Printer, Melbourne.

VICTORIA.

No. 5.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH DECEMBER, 1911.

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

2. FEDERAL PAPER CURRENCY AND GOLD RESERVE.—The Honorable R. H. S. Abbott moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the proposals of the Federal Government to diminish the gold reserve held against the issue of Federal Paper Currency is a repudiation of the agreement made with the financial institutions and the commercial community of Australia, and is fraught with most dangerous possibilities to the national solvency of Australia. It is further of opinion that the Government of the State should take every available means to protect and maintain our gold currency.

   Debate ensued.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. GOVERNMENT COLD STORES.—The Honorable H. Skinner moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a Return showing :—

   1. The number of freezing and storage chambers provided for in the plans of the proposed Government Cold Stores at the Victoria Dock, with the area and cubic capacity of each chamber.
   2. What proportion of the produce received at the Government Cold Stores during the years ending 30th June, 1910 and 1911, was brought to the Stores by road.
   3. By whom is the work of receiving, handling, and shipping of produce from the Government Cold Stores carried out. What is the extent of the work done by such persons and the rate of remuneration paid therefor.
   4. What applications for space at the Government Cold Stores for freezing meat have been refused for want of accommodation during the present season, and on what dates.

   Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. PAPERS.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—

   Forty-seventh Report of the Board for the Protection of the Aborigines.

   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 :—

   Addition to the Regulations under the Land Act 1901.

   Bank Liabilities and Assets.—Summary of Sworn Returns for the quarter ended 30th September, 1911.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to sanction the issue and application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Railways,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 19th December, 1911.

6. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and, by leave, to be read a second time this day.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend Section fifteen of the 'Victorian Manganese Mines Iron and Steel Company's Railway Act* 1911,'" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 19th December, 1911.

8. VICTORIAN MANGANESE MINES IRON AND STEEL COMPANY'S RAILWAY ACT 1911 AMENDMENT BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. H. Edgar, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, and ordered to be printed.

9. VICTORIAN MANGANESE MINES IRON AND STEEL COMPANY'S RAILWAY ACT 1911 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, by leave, That all the Standing Orders relating to Private Bills be suspended in relation to the Bill to amend section fifteen of the *Victorian Manganese Mines Iron and Steel Company's Railway Act* 1911, and that the Bill be treated as a Public Bill.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. VICTORIAN MANGANESE MINES IRON AND STEEL COMPANY'S RAILWAY ACT 1911 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Honorable W. H. Edgar moved, by leave, That the second reading of this Bill be made an Order of the Day for later this day.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after No. 2.

12. SAVINGS BANKS BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable T. C. Harwood having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Assembly be informed that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, after debate, That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after No. 3.

14. BENALLA TO TATONG RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, and after debate read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable T. C. Harwood having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Assembly be informed that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

15. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That this Bill be now read a second time, was read, and, after further debate, the question being put, was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
The Honorable D. Melville moved, pursuant to notice, That it be an instruction to the Committee that they have power to call witnesses to the Bar to give evidence with respect to the Bill.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.

The Council divided.

Ayes, 20.	Noes, 9.
The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,	The Hon. W. L. Baillieu,
W. A. Adamson,	J. D. Brown,
J. G. Aikman,	W. H. Edgar,
J. Balfour,	A. Hicks,
W. L. R. Clarke,	J. P. Jones,
Dr. W. H. Embling,	A. McLellan,
T. C. Harwood,	E. J. White.
W. Little,	
Walter S. Manifold,	*Tellers.*
D. E. McBryde,	F. W. Brawn,
J. Y. McDonald,	W. J. Evans.
D. Melville,	
E. Miller,	
T. H. Payne,	
R. B. Rees,	
A. O. Sachse,	
H. Skinner,	
J. Sternberg.	
Tellers.	
E. J. Crooke,	
W. Pearson.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
The President left the chair.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable T. C. Harwood reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the Council will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

