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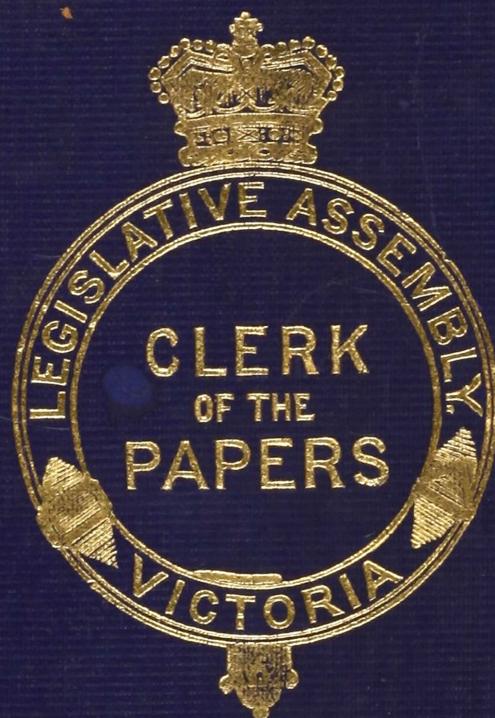
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ACTS INTERPRETATION (WAR SERVICE): Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Construction of Enactments with respect to War Service and for other purposes*"—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 28 Nov., 1918, p. 81; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment, 29 Nov., p. 83. (*Assented to 4 December, 1918. Act No. 2960.*)

AGENT-GENERAL'S OFFICE ABOLITION: Bill to abolish the office of Agent-General for Victoria in London—(*Mr. Downward*).—Initiated and read a first time, 5 Sept., 1918, p. 34.—Bill lapsed.

APPROPRIATION: Bill to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and nineteen and to appropriate the supplies granted in this Session of Parliament—(*Mr. McPherson*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means, 19 Dec., 1918, p. 112; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 20 Dec., p. 121; the Council's agreement notified, 21 Dec., p. 122. (*Assented to 7 January, 1919. Act No. 2997.*)

ARCHITECTS REGISTRATION: Bill to provide for the registration of architects—(*Mr. A. A. Billson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 25 Sept., 1918, p. 42.—Bill lapsed.

CARDIGAN LAND: Bill to revoke the permanent reservation and Crown grant of portion of certain land situate in the Parish of Cardigan as a site for a public park—(*Mr. Robertson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 25 July, 1918, p. 14; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 12 Sept., p. 38; further considered in Committee and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 19 Sept., p. 40; the Council's agreement notified, 18 Dec., p. 110. (*Assented to 31 December, 1918. Act No. 2977.*)

CLOSER SETTLEMENT: Bill to amend the *Closer Settlement Act 1915* and for other purposes—(*Mr. Robertson*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 4) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill, 23 July, 1918, p. 11; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 25 July, p. 15; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 7 Aug., p. 22; debate resumed and adjourned, 20 Aug., p. 29; debate continued—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 21 Aug., p. 30; further considered in Committee, 4 Sept., p. 34; 10 Sept., p. 37; 11 Sept., p. 37; 17 Sept., p. 39; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; recommitted in respect of clauses 7 and 8; reconsidered in Committee and reported with further amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 18 Sept., p. 40; amendments in the Bill suggested by the Council, 15 Oct., p. 53; suggested amendments considered—*Mr. Speaker* said that the suggested amendment to insert new clause A should not be entertained, as it would, in a certain event, create a charge or burden upon the people. Section 33 of The Constitution Act Amendment Act prohibits any suggested amendment having such an effect; suggested amendment to insert new clause A not entertained. Suggested amendment to insert new clause B agreed to with a modification, 23 Oct., pp. 56-7; amendment in the Bill suggested by the Council, 29 Oct., p. 59; suggested

amendment considered and made with a modification, 31 Oct., pp. 60-61; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified, 19 Nov., p. 68; amendments considered—some agreed to, others disagreed with, and some agreed to with amendments, 26 Nov., pp. 76-7; the Council do not insist on one of their amendments, agree to the amendment of the Assembly on the amendment of the Council, insist on their other amendments, and disagree with the amendments of the Assembly in one of their amendments, 26 Nov., p. 78; amendments further considered—Assembly's amendments on amendment of Council insisted on, and disagreement with Council's amendment insisted on, 27 Nov., p. 79; the Council insist on their amendment with which the Assembly insist on disagreeing, and still insist on disagreeing with the amendments made and insisted on by the Assembly on the amendment of the Council, 27 Nov., p. 80; amendments further considered—Assembly's amendments on amendment of Council still insisted on, and disagreement with Council's amendment still insisted on, 29 Nov., p. 82; the Council do not now insist on one of their amendments with which the Assembly insist on disagreeing, and do not now insist on disagreeing with the amendments made and still insisted on by the Assembly on the other amendment of the Council, but agree to the said amendments with a modification, 18 Dec., p. 109; amendments further considered—the Council's modification of the Assembly's amendments agreed to with amendments, 19 Dec., pp. 112-14; the Council agree to the Assembly's amendments, 20 Dec., p. 120. (*Assented to 31 December, 1918. Act No. 2987.*)

CLOSER SETTLEMENT (BOARD): Bill to amend section 4 of the *Closer Settlement Act 1915*—(*Mr. Robertson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 25 July, 1918, p. 14; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 31 July, p. 19; the Council's agreement notified, 6 Aug., p. 21. (*Assented to 13 August, 1918. Act No. 2948.*)

COMPULSORY VACCINATION ABOLITION: Bill to abolish compulsory vaccination in Victoria—(*Mr. Outtrim*).—Initiated and read a first time, 25 July, 1918, p. 14; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 22 Aug., p. 31.—Bill not returned from the Council.

COMPULSORY VOTING (ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS): Bill to provide for compulsory voting at elections for the Legislative Assembly—(*Mr. Cotter*).—Initiated and read a first time, 25 July, 1918, p. 14; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 22 Aug., p. 31.—Bill lapsed.

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 1): Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Two millions four hundred and fifteen thousand eight hundred and twenty-six pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and eighteen and One thousand nine hundred and nineteen—(*Mr. McPherson*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 9 July, 1918, p. 7; the Council's agreement notified, 16 July, p. 9. (*Assented to 12 July, 1918. Act No. 2947.*)

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 2): Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Two hundred and forty-four thousand eight hundred and twenty-three pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and seventeen and One thousand nine hundred and

eighteen—(*Mr. McPherson*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 15 Aug., 1918, p. 28; the Council's agreement notified, 20 Aug., p. 29. (*Assented to 27 August, 1918. Act No. 2949.*)

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL NO. 3): Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million three hundred and ninety thousand six hundred and three pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and eighteen and One thousand nine hundred and nineteen—(*Mr. McPherson*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 8 Oct., 1918, p. 51; the Council's agreement notified, 10 Oct., p. 52. (*Assented to 11 October, 1918. Act No. 2952.*)

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL NO. 4): Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Six hundred and ninety-two thousand one hundred and eighty-six pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and eighteen and One thousand nine hundred and nineteen—(*Mr. McPherson*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 3 Dec., 1918, p. 86; the Council's agreement notified, 10 Dec., p. 95. (*Assented to 11 December, 1918. Act No. 2963.*)

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT ACT 1915 AMENDMENT: Bill to amend *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*—(*Mr. Prendergast*).—Initiated and read a first time, 25 July, 1918, p. 15.—Bill lapsed.

COOL STORES SITES: Bill to provide for the sale of certain lands at Doncaster, Burwood, and Diamond Creek, being the sites of cool stores built by the Government of Victoria—(*Mr. Lawson for Mr. Oman*).—Initiated and read a first time, 25 July, 1918, p. 14; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 1 Aug., p. 20; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment, 21 Aug., p. 30; read the third time, on division; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 22 Aug., p. 31; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Sept., p. 39. (*Assented to 24 September, 1918. Act No. 2950.*)

COUNTRY ROADS: Bill to amend the Country Roads Acts and for other purposes—(*Mr. Barnes*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 10) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 21 Aug., 1918, p. 30; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 3 Sept., p. 33; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to, 2 Oct., p. 46; Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 20 Nov., p. 69; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified, 20 Dec., p. 120; amendments considered—one agreed to, and the other agreed to with amendments, 20–21 Dec., p. 122; the Council agree to the Assembly's amendments on their amendment, 21 Dec., p. 122. (*Assented to 31 December, 1918. Act No. 2986.*)

CRIMES: Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Crimes Acts*" —(*Mr. Lawson*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 1 Oct., 1918, pp. 45–6; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 13 Dec., p. 101.—Bill lapsed.

DAIRY PRODUCE: Bill relating to the testing, grading, and manufacture of dairy produce and for other purposes—(*Mr. Lawson for Mr. Oman*).—Initiated and read a first time, 2 Oct., 1918, p. 46; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 4 Dec., p. 90; debate resumed and adjourned, 11 Dec., p. 97; order for resumption of debate on second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 20 Dec., p. 119.

DAY BAKING: Bill for the establishment of day baking in the State of Victoria—(*Mr. Lemmon for Mr. J. W. Billson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 25 July, 1918, p. 14; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 3 Oct., p. 47.—Bill lapsed.

DEVELOPMENTAL ROADS: Bill to make further provision with respect to developmental roads—(*Mr. McPherson*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 9) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 21 Aug., 1918, p. 30; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 3 Sept., p. 33; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment, 2 Oct., p. 46; read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 20 Nov., p. 69; the Council's agreement notified, 20 Dec., p. 120. (*Assented to 31 December, 1918. Act No. 2985.*)

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT: Bill to amend the *Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act 1917* and for other purposes—(*Mr. Robertson*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 5) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 31 July, 1918, pp. 17–18; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 11 Dec., p. 96; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, progress reported; Chairman of Committees reported having ruled proposed new clause out of order on the ground that it introduced matter outside the provisions of the Bill as read a second time; Chairman's ruling confirmed by Mr. Speaker; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to, 12 Dec., p. 98; Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 13 Dec., p. 101; the Council's agreement notified, 18 Dec., p. 109. (*Assented to 31 December, 1918. Act No. 2988.*)

ELECTRICITY COMMISSIONERS: Bill relating to the constitution of a body of electricity commissioners and the powers and duties thereof and to amend the law relating to electric light and power—(*Mr. Barnes*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 33) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 10 Dec., 1918, p. 95; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 17 Dec., p. 107; debate resumed and adjourned, 18 Dec., p. 109; 18 Dec., p. 110; debate continued—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 19 Dec., p. 112; the Council's agreement to the Bill with an amendment notified; amendment agreed to, 20 Dec., p. 121. (*Assented to 7 January, 1919. Act No. 2996.*)

ESSENDON LAND: Bill to provide for the closing of portion of a certain street in the municipal district of the City of Essendon and for other purposes—(*Mr. Robertson*).—

- Initiated and read a first time, 25 July, 1918, p. 14 ; order for second reading read ; Bill ruled a Private Bill ; motion, by leave, That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill—agreed to ; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 12 Sept., p. 38 ; debate resumed and adjourned, 21 Nov., p. 72 ; debate continued—Bill read a second time, on division, and committed ; considered in Committee, 26 Nov., p. 78 ; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments ; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 6 Dec., p. 93.—Bill not returned from the Council.
- FAIR RENTS :** Bill for the establishment of courts for the purpose of fixing fair rents for dwelling-houses—(*Mr. Murphy*).—Initiated and read a first time, 25 July, 1918, p. 14.—Bill lapsed.
- FARM PRODUCE AGENTS :** Bill to provide for the licensing of farm produce agents and for purposes incidental thereto—(*Mr. Bailey*).—Initiated and read a first time, 25 July, 1918, p. 14 ; read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee, 3 Oct., p. 47.—Bill lapsed.
- FITZROY NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON TRAMWAYS :** Bill to increase the borrowing powers of the Fitzroy, Northcote, and Preston Tramways Trust—(*Mr. McPherson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 11 Dec., 1918, p. 96 ; order for second reading read ; Bill ruled a Private Bill ; motion, by leave, That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill—agreed to ; Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 20 Dec., p. 119 ; the Council's agreement notified, 20 Dec., p. 121. (*Assented to 31 December, 1918. Act No. 2990.*)
- FORESTS :** Bill to constitute the Forests Commission and to amend the *Forests Act 1915* and for other purposes—(*Mr. Lawson* for *Mr. Hutchinson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 20 Nov., 1918, p. 68 ; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 3 Dec., p. 87 ; Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 28) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill ; considered in Committee ; resolution reported and agreed to, 4 Dec., p. 88 ; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee, 11 Dec., p. 96 ; further considered in Committee, 13 Dec., p. 101 ; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments ; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired ; 16 Dec., p. 107 ; the Council's agreement notified, 18 Dec., p. 110. (*Assented to 31 December, 1918. Act No. 2976.*)
- GAOLS :** Bill relating to the employment of prisoners and for other purposes—(*Mr. Bowser*).—Initiated and read a first time, 31 July, 1918, p. 18 ; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 3 Dec., p. 87 ; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 5 Dec., p. 91 ; the Council's agreement notified, 19 Dec., p. 114. (*Assented to 31 December, 1918. Act No. 2980.*)
- GOODS :** Bill to amend Part V. of the *Goods Act 1915*—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 5 Dec., 1918, p. 90 ; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 18 Dec., p. 110 ; the Council's agreement notified, 20 Dec., p. 119. (*Assented to 31 December, 1918. Act No. 2983.*)
- HEALTH :** Bill to amend the law relating to dangerous, infectious, or contagious diseases—(*Mr. Bowser*).—Initiated and read a first time, 4 Dec., 1918, p. 88 ; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 11 Dec., p. 97 ; the Council's agreement notified, 18 Dec., p. 110. (*Assented to 31 December, 1918. Act No. 2975.*)
- JUSTICES :** Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Justices Acts and for other purposes*"—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 24 Sept., 1918, p. 41 ; read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee, 31 Oct., p. 61 ; further considered in Committee, 21 Nov., p. 72 ; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments ; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time ; concurrence of the Legislative Council with the Assembly's amendments desired, 4 Dec., p. 90 ; the Council's agreement to the amendments notified, 13 Dec., p. 101. (*Assented to 23 December, 1918. Act No. 2967.*)
- LAND TAX :** Bill to declare the rate of land tax for the year ending the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and nineteen and to amend the Land Tax Acts—(*Mr. McPherson*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and read a first time, 28 Nov., 1918, p. 81 ; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 29 Nov., p. 83 ; the Council's agreement notified, 5 Dec., p. 92. (*Assented to 11 December, 1918. Act No. 2961.*)
- LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ABOLITION :** Bill to abolish the Legislative Council of the State of Victoria—(*Mr. Hannah*).—Initiated and read a first time, 25 July, 1918, p. 14.—Bill lapsed.
- LOCAL GOVERNMENT :** Bill to extend the powers of municipalities with respect to the sale of coal, wheat, bread, fish, and milk and for other purposes—(*Mr. Murphy*).—Initiated and read a first time, 25 July, 1918, p. 14.—Bill lapsed.
- LOCAL GOVERNMENT (BILL No. 2) :** Bill to amend the Local Government Acts—(*Mr. McGregor*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 Sept., 1918, p. 38 ; order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 12 Dec., p. 98.
- LOCAL GOVERNMENT (BILL No. 3) :** Bill to amend the Local Government Acts—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 5 Dec., 1918, p. 91 ; read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment, 12 Dec., p. 98 ; read the third time ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 12 Dec., p. 99 ; the Council's agreement to the Bill with an amendment notified ; amendment agreed to, 19 Dec., p. 119. (*Assented to 31 December, 1918. Act No. 2981.*)
- LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MOORABBIN AND SANDRINGHAM) :** Bill relating to the municipalities of Moorabbin and Sandringham—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 5 Dec., 1918, p. 91 ; order for second reading read ; Bill ruled a Private Bill ; motion, by leave, That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill—agreed to ; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 20 Dec., p. 119 ; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment ; as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to and Bill read the third time ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 20 Dec., p. 120 ; the Council's agreement notified, 20 Dec., p. 121. (*Assented to 31 December, 1918. Act No. 2989.*)

MANANGATANG TO BRYDEN'S TANK RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION: Bill to authorize the construction by the State of a line of railway from Manangatang to Bryden's Tank—(*Mr. Barnes*).—Initiated and read a first time, 11 Dec., 1918, p. 96; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 12 Dec., p. 98; the Council's agreement notified, 19 Dec., p. 112. (*Assented to 31 December, 1918. Act No. 2979.*)

MARRIAGE: Bill to provide facilities for enabling certain marriages in fact to be declared not to be invalid—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 25 July, 1918, p. 13; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 1 Aug., p. 20; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 5 Sept., p. 35; further considered in Committee and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 12 Sept., p. 38; the Council's agreement notified, 1 Oct., p. 46.—Bill reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon, 11 Oct., p. 53.

MARRIAGE (DIVORCE): Bill to make insanity a ground for divorce or judicial separation—(*Mr. Snowball*).—Initiated and read a first time, 19 Sept., 1918, p. 40.—Bill lapsed.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS (LOAN PAYMENT): Bill relating to payments by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works to the Treasurer of Victoria in respect of portion of the public debt of Victoria—(*Mr. McPherson*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 30) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 4 Dec., 1918, p. 89; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 6 Dec., p. 93.—Bill lapsed.

MELBOURNE GENERAL MARKET LANDS ACT 1917 REPEAL: Bill to repeal the *Melbourne General Market Lands Act 1917*—(*Mr. Cotter for Mr. Rogers*).—Motion for leave to bring in Bill negatived, on division, 14 Aug., 1918, p. 26.

MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST: Bill to make provision with respect to the vesting of certain land in the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners and the dredging of certain channels and for other purposes—(*Mr. McPherson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 Sept., 1918, p. 38; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 31 Oct., p. 61; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 20 Nov., p. 69; the Council's agreement notified, 27 Nov., p. 80. (*Assented to 4 December, 1918. Act No. 2955.*)

METROPOLITAN FIRE BRIGADES BOARD LOAN: Bill to authorize the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board to borrow a further sum of Fifty thousand pounds and for other purposes—(*Mr. Lawson for Mr. McPherson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 2 Oct., 1918, p. 46; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment, 21 Nov., p. 72; read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 26 Nov., p. 77; the Council's agreement notified, 27 Nov., p. 80. (*Assented to 4 December, 1918. Act No. 2957.*)

METROPOLITAN HAWKERS: Bill to amend the law relating to hawkers and pedlers—(*Mr. Bowser*).—Initiated and read a first time, 25 July, 1918, p. 14; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 29 Nov., p. 83; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time;

concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 4 Dec., p. 90; the Council's agreement notified, 18 Dec., p. 109. (*Assented to 31 December, 1918. Act No. 2974.*)

METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS: Bill relating to metropolitan tramways and for other purposes—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 3) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue and of fees, fines, penalties, and forfeitures for the purposes of the Bill, 23 July, 1918, p. 11; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 25 July, p. 15; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 3 Sept., p. 33; debate resumed and adjourned, 19 Sept., p. 40; 24 Sept., p. 41; 25 Sept., pp. 42-3; debate continued—Bill read a second time, on division, and committed; considered in Committee, 1 Oct., p. 45; further considered in Committee, 9-10 Oct., p. 52; 10 Oct., p. 52; 15 Oct., p. 53; 16 Oct., p. 54; 17 Oct., p. 54; 22 Oct., p. 55; 23 Oct., p. 57; 29 Oct., p. 59; 30-31 Oct., p. 60; 6 Nov., p. 63; 7 Nov., p. 64; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; recommitted in respect of clause 17; reconsidered in Committee and reported without further amendment; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to, 19 Nov., p. 68; Bill read the third time with further amendments; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 21 Nov., pp. 69-72; report from the Clerk of corrections made by him in the Bill, 26 Nov., p. 75; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified, 13 Dec., p. 101; amendments considered—some agreed to, others disagreed with, 16 Dec., pp. 103-7; the Council do not insist on some of their amendments, and insist on others disagreed with by the Assembly, 18 Dec., p. 108; Free Conference desired on the subject-matter of the amendments made and insisted on by the Council, and seven Members appointed to be Managers of the Conference, 18 Dec., p. 109; Message from the Council that they had appointed seven Members to confer with a like number of Members of the Assembly, and naming the place and fixing the time of meeting of the Conference, whereupon the Managers for the Assembly proceeded to the place of meeting, and Mr. Speaker left the Chair; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and it was announced that the Conference had met, and, after discussion, adjourned until the following day, 18 Dec., p. 110; Mr. Speaker having vacated the Chair during the sittings of the Conference, the proceedings of the Conference were continued and further adjourned, 19 Dec., p. 112; Mr. Speaker having vacated the Chair during the sittings of the Conference, the proceedings of the Conference were continued; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and it was reported that the Conference had made certain recommendations; ordered that the recommendations be considered this day, 19 Dec., p. 115; amendments of the Council, with the recommendations of the Conference thereon, considered, and the recommendations agreed to; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 19 Dec., pp. 115-18; the Council's agreement notified, 20 Dec., p. 120. (*Assented to 7 January, 1919. Act No. 2995.*)

MILDURA VINEYARDS PROTECTION: Bill relating to diseases of vines within the Shire of Mildura and the protection of vineyards within the said shire from such diseases—(*Mr. Lawson for Mr. Oman*).—Initiated and read a first time, 25 July, 1918, p. 14; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment, 21 Nov., p. 72; read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 27 Nov., p. 80; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified, 28 Nov., p. 81; amendments considered and agreed to, 29 Nov., p. 82. (*Assented to 4 December, 1918. Act No. 2959.*)

MOTOR TRAFFIC : Bill to amend the law relating to motor cars and motor traffic—(*Mr. Barnes*).—Initiated and read a first time, 7 Aug., 1918, p. 22; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 27 Nov., p. 80; debate resumed and adjourned, 4 Dec., p. 90; order for resumption of debate on second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 11 Dec., p. 97.

MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT : Bill relating to municipal endowment—(*Mr. McPherson*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 25) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 28 Nov., 1918, p. 80; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 29 Nov., p. 83; the Council's agreement notified, 13 Dec., p. 101. (*Assented to 23 December, 1918. Act No. 2965.*)

MURCHISON AND RUSHWORTH RAILWAY DEVIATION : Bill to authorize a deviation on the Murchison and Rushworth railway—(*Mr. Barnes*).—Initiated and read a first time, 18 Dec., 1918, p. 109; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 19 Dec., p. 114; the Council's agreement notified, 20 Dec., p. 119. (*Assented to 31 December, 1918. Act No. 2984.*)

NURSES REGISTRATION : Bill to make provision for the training and registration of nurses and with respect to the qualifications of registered nurses and for other purposes—(*Mr. Bowser*).—Initiated and read a first time, 25 July, 1918, p. 14; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 1 Aug., p. 20; debate resumed and adjourned, 5 Sept., p. 34; debate continued—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 31 Oct., p. 61; further considered in Committee, 21 Nov., p. 72; 22 Nov., p. 73; 27 Nov., p. 79; order for further consideration in Committee discharged and Bill withdrawn, 20 Dec., p. 119.