16. Alteration of Hour of Meeting.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, by leave, That the Council shall meet for the despatch of business to-morrow at eleven o'clock.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

17. Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered—That the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow :—

Rushworth to Colbinabbin Railway Construction Bill.—Second reading.
Crowland to Navarre Railway Construction Bill.—Second reading.
Factories and Shops Acts.—Appointment of Special Wages Board.—Message from the Legislative Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz. :—"That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed in the process, trade, or business of asphalting or tar-paving."—To be taken into consideration.
Factories and Shops Acts.—Appointment of Special Wages Board.—Message from the Legislative Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz. :—"That it is expedient to appoint a Special Country Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed in or in connexion with a shop (other than a Fourth Schedule shop) as a shop assistant, packer, storeman, or carter."—To be taken into consideration.
Railway Loan Application Bill.—Second reading.
Victorian Manganese Mines Iron and Steel Company's Railway Act 1911 *Amendment Bill.—Second reading.*

18. Message from the Assembly.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Assembly :—

Mr. President,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to revoke the Permanent Reservation as Endowments for State Agricultural Colleges and Experimental Farms of certain Crown Lands in the County of Millewa and for other purposes,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 20th December, 1911.

19. Millewa Land Bill.—On the motion of the Honorable F. Hagelthorn, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

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

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

By Authority : J. Kemp, Government Printer, Melbourne.

NOTE.—By Resolution the House has decided to meet at Eleven o'clock on Thursday.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 5.

THURSDAY, 21st DECEMBER, 1911.

Orders of the Day :—

1. Rushworth to Colbinabbin Railway Construction Bill—(*from Assembly—Hon. F. Hagelthorn*)—Second reading.

2. Crowland to Navarre Railway Construction Bill—(*from Assembly—Hon. J D. Brown*)—Second reading.

*3. Railway Loan Application Bill—(*from Assembly—Hon. W. L. Baillieu*)—Second reading.

*4. Victorian Manganese Mines Iron and Steel Company's Railway Act 1911 Amendment Bill—(*from Assembly—Hon. W. H. Edgar*)—Second reading.

5. Factories and Shops Acts.—Appointment of Special Wages Board.—Message from the Legislative Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz.:—"That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed in the process, trade, or business of asphalting or tar-paving."—To be taken into consideration.—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu.*)

6. Factories and Shops Acts.—Appointment of Special Wages Board.—Message from the Legislative Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz.:—"That it is expedient to appoint a Special Country Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed in or in connexion with a shop (other than a Fourth Schedule shop) as a shop assistant, packer, storeman, or carter."—To be taken into consideration.—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu.*)

*7. Millewa Land Bill—(*from Assembly—Hon. F. Hagelthorn*)—Second reading.

8. Public Works Loan Application Bill—(*from Assembly—Hon. W. L. Baillieu*)—To be further considered in Committee.

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

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES—SECOND SESSION 1911.

Address in Reply to the Opening Speech of His Excellency the Governor—(Appointed 5th December, 1911).—The Honorables H. Skinner, A. A. Austin, T. Beggs, W. L. R. Clarke, W. J. Evans, J. Y. McDonald, and R. B. Rees.

Elections and Qualifications—(Appointed by Mr. President's Warrant, 5th December, 1911).—The Honorables R. H. S. Abbott, J. D. Brown, W. J. Evans, W. Little, D. E. McBryde, J. Y. McDonald, and E. Miller.

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways (Joint)—(Appointed 5th December, 1911).—The Honorables Dr. W. H. Embling and D. Melville.

* *Notifications to which an asterisk (*) is prefixed appear for the first time.*

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STANDING ORDERS—(Appointed 12th December, 1911).—The Honorables the President, J. Balfour, J. D. Brown, E. J. Crooke, F. Hagelthorn, T. C. Harwood, Walter S. Manifold, D. E. McBryde, E. Miller, and T. H. Payne.