PIANGIL TO PINE TANK RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION : Bill to authorize the construction by the State of a line of railway from Piangil to Pine Tank—(*Mr. Barnes*).—Initiated and read a first time, 11 Dec., 1918, p. 97; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 12 Dec., p. 99; the Council's agreement notified, 19 Dec., p. 112. (*Assented to 31 December, 1918. Act No. 2978.*)

PILOTS' ADVANCE REPAYMENT : Bill to further amend the *Pilots' Advance Repayment Act 1898* and for other purposes—(*Mr. McPherson*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 21) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 19 Nov., 1918, p. 67; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 29 Nov., p. 83; the Council's agreement notified, 13 Dec., p. 101. (*Assented to 23 December, 1918. Act No. 2964.*)

PORTLAND SHIRE HALL : Bill to revoke the permanent reservation and Crown grant of certain land at Walook in the Parish and Shire of Portland as a site for a shire hall and certain other purposes and to provide for the sale of such land and the application of the proceeds towards the purchase of a site and the erection of buildings for a shire hall and certain other purposes—(*Mr. Campbell*).—Initiated and read a first time, 29 Nov.,

1918, p. 81; Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 27) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, 4 Dec., p. 88; order for second reading read; Bill ruled a Private Bill; motion, by leave, That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill—agreed to; Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 4 Dec., p. 90; the Council's agreement notified, 18 Dec., p. 108. (*Assented to 31 December, 1918. Act No. 2970.*)

PUBLIC SERVICE : Bill to amend the *Public Service Act 1915* (No. 2)—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 11 Dec., 1918, p. 96; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 11 Dec., p. 97; the Council's agreement notified, 18 Dec., p. 108. (*Assented to 31 December, 1918. Act No. 2971.*)

RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION : Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of money available under loan Acts for railways and for other purposes—(*Mr. Lawson for Mr. McPherson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 11 Dec., 1918, p. 96; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 12 Dec., p. 98; the Council's agreement notified, 18 Dec., p. 108. (*Assented to 31 December, 1918. Act No. 2972.*)

RAILWAYS : Bill to alter the method of debiting expenditure as provided in section 2 of the *Railways Act 1916*—(*Mr. Barnes*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 6) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 31 July, 1918, p. 18; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 3 Sept., p. 33; the Council's agreement notified, 1 Oct., p. 46. (*Assented to 8 October, 1918. Act No. 2951.*)

RAILWAYS (BILL NO. 2) : Bill relating to the salary of the chairman of the Victorian Railways Commissioners—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 29) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 4 Dec., 1918, p. 89; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 20 Dec., p. 120.—Bill lapsed.

REAL PROPERTY : Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Law of Property and for other purposes*"—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 24 Sept., 1918, p. 41; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 6 Dec., p. 93; further considered in Committee and passed remaining stages without amendment, 6 Dec., p. 93. (*Assented to 11 December, 1918. Act No. 2962.*)

REAL PROPERTY (BILL NO. 2) : Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Real Property Act 1915'*"—(*Mr. Bayles*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 27 Nov., 1918, pp. 79–80.—Bill lapsed.

SCAFFOLDING INSPECTION : Bill to provide for the inspection of scaffolding and for other purposes—(*Mr. Hannah*).—Initiated and read a first time, 25 July, 1918, p. 14.—Bill lapsed.

SECOND-HAND DEALERS: Bill to regulate the sale and purchase of goods by second-hand dealers—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 9 July, 1918, p. 4; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 31 July, p. 19; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 1 Aug., p. 20; further considered in Committee, 8 Aug., p. 23; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time with a further amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 5 Sept., p. 34; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified, 21 Nov., p. 72; amendments considered—some agreed to, and one disagreed with, 22 Nov., p. 73; the Council do not insist on their amendment disagreed with by the Assembly but make a further amendment, 27 Nov., p. 80; amendment considered and disagreed with, 29 Nov., p. 82; the Council do not insist on their further amendment disagreed with by the Assembly, 20 Dec., p. 121. (*Assented to 31 December, 1918. Act No. 2992.*)

STAMPS: Bill to amend the Stamps Acts—(*Mr. McPherson*).—House resolves itself into Committee of the whole to consider certain stamp duties; matter considered in Committee; resolution specifying the several stamp duties to be paid on certain instruments reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 5 Dec., 1918, pp. 91-2; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 6 Dec., p. 93; amendments in the Bill suggested by the Council and made by the Assembly, 19 Dec., p. 114; the Council's agreement to the Bill notified, 19 Dec., p. 119. (*Assented to 31 December, 1918. Act No. 2982.*)

STATE PRODUCE AGENCY: Bill for the establishment and regulation of a State produce agency and for purposes incidental thereto—(*Mr. Bailey*).—Initiated and read a first time, 25 July, 1918, p. 14.—Bill lapsed.

STATE SAVINGS BANK: Bill to confer certain powers on the commissioners of the State Savings Bank of Victoria—(*Mr. McPherson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 18 Dec., 1918, p. 109; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 20 Dec., p. 120; the Council's agreement notified, 20 Dec., p. 121. (*Assented to 31 December, 1918. Act No. 2991.*)

SUPREME COURT (JUDGES' PENSIONS): Bill relating to pensions of Judges of the Supreme Court of the State of Victoria—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 31) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 4 Dec., 1918, pp. 89-90; order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 11 Dec., p. 97.

SURPLUS REVENUE: Bill relating to the surplus revenue of the financial year ended on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eighteen—(*Mr. McPherson*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 22) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 19 Nov., 1918, pp. 67-8; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 26 Nov., p. 77; the Council's agreement notified, 28 Nov., p. 81. (*Assented to 4 December, 1918. Act No. 2958.*)

TEACHERS: Bill relating to State school teachers—(*Mr. Hutchinson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Dec., 1918, p. 107; Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 35) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, 17 Dec., p. 108; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 19 Dec., p. 115; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 19-20 Dec., p. 119; further considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to and Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 20 Dec., p. 120; the Council's agreement notified, 20 Dec., p. 122. (*Assented to 31 December, 1918. Act No. 2993.*)

THORNBURY LAND: Bill to make further provision for the modification of a certain lease granted in pursuance of the *Thornbury Land Act 1912*—(*Mr. Barnes*).—Initiated and read a first time, 17 Oct., 1918, p. 54; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 21 Nov., p. 72; order for resumption of debate on second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 20 Dec., p. 119.

TRAMWAY BOARD: Bill to extend the operation of the Tramway Board Acts—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Oct., 1918, p. 53; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Oct., p. 54; the Council's agreement notified, 22 Oct., p. 56. (*Assented to 29 October, 1918. Act No. 2953.*)

TRANSFER OF LAND ACTS AMENDMENT: Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Transfer of Land Acts*"—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 24 Sept., 1918, p. 41; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council with the Assembly's amendments desired, 21 Nov., p. 72; the Council's agreement to the amendments notified, 13 Dec., p. 101; Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending an amendment in the Bill received from the Council with a Message notifying their agreement to the amendment, and requesting concurrence; amendment considered and agreed to, 17 Dec., p. 108. (*Assented to 23 December, 1918. Act No. 2966.*)

VENEREAL DISEASES: Bill to amend the *Venerae Diseases Act 1916* and for other purposes—(*Mr. Bowser*).—Initiated and read a first time, 20 Nov., 1918, p. 68; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 10 Dec., p. 95; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 20 Dec., p. 120; the Council's agreement notified, 20 Dec., p. 122. (*Assented to 31 December, 1918. Act No. 2994.*)

VICTORIAN LOAN: Bill to authorize the raising of money for railways and for irrigation works, water supply works, and drainage and flood protection works in country districts, and for works under the River Murray Waters Acts and for other purposes—(*Mr. McPherson*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 32) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 5 Dec., 1918, p. 91; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 6 Dec., p. 93; the Council's agreement notified, 13 Dec., p. 101. (*Assented to 23 December, 1918. Act No. 2968.*)

WATER: Bill to amend sections 85 and 308 of the *Water Act 1915*—(*Mr. Lawson* for *Mr. Hutchinson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Oct., 1918, p. 53; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 21 Nov., p. 72; the Council's agreement notified, 27 Nov., p. 80. (*Assented to 4 December, 1918. Act No. 2956.*)

WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION: Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of money available under loan Acts for irrigation works, water supply works, drainage and flood protection works in country districts, and for works under the River Murray Waters Acts and for other purposes—(*Mr. Lawson* for *Mr. McPherson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 11 Dec., 1918, p. 96; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 12 Dec., p. 98; the Council's agreement notified, 18 Dec., p. 108. (*Assented to 31 December, 1918. Act No. 2973.*)

WHEAT MARKETING: Bill to extend the operation of and to amend the Wheat Marketing Acts—(*Mr. Lawson* for

Mr. Oman).—Initiated and read a first time, 20 Nov., 1918, p. 68; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 22 Nov., p. 73; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to, 27 Nov., p. 79; Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 29 Nov., p. 81; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified; amendments agreed to, 18 Dec., p. 108. (*Assented to 31 December, 1918. Act No. 2969.*)

WHEAT STORAGE: Bill relating to the erection and construction of silos under the *Wheat Storage Act 1917* and for other purposes—(*Mr. Oman*).—Initiated and read a first time, 20 Dec., 1918, p. 126.—Bill lapsed.

WILLS (WAR SERVICE): Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Law with respect to Testamentary Dispositions by Soldiers and Sailors and for other purposes*"—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 30 Oct., 1918, p. 60; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment, 31 Oct., p. 61. (*Assented to 4 November, 1918. Act No. 2954.*)

SESSION 1918.

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Under Section 130 of The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, No. 2632, the Legislative Assembly consists of Sixty-five Members.

TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

SECOND SESSION (9TH JULY, 1918, TO 21ST DECEMBER, 1918).

Member.	District.	No. of Electors on Rolls.	No. of Electors who Voted.			Votes recorded for each Sitting Member.		Percentage of Electors who Voted.		
			Male.	Female.	Total.	First Preference Votes.	Final Result after Distribution of Votes under The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Allan, John, Esquire	Rodney	10,351	3,701	3,436	7,137	2,665	4,016	69·06	68·83	68·94
Angus, The Honorable Henry	Gunbower	8,354	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Bailey, Henry Stephen, Esquire	Port Fairy	7,802	2,782	2,501	5,283	3,517	..	67·58	67·85	67·71
Baird, Major The Honorable Matthew ¹	Ballaarat West	10,139	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Barnes, The Honorable Samuel ²	Walhalla	6,343	1,604	1,093	2,697	1,776	..	48·04	39·09	42·52
Bayles, Norman, Esquire ³	Toorak	23,718	3,336	6,063	9,399	5,756	..	35·99	41·96	39·62
Beardmore, Henry, Esquire	Benambra	6,711	2,022	1,415	3,437	1,626	2,100	54·88	46·74	51·21
Billson, The Honorable Alfred Arthur	Ovens	5,988	1,832	1,696	3,528	1,580	2,022	61·02	56·79	58·91
Billson, The Honorable John William	Fitzroy	14,122	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Bowser, The Honorable John ⁴	Wangaratta	7,719	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Cain, John, Esquire	Jika Jika	30,242	7,945	8,727	16,672	7,654	8,199	56·05	54·34	55·12
Cameron, Allan Francis, Esquire	Dalhousie	7,186	2,564	2,804	5,368	1,888	2,708	73·00	76·31	74·70
Cameron, The Honorable James	Gippsland East	6,379	2,184	1,581	3,765	1,925	..	59·21	58·75	59·02
Campbell, The Honorable Hugh John	Glenelg	9,145	3,056	2,991	6,047	2,478	2,992	65·17	66·96	66·07
Munro ⁵										
Carlisle, The Honorable John Joseph	Benalla	7,928	2,619	2,401	5,020	2,688	..	63·87	62·72	63·31
Crough, Luke James, Esquire	Bendigo East	8,763	2,513	3,263	5,776	3,112	..	64·33	67·18	65·91
Cotter, Edmund John, Esquire	Richmond	16,990	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Deany, James Davidson, Esquire	Warrnambool	9,077	2,755	2,908	5,663	3,849	..	61·04	63·71	62·38
Downard, The Honorable Alfred	Mornington	14,845	3,525	2,749	6,274	3,373	..	44·45	39·60	42·27
Everard, William Hugh, Esquire	Evelyn	10,712	2,658	2,229	4,887	2,047	2,398	49·20	41·97	45·62
Farthing, Alfred Alexander, Esquire ..	East Melbourne	11,772	2,325	3,249	5,574	1,854	3,157	44·85	49·30	47·34
Gibson, David Havelock, Esquire	Grenville	5,457	1,788	1,911	3,699	1,021	1,911	65·63	69·92	67·78
Gordon, John, Esquire	Waranga	7,060	2,415	2,044	4,459	2,811	..	62·87	63·49	63·15
Greenwood, Edmund Wilson, Esquire	Boroondara	39,287	7,760	10,217	17,977	7,461	11,258	45·31	46·14	45·75
Groves, Frank, Esquire	Dandenong	15,771	3,534	3,330	6,864	3,914	..	43·90	43·12	43·52
Hannah, The Honorable Martin ⁶	Collingwood	14,643	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Hannan, Joseph Francis, Esquire ⁷	Albert Park	21,800	4,949	6,800	11,749	5,995	..	50·98	55·76	53·89
Hogan, Edmond John, Esquire	Warrenheip	6,059	2,047	1,915	3,962	2,526	..	62·53	68·78	65·39
Hutchinson, The Honorable William ⁸	Borong	7,446	2,432	2,117	4,549	2,266	..	60·70	61·54	61·09
Jewell, James Roberts, Esquire	Brunswick	23,683	5,556	6,100	11,656	7,575	..	50·18	48·37	49·21
Lawson, The Honorable Harry Sutherland Wightman ⁹	Castlemaine and Maldon	6,830	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed

NOTES.