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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 20TH DECEMBER, 1911.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 5.
Railway Loan Application Bill (No. 2)—[12]. (To Council Members only.)
Victorian Manganese Mines Iron and Steel Company's Railway Bill—[14]. (To Council Members only.)
Millewa Land Bill—[10]. (To Council Members only.)
Statement of Perishable Produce Handled at the Government Cool Stores. (To Council Members only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 10

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VICTORIA.

No. 6.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THURSDAY, 21st DECEMBER, 1911.

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

2. Rushworth to Colbinabbin Railway Construction Bill.—This Bill was, according to Order, and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable T. C. Harwood having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Assembly be informed that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

3. Crowland to Navarre Railway Construction Bill.—This Bill was, according to Order, and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable T. C. Harwood having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Assembly be informed that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

4. Railway Loan Application Bill.—This Bill was, according to Order, and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable T. C. Harwood having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Assembly be informed that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

5. Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 4 to 7 inclusive be postponed until after No. 8.

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6. Public Works Loan Application Bill.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read, the President left the Chair.

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable T. C. Harwood reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution:—

That it be a suggestion to the Legislative Assembly that they make the following amendment in the Bill:—

Insert the following new clause:—

A. (1) The Minister shall cause full and faithful accounts to be kept of all moneys received and expended under item 1 of the Schedule to this Act and of all assets and liabilities and of all profits and losses.

(2) The Minister shall cause a balance-sheet for each financial year to be prepared, together with a statement of accounts (including a capital account and a profit and loss account) for each cool store worked under this Act.

(3) Such balance-sheet and statement shall be so prepared as to show fully and faithfully the financial position of each such cool store and the financial result of its operations for the year, distinguishing between the several products handled.

(4) Such balance-sheet and statement shall be submitted to the Auditor-General for audit, and shall be certified by the Auditor-General either wholly or with such exceptions as may be necessary, and when so audited and certified shall be published in the *Government Gazette*.

(5) The balance-sheet and statement of accounts duly audited, together with a report by the manager of each such cool store on the operations of such store for the year, shall on or before the thirtieth day of November in each year be laid by the Minister before Parliament.

and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, the Report was adopted.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message suggesting that the Assembly amend the same as set forth in the foregoing resolution.

Resolved—That the Council will, this day, again resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

7. Message from the Assembly.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Assembly:—

Mr. President,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twelve and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this and the last preceding Session of Parliament*," with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 21st December, 1911.

8. Appropriation Bill.—On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and, by leave, to be read a second time this day.

9. Victorian Manganese Mines Iron and Steel Company's Railway Act 1911 Amendment Bill.—This Bill was, according to Order, and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable T. C. Harwood having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill read a third time and passed.

Ordered—That the Assembly be informed that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

10. Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Nos. 5 and 6 be postponed until later this day.

11. Millewa Land Bill.—This Bill was, according to Order, and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable T. C. Harwood having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill read a third time and passed.

Ordered—That the Assembly be informed that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

12. Factories and Shops Acts—Appointment of Special Wages Board.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Message from the Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz. :—That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed in the process, trade, or business of asphalting or tar-paving, having been read—

The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That the Council concur with the Assembly in agreeing to the foregoing resolution.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have concurred with the Assembly in agreeing to the foregoing resolution.

13. Factories and Shops Acts—Appointment of Special Wages Board.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Message from the Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz. :—That it is expedient to appoint a Special Country Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed in or in connexion with a shop (other than a Fourth Schedule shop) as a shop assistant, packer, storeman, or carter, having been read—

The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That the Council concur with the Assembly in agreeing to the foregoing resolution.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have concurred with the Assembly in agreeing to the foregoing resolution.

14. Appropriation Bill.—This Bill was, according to Order, and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable T. C. Harwood having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill read a third time and passed.

Ordered—That the Assembly be informed that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

15. Message from the Assembly.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Assembly :—

Mr. President,

The Legislative Assembly return to the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "*An Act to sanction the issue and application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Public Works and other purposes*," and acquaint the Legislative Council that while the Legislative Assembly recognise the power of the Legislative Council under sub-section (2) of Section 30 of *The Constitution Act* 1903 to suggest the omission or amendment of any items or provisions in this Bill, the Legislative Assembly do not admit the right of the Legislative Council to suggest a new clause, but the Legislative Assembly do make the suggested amendment as a modification of clause 2 of the Bill.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 21st December, 1911.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be referred to the Committee of the whole on the Public Works Loan Application Bill.

16. Public Works Loan Application Bill.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read—the President left the Chair.

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable T. C. Harwood having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

Ordered—That the Assembly be informed that the Council have agreed to the Bill including the amendment made in the said Bill by the Assembly, which was suggested by the Council, and that the Council claim the right to make the suggestion as made by them.

17. Adjournment.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 9th January next.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at six minutes past eleven o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday, 9th January next.

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

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ACTS ASSENTED TO AFTER THE FINAL ADJOURNMENT OF BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT AND BEFORE THE PROROGATION.

The following Acts were assented to by His Excellency the Governor, at the Government Offices, on the date hereunder mentioned, viz. :—

On the 4th January, 1911—

"An Act to further amend the Savings Banks Acts."

"An Act to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Benalla to Tatong."

"An Act to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Rushworth to Colbinabbin."

"An Act to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Crowland to Navarre."

"An Act to sanction the issue and application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Railways."

"An Act to amend Section fifteen of the *Victorian Manganese Mines Iron and Steel Company's Railway Act* 1911."

"An Act to revoke the Permanent Reservation as Endowments for State Agricultural Colleges and Experimental Farms of certain Crown Lands in the County of Millewa and for other purposes."

"An Act to sanction the issue and application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Public Works and other purposes."

"An Act to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twelve and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this and the last preceding Session of Parliament."

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PROROGUING THE PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA.

PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS The Parliament of Victoria stands adjourned until Tuesday, the ninth day of January, 1912: Now I, the Governor of the State of Victoria in the Commonwealth of Australia, do by this my Proclamation prorogue the said Parliament of Victoria until Tuesday, the sixth day of February, 1912.

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

(L.S.) JOHN FULLER.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. MURRAY.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

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SELECT COMMITTEES.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT).

APPOINTED (SEE ACT No. 1899) 5TH DECEMBER, 1911.

The Hon. Dr. W. H. Embling | The Hon. D. Melville.

APPOINTED DURING THE SECOND SESSION 1911.

No. 1.—ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.

Appointed (by President's Warrant) 5th December, 1911.

The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott
J. D. Brown
W. J. Evans
W. Little
The Hon. D. E. McBryde
J. Y. McDonald
E. Miller.

No. 2.—ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE OPENING SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Appointed 5th December, 1911.

The Hon. H. Skinner
A. A. Austin
T. Beggs
W. L. R. Clarke
The Hon. W. J. Evans
J. Y. McDonald
R. B. Rees.

No. 3.—STANDING ORDERS.

Appointed 12th December, 1911.

The Hon. the President
J. Balfour
J. D. Brown
E. J. Crooke
F. Hagelthorn
The Hon. T. C. Harwood
Walter S. Manifold
D. E. McBryde
E. Miller
T. H. Payne.

No. 4.—PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (JOINT).

Appointed 12th December, 1911.

The Hon. the President
J. G. Aikman
W. L. Baillieu
The Hon. A. McLellan
W. Pearson.

No. 5.—LIBRARY (JOINT).

Appointed 12th December, 1911.

The Hon. the President
W. A. Adamson
Dr. W. H. Embling
The Hon. D. Melville
A. O. Sachse.

No. 6.—REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT).

Appointed 12th December, 1911.

The Hon. W. J. Evans
A. Hicks
J. Y. McDonald
The Hon. R. B. Rees
J. Sternberg.

No. 7.—PRINTING.

Appointed 12th December, 1911.