The particulars given in the above table relate to the General Election 1917; the date of each Member's election, when noted as "unopposed," being 5 November, 1917, the "day of nomination," and in other cases 15 November, 1917, the "day of polling." Where the Member's name is printed in *italic* the particulars relate to the election held subsequent to 1917, and the date of such election will be found in the following notes:—

- ¹ Major The Hon. M. Baird, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A from 9 July 1918.
- ² The Hon. S. Barnes, Minister of Railways, a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works, and Minister of Mines (without salary) from 21 March, 1918.
- ³ Mr. N. Bayles, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A from 20 April, 1915.
- ⁴ The Hon. J. Bowser, Chief Secretary (Premier), and Minister of Labour (without salary) from 29 November, 1917, to 21 March, 1918; Chief Secretary, and Minister of Public Health (without salary) from 21 March, 1918.
- ⁵ The Hon. H. J. M. Campbell, appointed a member of the Executive Council; also a member of the Government without office, 21 March, 1918.
- ⁶ The Hon. M. Hannah, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A from 6 February, 1918.
- ⁷ Mr. J. F. Hannan, elected 13 June, 1918, *vice* the Hon. G. A. Elmslie, deceased 11 May, 1918.
- ⁸ The Hon. W. Hutchinson, Minister of Public Instruction, Minister of Forests (without salary), and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works from 21 March, 1918.
- ⁹ The Hon. H. S. W. Lawson, Attorney-General (Premier), and Minister of Labour (without salary) from 21 March, 1918.

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY—continued.

Member.	District.	No. of Electors on Rolls.	No. of Electors who Voted.			Votes recorded for each Sitting Member.		Percentage of Electors who Voted.		
			Male.	Female.	Total.	First Preference Votes.	Final Result after Distribution of Votes under The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Lemmon, The Honorable John ..	Williamstown ..	22,201	5,166	4,369	9,535	6,565	..	45·87	39·93	42·99
Livingston, The Honorable Thomas ..	Gippsland South	10,069	2,838	1,954	4,792	2,533	..	50·89	43·48	47·59
Mackey, The Honorable John Emanuel ¹⁰	Gippsland West	8,842	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Mackinnon, The Honorable Donald ..	Prahran ..	20,274	3,813	5,372	9,215	5,291	..	46·74	44·41	45·45
McDonald, James, Esquire ..	Polwarth ..	10,938	3,700	3,193	6,893	2,964	3,963	64·57	61·30	63·01
McGregor, The Honorable Robert ¹¹ ..	Ballaarat East	10,009	2,906	4,157	7,063	3,788	..	66·18	73·92	70·56
McKenzie, Malcolm Kenneth, Esquire	Upper Goulburn	8,236	2,461	1,934	4,395	2,630	..	55·42	50·94	53·36
McLachlan, James Weir, Esquire ..	Gippsland North	8,888	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
McLennan, Duncan, Esquire ..	Barwon ..	11,693	2,863	2,900	5,763	2,171	2,780	51·66	47·14	49·28
McLeod, The Honorable Donald ..	Daylesford ..	6,735	2,279	2,396	4,675	2,530	..	67·10	71·73	69·41
McPherson, The Honorable William Murray ¹²	Hawthorn ..	26,177	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Menzies, James, Esquire ..	Lowan ..	9,574	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Mitchell, John Davidson, Esquire ..	Goulburn Valley	8,700	2,167	1,691	3,763	2,432	..	48·20	38·07	43·31
Murphy, James Lawrence, Esquire ..	Port Melbourne	16,369	4,775	5,183	9,958	5,242	..	57·16	64·65	60·83
Oman, The Honorable David Swan ¹³	Hampden ..	11,568	3,358	3,121	6,479	3,839	..	56·43	55·55	56·00
Outtrim, The Honorable Alfred Richard ¹⁴	Maryborough ..	7,179	2,332	2,490	4,822	1,886	2,672	65·91	68·89	67·17
Peacock, The Honorable Sir Alexander James, K.C.M.G.	Allandale ..	5,723	1,615	1,771	3,386	2,444	..	57·96	60·29	59·16
Pennington, John Warburton, Esquire ¹⁵	Kara Kara ..	6,800	2,428	2,279	4,707	2,272	..	68·52	69·97	69·22
Prendergast, The Honorable George Michael	North Melbourne	17,041	3,986	4,985	8,971	5,731	..	50·90	54·12	52·64
Purnell, Robert, Esquire ..	Geelong ..	14,243	4,219	5,600	9,819	4,868	..	65·24	72·00	68·93
Robertson, The Honorable Andrew Robert ¹⁶	Bulla ..	11,062	3,063	2,420	5,483	2,875	..	52·64	46·14	49·56
Rogers, Alexander, Esquire ..	Melbourne ..	8,918	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Ryan, Thomas, Esquire ..	Essendon ..	28,178	7,911	9,895	17,806	9,551	..	60·52	65·49	63·19
Slater, William, Esquire ..	Dundas ..	8,391	2,431	2,407	4,838	2,182	2,364	56·24	59·15	57·65
Smith, The Honorable David	Bendigo West	9,450	2,544	3,205	5,749	3,344	..	56·32	64·97	60·83
Snowball, Oswald Robinson, Esquire	Brighton ..	21,680	4,486	5,930	10,416	7,442	..	47·02	48·89	48·02
Solly, Robert Henry, Esquire ¹⁷ ..	Carlton ..	13,313	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Stewart, Percy Gerald, Esquire ..	Swan Hill ..	13,950	4,697	3,216	7,913	3,877	..	58·18	54·71	56·72
Toutcher, Richard Frederick, Esquire	Stawell and Ararat	9,055	2,645	2,731	5,376	3,929	..	57·65	60·91	59·37
Tunnecliffe, Thomas, Esquire ..	Eaglehawk ..	7,155	2,634	2,574	5,208	2,278	2,625	74·40	71·20	72·77
Warde, Edward Coughlan, Esquire ..	Flemington ..	22,134	5,363	5,226	10,589	7,062	..	49·93	45·86	47·84
Weaver, Isaac Job, Esquire ..	Korong ..	7,091	2,309	1,996	4,305	2,306	..	60·65	60·77	60·71
Webber, Gordon Charles, Esquire ..	Abbotsford ..	15,233	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Wynne, The Honorable Agar ..	St. Kilda ..	29,945	5,619	8,813	14,432	5,309	7,126	45·77	49·87	48·19

¹⁰ The Hon. J. E. Mackey, Speaker from 29 November, 1917.

¹¹ The Hon. R. McGregor, Chairman of Committees from 5 February, 1918.

¹² The Hon. W. M. McPherson, Treasurer from 29 November, 1917.

¹³ The Hon. D. S. Oman, Minister of Agriculture from 29 November, 1917.

¹⁴ The Hon. A. R. Outtrim, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A from 20 January, 1914.

¹⁵ Mr. J. W. Pennington, declared duly elected by a majority of 15 on recount of votes before the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, 23 February, 1918, vice Mr. J. J. Hall, unseated.

¹⁶ The Hon. A. R. Robertson, appointed a member of the Government without office, 21 March, 1913.

¹⁷ Mr. R. H. Solly, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A from 7 October, 1913.

OFFICERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

<i>The Speaker</i>	The Honorable JOHN EMANUEL MACKEY.
<i>The Chairman of Committees</i>	The Honorable ROBERT MCGREGOR.
<i>Clerk of the Parliaments and Clerk of the Legislative Assembly</i>	HIBBERT HENRY NEWTON, Esquire, J.P.
<i>The Clerk-Assistant</i>	WILLIAM ROBERT ALEXANDER, Esquire.
<i>Clerk of the Papers, Clerk of Committees, and Serjeant-at-Arms</i>	JOHN MORGAN WORTHINGTON, Esquire.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 1.

TUESDAY, 9TH JULY, 1918.

1. The Legislative Assembly met pursuant to Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the thirteenth day of June, 1918, which Proclamation was read by the Clerk, and is as follows:—

FURTHER PROROGUING PARLIAMENT, AND FIXING THE TIME FOR HOLDING THE SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the Honorable Sir Arthur Lyulph Stanley, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George; Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS The Parliament of Victoria stands prorogued until Tuesday, the eighteenth day of June, 1918: Now I, the Governor of the State of Victoria, in the Commonwealth of Australia, do by this my Proclamation further prorogue the said Parliament of Victoria until Tuesday, the ninth day of July, 1918, and I do hereby fix Tuesday, the ninth day of July, 1918, aforesaid as the time for the commencement and holding of the next Session of the said Parliament of Victoria, for the despatch of business, at the hour of Two o'clock in the afternoon, in the State Parliament Houses, situate in the Carlton Gardens, in the City of Melbourne: And the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Council and the Members of the Legislative Assembly are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

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

(L.S.)

A. L. STANLEY.

By His Excellency's Command,

H. S. W. LAWSON.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

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

MR. SPEAKER,

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

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

3. MEMBER SWORN.—William Slater, Esq., Member for Dundas, took and subscribed the Oath required by law.
4. ISSUE OF WRIT.—Mr. Speaker announced that, on Tuesday, 28th May last, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of Albert Park, in the place of the Honorable George Alexander Elm-lic, deceased.
5. RETURN TO WRIT.—Mr. Speaker also announced that he had received a return to the foregoing Writ, by which it appeared that Joseph Francis Hannan had been duly elected in pursuance of the said Writ.
6. MEMBER SWORN.—Joseph Francis Hannan, Esq., was then introduced, and took and subscribed the Oath required by law.

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

VICTORIA.

Legislative Assembly.

Pursuant to the provisions of the three hundred and forty-sixth section of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act* 1915, I do hereby appoint Major the Honorable Matthew Baird, the Honorable James Cameron, the Honorable Donald Mackinnon, the Honorable George Michael Prendergast, Oswald Robinson Snowball, Esquire, Robert Henry Solly, Esquire, and Edward Coughlan Warde, Esquire, to be members of a Committee to be called “The Committee of Elections and Qualifications.”

Given under my hand this ninth day of July, One thousand nine hundred and eighteen.

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

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

VICTORIA.

Legislative Assembly.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order of the Legislative Assembly of the State of Victoria numbered 4A, I do hereby nominate Major the Honorable Matthew Baird, Norman Bayles, Esquire, the Honorable Martin Hannah, the Honorable Alfred Richard Outtrim, and Robert Henry Solly, Esquire, to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees whenever requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand this ninth day of July, One thousand nine hundred and eighteen.

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

9. TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARRIAGE OF HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE FIFTH—ADDRESS OF CONGRATULATION.—Motion made and question—That this House do agree to the following Address to His Majesty the King :—

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY :

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN :

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to approach Your Majesty with renewed expressions of loyalty to the Throne, and our affection for Your Majesty's person.

We desire to offer to Your Majesty our heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Your marriage (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and, after Mr. Speaker had addressed the House in support of the motion, Honorable Members rising in their places, agreed to.

Motion made and question—That this House do agree to the following Address to His Excellency the Governor :—

To His Excellency the Governor :

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, in Parliament assembled, respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to communicate, by cable, to the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies the accompanying Address, for presentation to the King, congratulating His Majesty on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of His marriage (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.

Honorable Members then rose in their places and sang the National Anthem.

Ordered—That the foregoing Addresses be forwarded to the Legislative Council with a Message desiring their concurrence therein.

10. PAPERS.—Mr. Lawson presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—

Medical Officers and Friendly Societies.—Report of the Royal Commission to investigate the Disputes and Differences leading to the Resignation of Medical Officers of Friendly Societies or Branches, and to consider and make recommendations with respect to Agreements between Medical Officers and Friendly Societies.

Public Service Commissioner.—Report for the year 1917.

Mr. Lawson presented—

Municipal Inspectors' Salaries and Allowances, Municipal Audits, and Audit and Inspectors of Waterworks Trusts—Cost of.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 13th March, 1918.

Mr. Bowser presented—

Pictures and Works of Art on Loan from the Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery, and Value of Articles not loaned nor upon View to the Public.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 14th February, 1918.

Returns were presented, pursuant to a resolution of the Legislative Assembly, agreed to on the 17th October, 1905—

Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Return of Machinery, Goods, and Material manufactured or produced outside the Commonwealth, and purchased for the use of the following Departments during the period :—

From 1st July, 1916, to 30th June, 1917—

By Mr. Barnes—From the Railway Department (State Coal Mine).

From 1st July, 1917, to 30th June, 1918—

By Mr. Lawson—From the Department of Labour.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Bank Liabilities and Assets.—Summary of Sworn Returns for quarter ended 31st March, 1918.
Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act 1917.—Regulations under the *Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act* 1917.—Order in Council.

Electric Light and Power Act 1915.—Report respecting Applications and Proceedings under, for the year 1917.

Factories and Shops.—Report of the Chief Inspector of Factories and Shops for the year 1917.
Fire Brigades Act 1915.—Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board.—Report for the year 1916, together with Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, and Assets and Liabilities, for that period.

Fisheries Acts.—Notice of Intention to restrict the Methods of Fishing in Inland and certain Other Waters.

Fruit Act 1917.—Fruit and Vegetables declared.—Proclamation by His Excellency the Governor, dated 14th May, 1918.

Land Act 1915.—Addition to the Regulations made on the 19th October, 1915—Part II., Chapter VIII., Crown Lands other than Mallee Lands.—Miscellaneous Licences, Section 129.—Licences which do not confer an Exclusive Right to enter on Crown Lands.—Order in Council.

Legal Profession Practice Act 1915.—Council of Legal Education.—Further Rules, dated 18th March, 1918.

Marine Act 1915—Marine Board of Victoria—

Statements of Receipts and Disbursements on Pilotage Account for the year 1917.

Amendment of the Regulations relating to the Examination of Masters and Mates.

Mines Act 1915.—List of Suspensions granted of the Labour Covenants of Mining Leases and Licences during the year 1917.

Motor Car Act 1915—

Motor Car Regulations.—Order in Council.

Regulation—Speed Limit on Main Road between Upper Ferntree Gully Railway Station and the Township of Monbulk, *via* Belgrave.

Neglected Children's Act 1915.—Amendment of the Regulations.—Clause 69 of the Regulations repealed, new Clause substituted.—Order in Council.

Public Service Acts—

Regulations—Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—Department of Lands and Survey (2 papers).

Alteration of Regulations—Classification of Professional Division.—Chapter I.—Engineer-in-Chief, Mont Park.

Alteration of Regulations—Classification of General Division.—Chapter III.—Foreman Engine-driver, Engine-driver, Plumber, Mont Park.

Chapter III. of the Regulations repealed, new Regulations made.—Chapter III.—Appointment or Transfer to the Clerical Division.

Stamps Act 1915.—Amendment of Regulations made on the 29th February, 1916.—Order in Council.

Venereal Diseases Act 1916.—Regulations for transferring Persons detained for Treatment from one proclaimed or prescribed Place of Detention to Another.—Order in Council.

Victorian Railways.—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the quarter ending 31st March, 1918.

11. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE GEORGE ALEXANDER ELMSLIE.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That this House desires to place on record its deep sense of the loss it has sustained in the death of the Honorable George Alexander Elmslie, and its acknowledgment of his great ability and untiring energy in the service of the people. His manliness, fearlessness, and fairness and his personal gifts and kindness of heart won for him the respect, affection, and confidence of the House (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and, after Mr. Speaker and other Honorable Members had addressed the House in support of the motion, Honorable Members rising in their places, agreed to in silence. Ordered—That the Clerk do enter on the Journals of the House that the foregoing resolution was carried unanimously.

12. **SECOND-HAND DEALERS BILL.**—Mr. Lawson obtained leave, with Mr. Bowser, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to regulate the Sale and Purchase of Goods by Second-hand Dealers*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
13. **COMMITTEES OF SUPPLY AND WAYS AND MEANS.**—**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.**—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Committees of Supply and Ways and Means to be appointed forthwith (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.
14. **SUPPLY.**—Motion made, by leave, and question—That this House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.
15. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—Motion made, by leave, and question—That this House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.
16. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. McPherson, and the same was read :—

1918.

VICTORIA.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE, 1918-19.

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 1.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly an Estimate of Expenditure for the months of July, August, and September in the year 1918-19, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 9th July, 1918.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

I have summoned you to meet for the consideration of matters of importance which will be submitted to you by My Advisers.

The prosecution of the War to a victorious issue is still the paramount duty.

I congratulate you on the general prosperity of the people, which is reflected in the buoyancy of the State's revenues. It is most satisfactory to know that, notwithstanding the concession made in railway freights, the year's financial operations will show a substantial surplus.

One of the most important proposals which will claim your attention will be a Bill relating to the management and control of metropolitan tramways. It is proposed to provide for the creation of a Board to take over the existing tramways, to construct future lines, and to manage the metropolitan tramways system. Provision will be included to apply the accumulated surplus from the operation of the cable tramways towards the reduction of municipal indebtedness. This will benefit the municipalities concerned, assist the Treasury, and enable moneys to be made available for roads to develop country districts.

My Advisers will lay before you proposals with respect to the generation and distribution of electric power throughout the State. These proposals will include the constitution of a body of expert professional and business men, who, in addition to other duties, will have the responsibility of advising the Government in regard to these matters, and, more particularly the utilization of the brown coal deposits of Morwell, and of water power wherever available.

My Advisers believe that cheap electric power will not only promote decentralisation of industry and population, but will also have an appreciable effect on the development of Victorian industries generally.

A Bill will be introduced for the creation of a Forests Commission of three Commissioners. This Commission will have wide powers of management, and will have the duty of improving and developing the forests and timber resources of the State. It is anticipated that, as a result of this measure, continuity of policy with regard to forestry will be secured, and the value of this national asset will be greatly increased.

The agricultural outlook is promising. Timely and ample rains have removed the menace of a drought. There is reason to suppose that the area under cereal crops has this year been fairly well maintained. There is a gratifying increase in flocks and herds. The difficult problem of the disposal of surplus products to the best advantage will continue to receive the careful attention of My Advisers. Legislative proposals for the marketing of the 1918-1919 wheat crop will be submitted.

Payments by Crown lands tenants have been well maintained. Out of the total amount of £490,600 advanced to wheat farmers under the *Seed Advances Act 1914* there remains unpaid only £9,145.

The settlement of discharged soldiers on the land is the leading feature of land settlement, and every effort is being made to build up effective machinery to cope with the problem.

You will be asked to consider certain amendments of the law relating to discharged soldiers and to closer settlement, in order to provide for more effective administration.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Royal Commission on Closer Settlement, the revaluation of closer settlement allotments which were considered to be too highly valued has been practically completed.

During the past year £85,997 worth of closer settlement land previously unallotted has been disposed of. The area purchased for soldiers' settlement was 26,365 acres, and the purchase price £354,677. Negotiations are now nearing completion for the purchase of further areas. Suitable blocks of Crown land are also being prepared and made available for the settlement of soldiers.

As the favorable season has increased the spread of the rabbit pest, special attention has been given to the work of destruction. The limited supplies and abnormal prices of wire-netting prevented land-holders from undertaking the necessary fencing, and, in consequence, the outlay on poisoning operations has been greater than usual.

The necessity for a consistently progressive policy of national education is emphasized by the events of the War, and this policy will be continued.

An agreement has been entered into between the Commonwealth and the State for the vocational training of returned soldiers in State technical schools.

It has been decided to increase the salaries paid to women teachers, and you will be asked to give legislative effect to this decision.

A Bill to reform the constitution of the University will be submitted, which will prepare the way for a comprehensive scheme of University development.

The River Murray Commission has been making investigations with a view to carrying out the provision of a large storage on the Upper Murray. Surveys are also being made with the object of finding a site for the Torrumbarry Weir.

The reservoir at Sugarloaf on the Goulburn River and the enlarging of the Waranga Basin have been well advanced by the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission. With the completion of the reservoirs now under construction the total storages will have a capacity double that of 1916, and six times that of 1902.

The State shipbuilding yard was transferred to the Commonwealth in February last. The purchase money was £180,000, and the stock was taken over at actual cost, viz., £29,429. The latter amount was paid in cash, and the £180,000 set off against the indebtedness of Victoria to the Commonwealth for loans.

The cool store buildings at Victoria Dock have been extended. The completed building will provide accommodation amounting to 744,000 cubic feet of space.

In common with the rest of Australia, this State has experienced serious depression in gold mining. With favorable conditions there is good reason to anticipate a revival.

Minerals and clays are receiving considerable attention, and it is hoped that permanent industries will be established.

Only a limited programme of new railway construction is being carried on, owing to the difficulty in obtaining loan funds for the work, and the restricted supply of steel rails and other materials.

Progress has been made with six lines of a total length of 74 miles, and these are approaching completion.

The advisability of constructing several lines which would open up Crown lands suitable for the settlement of returned soldiers, and also some short lines into the forest country to tap new sources of timber supply, and thus cope with the increasing local demand for timber, is receiving careful attention.

Tenders for the erection of silos for wheat storage are under consideration.

Under the powers conferred during the last Session of Parliament the Victorian Railways Commissioners are negotiating for the disposal of electricity in bulk to councils or companies authorized to sell electricity and to manufacturing companies in certain municipal districts.

Proposals will be submitted to you for amending the Railways Acts with regard to the appointment of a Chief Commissioner.

A Gas Inquiry Board has been appointed. It will shortly present a report, which will receive the prompt attention of My Advisers.

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

The Estimates of Expenditure, which will be laid before you, have been framed with a due regard to economy.

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

In addition to the measures already indicated, My Advisers propose to introduce for your consideration Bills dealing with the following matters:—Developmental Roads, the Dairying Industry, Noxious Weeds, Factories and Shops, Licensing (Temperance Bars), Weights and Measures, Public Service, Venereal Diseases, the Employment of Prisoners, certain amendments of the Land Acts and the Country Roads Act, amendments of the law relating to Crimes, Police Offences, and Justices, and other subjects of importance.

I now leave you to your deliberations, which will, I trust, under the blessing of Divine Providence, materially promote the welfare of the people of Victoria.

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

9th July, 1918.

17. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—Motion made and question proposed—That the following Address, in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

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

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to. Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next, and do take precedence of all other business.

18. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Address of Congratulation to His Majesty the King on the twenty-fifth anniversary of His marriage, and with the Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting him to communicate, by cable, to the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies the Address of Congratulation for presentation to the King, and filling up the blanks in the said Addresses with the words "Legislative Council and the."
19. SUPPLY.—Motion made and question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (*Mr. McPherson*)—put and agreed to.
House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply ; resolution reported.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
20. SUPPLY.—Mr. McGregor reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution :—
Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £2,415,826 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1918-19, viz. :—

Division No.		£
1.	Legislative Council—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	313
2.	Legislative Assembly—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,325
3.	Parliamentary Standing Committee—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	231
4.	Refreshment Rooms—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	585
5.	The Library—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	215
6.	The Library, State Parliament House—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	297
7.	Victorian Parliamentary Debates—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,165
8.	Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,861
9.	" " Pensions, &c.	5,107
10.	" " Grants	1,200
11.	Board for the Protection of the Aborigines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,103
12.	Explosives—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,145
13.	State Accident Insurance Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	456
14.	Fisheries and Game—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,147
15.	Government Shorthand Writer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	170
16.	The Governor's Office—Ordinary Expenditure	78
17.	Herbarium—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	277
18.	Inebriates Institution—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	782
19.	Marine Board—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	994
20.	Mercantile Marine—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	225
21.	Observatory—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	685
22.	Premier's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	761
23.	Training Ship—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	923
24.	Agent-General—Staff and Office	1,375
25.	Audit Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,680
26.	Government Statist—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	4,452
27.	Hospitals for the Insane—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	56,787
28.	Neglected Children, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	45,017
29.	Penal and Gaols—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	13,936
30.	Police—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	97,076
31.	Public Library, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	6,251
32.	Public Service Commissioner—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	807
33.	Department of Labour—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,240
34.	Education—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	255,000
35.	" Pensions, &c.	162
36.	" Works and Buildings	9,500
37.	" Endowments and Grants	15,470
39.	Attorney-General—Salaries	16,739
40.	" " Pensions, &c.	53
41.	" " Ordinary Expenditure	3,660
42.	Solicitor-General—Salaries	12,521
43.	" " Ordinary Expenditure	4,020
44.	Treasury—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,725
45.	" Transport, &c.	1,125
46.	" Unforeseen Expenditure	1,000
47.	" Allowances to Railway Department	4,250
48.	" Grants	33,564
49.	" Pensions, &c.	230

Division No.	£
50. Treasury—Exceptional Expenditure	5,000
51. Advance to Treasurer	300,000
52. Taxation Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,660
53. „ „ Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,371
54. „ „ Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	265
55. Curator—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,250
56. Government Printer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	27,029
57. „ „ Exceptional Expenditure	237
58. „ „ Advertising	600
59. Survey, &c., Crown Lands—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	20,806
60. Immigration and Labour Bureau—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,456
61. Public Parks, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	155
63. Botanic, &c., Gardens—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,478
64. Extirpation of Rabbits, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	12,174
65. Works and Buildings	200
66. „ „ Exceptional Expenditure	150
67. Public Works—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	11,619
68. Ports and Harbors—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	15,253
69. „ „ Exceptional Expenditure	125
70. Public Works—Works and Buildings	30,670
71. „ „ Roads, Works, and Bridges	2,725
72. „ „ Endowments and Grants, Municipalities, &c.	1,000
73. „ „ Exceptional Expenditure	150
74. Mines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,593
75. „ Furtherance of Mining Industry	6,716
76. „ Brown Coal Mine	12,750
77. „ Exceptional Expenditure	3,933
78. State Forests—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	20,308
80. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission	27,500
81. Agriculture, Administrative—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,395
82. „ Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	17,147
84. Stock and Dairy—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,879
85. Export Development—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	8,861
86. Public Health—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	14,215
87. „ „ Miscellaneous	250
88. Railways—Working Expenses, &c.	1,120,000
89. „ Pensions	4,750
90. „ Railway Construction Branch	1,471
91. State Coal Mine	100,000
Total	£2,415,826

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

21. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—Motion made and question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (*Mr. McPherson*)—put and agreed to.
House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means; resolution reported.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1918–19 the sum of £2,415,826 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.

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

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

23. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 1).**—Mr. McPherson then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Two millions four hundred and fifteen thousand eight hundred and twenty-six pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and eighteen and One thousand nine hundred and nineteen*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

24. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

H. H. NEWTON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

• J. E. MACKEY,

Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 2.—TUESDAY, 16TH JULY, 1918.

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

2. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—

Agreeing to the Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 1) without amendment.

Acquainting the Assembly that they have appointed a Committee of six Members to join with a Committee of the Assembly to deal with anomalies in the law and make recommendations as to statutory amendments.

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

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 2.

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

“ An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Two millions four hundred and fifteen thousand eight hundred and twenty-six pounds to the service of the year. One thousand nine hundred and eighteen and One thousand nine hundred and nineteen.”

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 12th July, 1918.

4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That leave of absence for the Session be granted to Gordon Charles Webber, Esq., the Honorable Member for Abbotsford, and Alexander Rogers, Esq., the Honorable Member for Melbourne (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.

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

Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Return of Machinery, Goods, and Material manufactured or produced outside the Commonwealth, and purchased for the use of the Education Department during the period from 1st July, 1916, to 30th June, 1917.

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 :—

Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act 1917.—Amendment of Regulations made on the 4th June, 1918.—Order in Council.

Geelong Harbor Trust Act 1915.—Accounts and Balance-sheets of each of the Undertakings of the Geelong Harbor Trust for the year 1917.

Railways Standing Committee.—Twenty-eighth General Report.

6. ATTENDANTS IN LUNACY DEPARTMENT—WAGES PAID AND HOURS WORKED.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing the wages paid to, and the hours worked by, attendants (male and female) in the Lunacy Department of the State (*Mr. Cain*)—put and agreed to.

7. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That an Address, in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House (for Address see p. 6 *ante*) ; debate resumed.

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. J. Cameron*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow, and do take precedence of all other business.

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

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at Three o'clock (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 3.—WEDNESDAY, 17TH JULY, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE GEORGE ALEXANDER ELMSLIE.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a letter, which he read, from the Honorable W. A. Holman, Premier of New South Wales, as President of the Premiers' Conference, Sydney, forwarding the following motion, which was carried unanimously by the Conference on 13th May, 1918 :—

“That this Conference desires to place on record its keen realization of the loss sustained by the public life of Australia in the recent lamented death of Mr. G. A. Elmslie, Leader of the Parliamentary Opposition in Victoria, and former Premier of that State.”
3. PETITION.—Mr. Everard presented a Petition from certain fruit-growers in the State of Victoria, praying to be exempted from the operations of the regulations recently proclaimed with reference to the labelling of every case of fruit offered for sale.

Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. TRAMWAY COLLISIONS—NUMBER OF, AND DAMAGES CHARGED TO EMPLOYEES.—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return relating to tramways under the control of the Melbourne Tramway Board, showing the number of collisions that have occurred within the last two years through cars striking the rear of preceding cars, and the amount of damages charged to employees in charge of cars when mishaps took place (*Mr. Hogan* for *Mr. Hannan*)—put and agreed to.
5. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Land Act 1915.—Particulars of a Lease of Swamp or Reclaimed Land under Section 110 of the *Land Act* 1915.
6. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That an Address, in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House (for Address see p. 6 *ante*) ; debate resumed.

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Major Baird*)—put and agreed to.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow, and do take precedence of all other business.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.
8. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past Ten o'clock (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.

Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 4.—THURSDAY, 18TH JULY, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That an Address, in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House (for Address see p. 6 *ante*) ; debate resumed.

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Deany*)—put and agreed to.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next, and do take precedence of all other business.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next.
4. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.

Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 5.—TUESDAY, 23RD JULY, 1918.

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

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 3.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue and of fees, fines, penalties, and forfeitures for the purposes of a Bill relating to Metropolitan Tramways, and for other purposes.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 22nd July, 1918.

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

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

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 4.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the *Closer Settlement Act 1915* and for other purposes.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 22nd July, 1918.

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

4. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That an Address, in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House (for Address see p. 6 *ante*); debate resumed. Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Beardmore*)—put and agreed to. Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow, and do take precedence of all other business.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at Three o'clock (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 6.—WEDNESDAY, 24TH JULY, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. RAILWAY TICKETS ISSUED AT BRUNSWICK AND SOUTH BRUNSWICK RAILWAY STATIONS.—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of tickets, first and second class separately, issued at Brunswick and South Brunswick railway stations between 1st July and 31st December, 1917 (*Mr. Jewell*)—put and agreed to.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Bowser presented—

Attendants in Lunacy Department—Wages Paid and Hours Worked.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 16th July, 1918.

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 Acts—

Notice of Intention to alter the Area closed against Netting near Limeburner's Bay, near Geelong.

Notice of Intention to prohibit all Fishing in or the taking of Fish from the portion of Diamond Creek and its Tributaries in the Parishes of Queenstown and Kinglake until 1st September, 1920.

Notice of Intention to restrict the Methods of Fishing in Inland and certain Other Waters.

Notice of Intention to alter the Close Season for Netting at Sydenham, Wingan, Tamboon, and Mallacoota Inlets; also the Prohibition of the Use of Mesh Nets in Mallacoota Inlet during the whole year.

Notice of Intention to vary Proclamations *re* Fishing Licences, Registration of Fishing Licences, &c.

Notice of Intention to alter the Proclamation defining the Mouths of the Bemm, Cann, Wingan, and Genoa Rivers, and specifying the Limits within which Nets and Fixed Engines are not to be used.

Motor Car Act 1915.—Regulation.—Speed Limit on the Beaconsfield-parade, South Melbourne.—Order in Council.

Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria.—Report of the Trustees for 1917, with a Statement of Income and Expenditure for the financial year 1916-17.

Public Service Acts.—Regulations.—Classification of General Division.—Chapter VI.—Department of Chief Secretary.

4. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That an Address, in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House (for Address see p. 6 *ante*); debate resumed.

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Stewart*)—put and agreed to.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow, and do take precedence of all other business.

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

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past Ten o'clock (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 7.—THURSDAY, 25TH JULY, 1918.

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

2. PAPER.—Mr. Barnes presented—

Railway Tickets issued at Brunswick and South Brunswick Railway Stations.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 24th July, 1918.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

3. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That an Address, in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House (for Address see p. 6 *ante*); debate resumed.

Question put, and Address agreed to.

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

4. DAYS OF BUSINESS.—Motion made and question—That Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week during the present Session be the days on which this House shall meet for the despatch of business, and that Four o'clock be the hour of meeting on Tuesday, Three o'clock on Wednesday, and half-past Ten o'clock on Thursday; and that no fresh business, except the postponement of business on the Notice-paper, be called on after half-past Nine o'clock on Tuesday and Wednesday, and after Four o'clock on Thursday (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

5. ORDER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Motion made and question—That on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week, except on the Thursdays set apart for Private Bill Business and General Business, during the present Session Government Business shall take precedence of all other business (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.

6. ORDER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS AND PRIVATE BUSINESS.—Motion made and question—That on Thursday, 1st August, and on every third Thursday thereafter during the present Session business shall be called on in the following order, viz.:—

On one third Thursday—

Private Bill Business :

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

General Business :

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

On the alternate third Thursday—

General Business :

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

Private Bill Business :

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

(*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.

7. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Motion made and question—That the following Members form the Library Committee of the Legislative Assembly during the present Session, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council :—*Mr. Speaker, Mr. Deany, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Hannah, and Mr. Tunnecliffe*; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.

8. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—Motion made and question—That the following Members form the Standing Orders Committee during the present Session :—*Mr. Speaker, Mr. Allan, Mr. Bailey, Major Baird, Mr. J. W. Billson, Mr. Cain, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. McLeod, Sir Alexander Peacock, and Mr. Snowball*; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet; five to be the quorum (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.

9. PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS COMMITTEE.—Motion made and question—That the following Members form the Parliament Buildings Committee of the Legislative Assembly during the present Session, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council :—*Mr. Speaker, Mr. Clough, Mr. Jewell, Mr. McGregor, and Mr. Outtrim*; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.

10. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—Motion made and question—That the following Members form the Printing Committee during the present Session :—*Mr. Speaker, Mr. Angus, Mr. Beardmore, Mr. J. Cameron, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Livingston, Mr. McGregor, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Prendergast, and Mr. Slater*; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.

11. REFRESHMENT ROOMS COMMITTEE.—Amended motion made and question—That the following Members form the Refreshment Rooms Committee of the Legislative Assembly during the present Session, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council :—*Mr. A. F. Cameron, Mr. Cotter, Mr. Everard, Mr. Hannah, and Mr. Pennington*; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.

12. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.—Motion made and question—That the following Members form the Committee of Public Accounts during the present Session :—*Mr. Bayles, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Hannan, Mr. Lemmon, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Menzies, and Mr. Tunnecliffe*; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.

13. STATUTE LAW REVISION COMMITTEE.—Motion made and question—That, in compliance with the recommendation of the Joint Select Committee on the Consolidation of the Laws adopted by this House on the 16th June, 1915, a Committee be appointed, consisting of six Members, to join with a Committee of the Legislative Council to deal with anomalies in the law and make recommendations as to statutory amendments, such Committee to consist of *Mr. Bailey, Mr. Bayles, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. Prendergast, and Mr. Snowball*, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; five to be the quorum (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them with the foregoing resolution.

14. MARRIAGE BILL.—*Mr. Lawson* obtained leave, with *Mr. Robertson*, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to provide Facilities for ena'ling certain Marriages in Fact to be declared not to be invalid*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

15. **NURSES REGISTRATION BILL.**—Mr. Bowser obtained leave, with Mr. Campbell, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to make provis.on for the Training and Registration of Nurses and with respect to the Qualifications of Registered Nurses and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
16. **COOL STORES SITES BILL.**—Mr. Oman, pursuant to notice moved on his behalf by Mr. Lawson, obtained leave, with Mr. Robertson, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Sale of certain Lands at Doncaster Burwood and Diamond Creek being the Sites of Cool Stores built by the Government of Victoria*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
17. **MILDURA VINEYARDS PROTECTION BILL.**—Mr. Oman, pursuant to notice moved on his behalf by Mr. Lawson, obtained leave, with Mr. Barnes, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to Diseases of Vines within the Shire of Mildura and the Protection of Vineyards within the said Shire from such Diseases*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
18. **CLOSER SETTLEMENT (BOARD) BILL.**—Mr. Robertson obtained leave, with Mr. Campbell, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend Section Four of the 'Closer Settlement Act 1915'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
19. **METROPOLITAN HAWKERS BILL.**—Mr. Bowser obtained leave, with Mr. McPherson, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Hawkers and Pedlers*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
20. **ESSENDON LAND BILL.**—Mr. Robertson obtained leave, with Mr. Campbell, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Closing of Portion of a certain Street in the Municipal District of the City of Essendon and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
21. **CARDIGAN LAND BILL.**—Mr. Robertson obtained leave, with Mr. Campbell, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to revoke the Permanent Reservation and Crown Grant of Portion of certain Land situate in the Parish of Cardigan as a Site for a Public Park*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
22. **COMPULSORY VACCINATION ABOLITION BILL.**—Mr. Outtrim obtained leave, with Mr. Jewell, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to abolish Compulsory Vaccination in Victoria*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 22nd August next.
23. **DAY BAKING BILL.**—Mr. J. W. Billson, pursuant to notice moved on his behalf by Mr. Lemmon, obtained leave, with Mr. Lemmon and Mr. Cain, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill for the Establishment of Day Baking in the State of Victoria*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 3rd October next.
24. **SCAFFOLDING INSPECTION BILL.**—Mr. Hannah obtained leave, with Mr. Lemmon, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Inspection of Scaffolding and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 22nd August next.
25. **FARM PRODUCE AGENTS BILL.**—Mr. Bailey obtained leave, with Mr. Hogan, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Licensing of Farm Produce Agents and for purposes incidental thereto*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 3rd October next.
26. **COMPULSORY VOTING (ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS) BILL.**—Mr. Cotter obtained leave, with Mr. Jewell, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for Compulsory Voting at Elections for the Legislative Assembly*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 22nd August next.
27. **STATE PRODUCE AGENCY BILL.**—Mr. Bailey obtained leave, with Mr. Hogan, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill for the Establishment and Regulation of a State Produce Agency and for purposes incidental thereto*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 3rd October next.
28. **LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ABOLITION BILL.**—Mr. Hannah obtained leave, with Mr. Bailey and Mr. Slater, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to abolish the Legislative Council of the State of Victoria*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 24th October next.
29. **MELBOURNE GENERAL MARKET LANDS ACT 1917 REPEAL BILL.**—Ordered, after debate—That the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 31 be postponed until Thursday next.
30. **FAIR RENTS BILL.**—Mr. Murphy obtained leave, with Mr. Cotter, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill for the Establishment of Courts for the purpose of fixing Fair Rents for Dwelling-houses*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 14th November next.
31. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL.**—Mr. Murphy obtained leave, with Mr. Cain, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to extend the Powers of Municipalities with respect to the Sale of Coal Wheat Bread Fish and Milk and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 14th November next.

32. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT ACT 1915 AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Prendergast obtained leave, with Mr. J. W. Billson and Mr. Lemmon, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend ‘The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915’*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 3rd October next.
33. SUPPLY.—Motion made and question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (*Mr. McPherson*)—put and negatived.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
34. METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor’s Message No. 3.
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. McGregor reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution:—
Resolved—That it is expedient that an appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue and of fees, fines, penalties, and forfeitures for the purposes of a Bill relating to Metropolitan Tramways, and for other purposes.
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. Lawson and Mr. McPherson do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
Mr. Lawson then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill relating to Metropolitan Tramways and for other purposes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
35. CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor’s Message No. 4.
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. McGregor reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution:—
Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the *Closer Settlement Act 1915* and for other purposes.
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. Robertson and Mr. Hutchinson do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
Mr. Robertson then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the ‘Closer Settlement Act 1915’ and for other purposes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
36. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 4 and 5 be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 8.—TUESDAY, 30TH JULY, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. REPRESENTATION OF KARA KARA—PETITION.—Motion made and question—That the Petition of John Joseph Hall, laid before this House by Mr. Speaker on Wednesday, 27th March last, with reference to the Representation of the Electoral District of Kara Kara, is not an Election Petition within the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915* relating to Election Petitions (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and, after debate—
The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Livingston,
Major Baird,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Bayles,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Clough,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Demy,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Everard,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Groves,	
Mr. Hannan,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Robertson.

Noes, 7.

Mr. Allan,
Mr. Gibson,
Mr. McLachlan,
Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Stewart.

Tellers.

Mr. Hannah,
Mr. Weaver.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, after debate—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

3. DRIFT OF POPULATION FROM COUNTRY DISTRICTS TO THE CITY COMMITTEE.—Motion made and question proposed—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the causes of the drift of population from country districts to the city; such Committee to consist of Mr. Allan, Mr. Bailey, Mr. A. A. Billson, Mr. A. F. Cameron, Mr. J. Cameron, Mr. Clough, and Mr. Cotter, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, to move from place to place, to sit on days on which the House does not meet, and to report the minutes of evidence from time to time; three to be the quorum (*Mr. Lawson*)—and, after debate—
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Hannah*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

H. H. NEWTON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. E. MACKEY,

Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 9.—WEDNESDAY, 31ST JULY, 1918.

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

A. L. STANLEY,

Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 5.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the *Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act 1917* and for other purposes.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 31st July, 1918.

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

3. **DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT BILL.**—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 5.
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the *Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act 1917* and for other purposes.

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

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

Mr. Robertson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act 1917' and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

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

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 6.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to alter the Method of debiting Expenditure as provided in Section Two of the *Railways Act 1916*.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 31st July, 1918.

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

5. **RAILWAYS BILL.**—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message No. 6.
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to alter the Method of debiting Expenditure as provided in Section Two of the *Railways Act 1916*.

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

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

Mr. Barnes then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to alter the Method of debiting Expenditure as provided in Section Two of the 'Railways Act 1916'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

6. **PAPER.**—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—

Melbourne Harbor Trust Act 1915.—Statement of Accounts of the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners for the year 1917.

7. **NEWSPAPER TRAINS.**—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing—

1. The number of newspaper trains run by the Railway Department each day for the *Age* and *Argus*.
2. The lines on which these trains run and their terminal stations.
3. The annual train mileage run by the trains.
4. The annual cost of the trains.
5. The amount paid annually by the proprietors of the *Age* and *Argus* towards defraying the cost of the newspaper trains

—(Mr. Hogan)—put and agreed to.

8. **TRAFFIC CONGESTION BOARD.**—Motion made and question—That the sum of £100 be fixed as the maximum expenditure of the Board appointed for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the congestion of traffic in Melbourne, and the means recommended to be adopted for relieving such congestion (Mr. Bowser)—put and agreed to.

9. **GAOLS BILL.**—Mr. Bowser obtained leave, with Mr. Robertson, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the Employment of Prisoners and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

10. **DRIFT OF POPULATION FROM COUNTRY DISTRICTS TO THE CITY COMMITTEE.**—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the causes of the drift of population from country districts to the city; such Committee to consist of Mr. Allan, Mr. Bailey, Mr. A. A. Billson, Mr. A. F. Cameron, Mr. J. Cameron, Mr. Clough, and Mr. Cotter, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, to move from place to place, to sit on days on which the House does not meet, and to report the minutes of evidence from time to time; three to be the quorum; debate resumed.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Bailey,	Mr. McDonald,
Major Baird,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. Bayles,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Slater,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Groves,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Hannan,	
Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Robertson.

Noes, 2.

Tellers.

Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. McLachlan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

11. CLOSER SETTLEMENT (BOARD) BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
12. SECOND-HAND DEALERS BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Lawson*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 4 to 14 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
14. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 10.—THURSDAY, 1ST AUGUST, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPER.—Mr. Barnes presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Coal Mines Regulation Act 1915.—Annual Report of the Victorian Coal Miners' Accidents Relief Board for the year 1917.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. WHEAT COMMISSION—EXPENDITURE BY RAILWAY DEPARTMENT ON FLOUR STORE AT NEWPORT, PURCHASE OF LAND, STACKING SITES, AND RAILWAY SIDINGS.—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The nature of the construction of the flour store erected by the Railway Department for the Victorian Wheat Commission at Newport.
 2. The capacity of the store.
 3. The main dimensions of the store.
 4. The total expenditure incurred by the Railway Department for the Victorian Wheat Commission on the store to 31st March, 1918.
 5. The total expenditure incurred by the Railway Department to 31st March, 1918, on railway sidings to the store.
 6. The handling costs involved in—(a) stacking flour in shed at Newport; and (b) discharging flour from Newport shed into trucks on siding.

7. The total estimated expenditure on stacking sites and railway sidings proposed to be constructed at Stawell, Maryborough, Bendigo, and Broadmeadows respectively.
8. The amount of money involved in the purchase of land for the stacking sites at Stawell, Maryborough, Bendigo, and Broadmeadows respectively.
9. The total expenditure on construction of railway sidings, purchase of land, and preparation of wheat-stacking sites by the Railway Department for the Victorian Wheat Commission for the financial years 1915-16, 1916-17, and 1917-18 respectively.
10. The expenditure on the construction of sidings, purchase of land, and preparation of wheat-stacking sites by the Railway Department for the Victorian Wheat Commission for the period June, 1915, to date at Spotswood, Newport, Williamstown, Williamstown Race-course, and Brooklyn respectively.