The Hon. the President
R. H. S. Abbott
T. Beggs
F. W. Brawn
W. L. R. Clarke
The Hon. W. H. Edgar
J. P. Jones
W. Little
J. McWhae
J. Sternberg.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SECOND SESSION 1911.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

No. 1.

Extracted from the Minutes.

TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER, 1911.

No. 1.—DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE BILL.—Clause 2 :—

(1) The Governor in Council may subject to the provisions of the Public Service Acts appoint an officer to be called the Director of Agriculture (hereinafter called the Director).

(2) Such officer shall be in the First Division of the Public Service.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in any Act the Director of Agriculture shall be the permanent head of the Department of Agriculture, and subject to the Minister the Director shall have the responsibility of administering all Acts in any way relating to agriculture and all Acts which the Governor in Council may specify from time to time.

(4) Subject to the Public Service Acts the Director may at any time be removed by the Governor in Council.

(5) On the appointment of the Director—

(a) notwithstanding anything contained in any Act the office of Secretary for Agriculture shall without further or other authority than this Act be abolished ; and

(b) any powers or duties conferred or imposed upon the said Secretary by or under any Act Order in Council by-law regulation or otherwise howsoever shall be executed by the Director and shall for all purposes have the same force and effect as if executed by the said Secretary ; and

(c) Any reference to the said Secretary in any Act Order in Council by-law regulation or document shall if not inconsistent with or repugnant to the context or subject-matter be read and construed accordingly.

(6) Subject to the approval of the Governor in Council the Director may from time to time assign to any officer of the Department of Agriculture during the pleasure of the Director such of the powers and duties of a Permanent Head as the Director thinks fit ; and in such event any of such powers and duties executed by such officer shall for all purposes have the same force and effect as if executed by the Director.—*Hon. F. Hagelthorn.*

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Question—That Clause 2 stand part of the Bill.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 22.	Noes, 6.
The Hon. W. A. Adamson,	The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,
W. L. Baillieu,	J. P. Jones,
J. Balfour,	A. McLellan,
T. Beggs,	D. Melville.
F. W. Brawn,	
J. D. Brown,	*Tellers.*
W. L. R. Clarke,	J. G. Aikman,
E. J. Crooke,	W. J. Evans.
Dr. W. H. Embling,	
F. Hagelthorn,	
W. Little,	
Walter S. Manifold,	
J. Y. McDonald,	
E. Miller,	
T. H. Payne,	
W. Pearson,	
R. B. Rees,	
A. O. Sachse,	
H. Skinner,	
E. J. White.	
Tellers.	
A. Hicks,	
D. E. McBryde.	

And so it passed in the affirmative.

THURSDAY, 21st DECEMBER, 1911.

No. 2.—Public Works Loan Application Bill.—Clause 2—

There may be issued and applied out of any loan authorized by Parliament before the commencement of this Act and appropriated by Parliament for public works and other purposes any sums of money not exceeding in the whole One hundred and fourteen thousand pounds for the public works and other purposes mentioned in the Schedule to this Act and in sums not exceeding the amounts specified therein.—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu.*)

Amendment proposed—That it be a suggestion to the Legislative Assembly that they make the following amendment in the clause, viz., That the words "One hundred and fourteen" be omitted and the word "Thirty-nine" be inserted in lieu thereof.—(*Hon. J. Balfour.*)

Question—That it be a suggestion to the Legislative Assembly that they make the amendment—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 9.	Noes, 11.
The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,	The Hon. W. L. Baillieu,
W. A. Adamson,	J. D. Brown,
J. Balfour,	W. H. Edgar,
Dr. W. H. Embling,	W. J. Evans,
D. E. McBryde,	A. Hicks,
A. O. Sachse,	J. P. Jones,
H. Skinner.	A. McLellan,
	D. Melville,
Tellers.	R. B. Rees.
E. J. Crooke,	
T. H. Payne.	*Tellers.*
	W. L. R. Clarke,
	Walter S. Manifold.

And so it passed in the negative.

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