—(*Mr. Evrard*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

4. MELBOURNE GENERAL MARKET LANDS ACT 1917 REPEAL BILL.—Ordered, after debate, That the consideration of Notice of Motion, General Business, No. 1, be postponed until Tuesday next.
5. TRAMWAY BOARD DETECTIVES—NUMBER, DUTIES, AND SALARIES.—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of private detectives in the employ of the Melbourne Tramway Board, the class of duties performed, and the salaries received (*Mr. Cotter*)—put and agreed to.
6. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—SPECIAL BOARD TO FIX LOWEST RATES OF WAGES.—Motion made and question—That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons employed in the trade of—
 - (1) Making Portland cement ;
 - (2) Quarrying or preparing the raw materials therefor.

—(*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.

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

7. SECOND-HAND DEALERS BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed. Bill read a second time and committed. Committee reported progress ; to sit again on Tuesday next.
8. NURSES REGISTRATION BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Bowser*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
9. COOL STORES SITES BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Oman*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 4 be postponed until Tuesday next.
11. MARRIAGE BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Lawson*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 6 to 14 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 11.—TUESDAY, 6TH AUGUST, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Hutchinson presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Education—Report of the Minister of Public Instruction for the year 1916-17.
Mr. Lawson presented—
Tramway Collisions—Number of, and Damages Charged to Employees.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 17th July, 1918.
Tramway Board Detectives—Number, Duties, and Salaries.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 1st August, 1918.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Income Tax Act 1915.—Regulations.—Form substituted for that in Schedule "A," made on the 7th day of December, 1915.—Order in Council.
3. WAR IN EUROPE—FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF DECLARATION OF WAR.—Motion made, by leave, and question proposed—That on this, its first meeting after the fourth anniversary of the declaration of a righteous war, the Legislative Assembly of Victoria again records its inflexible determination to continue to a victorious end the struggle in maintenance of those ideals of liberty and justice which are the common and sacred cause of the Allies (*Mr. Lawson*).
Amendment proposed—That all the words after the word "Victoria" be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words "urges that immediate negotiations be initiated for an international conference for the purpose of arranging equitable terms of peace (*Mr. Prndergast*)—
And, after debate—
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the motion—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. Angus,	Mr. McLeod,
Major Baird,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Carlisle,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Everard,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Groves,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Livingston,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	
Mr. McDonald,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. McLachlan,	Mr. Toutcher.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Prndergast,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Slater,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Hannah,	
Mr. Hannan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. Jewell,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That on this, its first meeting after the fourth anniversary of the declaration of a righteous war, the Legislative Assembly of Victoria again records its inflexible determination to continue to a victorious end the struggle in maintenance of those ideals of liberty and justice which are the common and sacred cause of the Allies—put and agreed to.
Honorable Members then rose in their places and sang the National Anthem.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Closer Settlement (Board) Bill without amendment.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

H. H. NEWTON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. E. MACKAY,

Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 12. — WEDNESDAY, 7TH AUGUST, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPER.—Mr. Barnes presented—
Wheat Commission—Expenditure by Railway Department on Flour Store at Newport, Purchase of Land, Stacking Sites, and Railway Sidings.—Part Return to an Order of the House, dated 1st August, 1918,
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Lemmon rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The urgent necessity for the House to take action with a view of settling the dispute between the friendly societies and their medical officers." Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—Motion made and question—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Lemmon*)—put and, after debate, negatived.
4. MOTOR TRAFFIC BILL.—Mr. Barnes obtained leave, with Mr. McPherson, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Motor Cars and Motor Traffic*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
5. CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Robertson*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 15 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 13.—THURSDAY, 8TH AUGUST, 1918.

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

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VICTORIA.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1917-18.

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 7.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1917-18, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 6th August, 1918.

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

3. **ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.**—Mr. Cotter rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The case of ex-Senior Constable Hallett's recent dismissal from the police force."

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

Motion made and question—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Cotter*)—put and, after debate, negatived.

4. **SUPPLY.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Committee reported progress; to sit again on Tuesday next.

5. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until Tuesday next.

6. **SECOND-HAND DEALERS BILL.**—Further considered in Committee. Committee reported progress; to sit again on Tuesday next.

7. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 4 to 15 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 14.—TUESDAY, 13TH AUGUST, 1918.

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

A. L. STANLEY,

Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 8.

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

Bill to amend Section Four of the 'Closer Settlement' Act 1915.

The Government Offices,

Melbourne, 13th August, 1918.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Lawson presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor
Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the year 1916. —Part IX. —Production.

Mr. Barnes presented—

Newspaper Trains.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 31st July, 1918.

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 1915.—Report of the Council of Public Education for the period 1st July, 1917, to 30th June, 1918.

Fisheries Acts.—Notice of Intention to explain the Proclamation *re* Netting at Gippsland Lakes Entrance.

Friendly Societies Act 1915.—Report of the Registrar of Friendly Societies for the year 1917.

4. ADJOURNMENT MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Everard rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The statement made in the House by the Honorable the Premier on the 30th July last in regard to wheat silos."

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

Motion made and question proposed—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Everard*) and, after debate—

Motion made, by leave, and question—That Standing Order No. 8b be suspended in so far as to remove the limitation of two hours for the whole discussion of this question, and also to allow the length of speeches thereon to be limited only by the general rule governing debates in the House (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

Motion—That the House do now adjourn—after further debate, put and negatived.

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

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

H. H. NEWTON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. E. MACKEY,

Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 15.—WEDNESDAY, 14TH AUGUST, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—

Education Act 1915.—Regulation rescinded. Regulation substituted. Regulation XXI. —Scholarships.—Order in Council.

3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Clough rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The statement made in the House by the Minister of Public Instruction on 7th August relating to the purchase of land from J. H. McColl."

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

Motion made and question—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Clough*)—put and, after debate

The House divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Slater,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Hannan,	
Mr. Hogan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell,	Mr. Bailey,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Hannah.

Noes, 30.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Angus,	Mr. Menzies,
Major Baird,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Groves,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Wynne.
Mr. McGregor,	
Mr. McKenzie,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McLachlan,	Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. McLennan,	Mr. Robertson.

And so it passed in the negative.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until after the Notice of Motion, General Business.
5. MELBOURNE GENERAL MARKET LANDS ACT 1917 REPEAL BILL.—Motion made and question—That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to repeal the 'Melbourne General Market Lands Act 1917'*" (Mr. Cotter for Mr. Rogers) put and, after debate—

The House divided.

Ayes, 5.

Mr. McLachlan,
Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Stewart.
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. A. F. Cameron,
Mr. Ryan.

Noes, 38.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Angus,	Mr. McKenzie,
Major Baird,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Cotter,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Groves,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Slater,
Mr. Hannan,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Jewell,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Lemmon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Robertson.

And so it passed in the negative.

6. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 16 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

H. H. NEWTON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. E. MACKEY,

Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 16.—THURSDAY, 15TH AUGUST, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—Mr. McDonald presented a Petition from William A. G. Sinclair, State school teacher, of Pollock-street, Colac, complaining of the treatment received by him from the Education Department, and praying that the House will give heed to his case.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

3. PAPER.—Mr. Barnes presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Mines.—Annual Report of the Secretary for Mines for the year 1917.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

4. SUPPLY.—Motion made and question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (*Mr. McPherson*)—
put and, after debate, agreed to.

House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply; resolution to be reported this day.

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

5. SUPPLY—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1917-18.—Mr. Hannah reported from the Committee
of Supply the following resolution :—

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £244,823 be granted to His Majesty on account for or
towards defraying the following services for the year 1917-18, viz. :—

I.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

Division No.	£	£
2. Legislative Assembly...	65	
4. Refreshment Rooms ...	365	
7. Victorian Parliamentary Debates ...	257	
8. Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	83	
9. " " Pensions, Gratuities, Compensations, &c. ...	7,558	
10. " " Grants ...	1,081	
13. State Accident Insurance Office ...	35	
17. Herbarium ...	25	
20. Mercantile Marine ...	46	
21. Observatory ...	15	
22. Premier's Office ..	17	
27. Hospitals for the Insane ..	1,264	
28. Department for Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools ...	5,163	
29. Penal Establishments and Gaols ...	73	
30. Police ...	9,400	
31. Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria...	800	
32. Public Service Commissioner ...	19	
	26,266	

II.—MINISTER OF LABOUR.

33. Department of Labour ...	60
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III.—MINISTER OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

34. Education—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	215	
35. " Pensions, Gratuities, and Compensation ...	1,009	
37. " Endowments and Grants ...	217	
38. " Exceptional Expenditure ...	12,584	
	14,025	

IV.—ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

41. Attorney-General—Ordinary Expenditure ...	70
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V.—SOLICITOR-GENERAL.

43. Solicitor-General—Ordinary Expenditure ...	173	
43A. " Exceptional Expenditure ...	6	
	179	

VI.—TREASURER.

44. Treasury—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	40	
45. " Transport, Samples, and Marine Insurance ...	1,300	
46. " Unforeseen and Accidental Expenditure ...	925	
47. " Allowances to Railway Department ...	5,650	
49. " Pensions, Compensation, and Gratuities, &c. ...	310	
50. " Exceptional Expenditure ...	26,059	
52. Taxation Office—Income Tax Branch ...	20	
53. " " Land Tax Branch ...	250	
55. Curator of Estates of Deceased Persons ...	253	
	34,807	

VII.—COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY.

59. Survey, Land Settlement, Closer Settlement, and Management of Crown Lands ...	963	
60. Immigration and Labour Bureau and Soldiers' Employment Bureau ...	30	
64. Extirpation of Rabbits and Wild Animals ...	5,000	
65. Works and Buildings ...	523	
66. Exceptional Expenditure ...	2,697	
	9,213	

Division No.	£	£
VIII.—COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS.		
68. Ports and Harbors	896	
71. Public Works—Works and Buildings	12,876	
73. „ „ Endowments and Grants, Municipalities, &c.	1,400	
73A. „ „ Exceptional Expenditure	25,214	
	40,386	
IX.—MINISTER OF MINES.		
74. Mines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	308	
75. „ Furtherance of Mining Industry	20,000	
77. „ Exceptional Expenditure	0	
	20,348	
X.—MINISTER OF FORESTS.		
78. State Forests		138
XII.—MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.		
82. Agriculture—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	9,600	
83. „ Grants	97	
84. Stock and Dairy	216	
85. Export Development and Produce Inspection	5,968	
	15,881	
XIII.—MINISTER OF HEALTH.		
87A. Endowments and Grants		350
XIV.—MINISTER OF RAILWAYS.		
88. Victorian Railways—Salaries and Working Expenses of all Lines during the year 1917–18	80,416	
88A. „ „ Exceptional Expenditure	1,947	
89. „ „ Pensions, Gratuities, Compensation, &c.	737	
	83,100	
Total		£244,823

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

6. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means; resolution to be reported this day.

Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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

Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1917–18 the sum of £244,823 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.

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

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

8. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 2).**—Mr. McPherson then brought up a Bill intitled “*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Two hundred and forty-four thousand eight hundred and twenty-three pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and seventeen and One thousand nine hundred and eighteen*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

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

9. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 16 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

H. H. NEWTON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. E. MACKAY,

Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 17.—TUESDAY, 20TH AUGUST, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.**—Mr. Speaker reported that, as directed by this Honorable House, he had that day waited upon His Excellency the Governor, and had presented to him the Address of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 25th July last in reply to His Excellency's Speech on the opening of Parliament. His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply:—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

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 just presented 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.

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

20th August, 1918.

3. **CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.**—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Angus*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
4. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—
Agreeing to the Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 2) without amendment.
Acquainting the Assembly that they have concurred with the Assembly in agreeing to a resolution that it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons employed in the trade of—
(1) Making Portland cement ;
(2) Quarrying or preparing the raw materials therefor.
5. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 16 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 18. — WEDNESDAY, 21ST AUGUST, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
 2. **CLOSER SETTLEMENT—ESTATES FOR SOLDIER SETTLERS—NUMBER, PURCHASE PRICE, AREA, SOLDIERS SETTLED, AND CROWN LAND BLOCKS AVAILABLE.**—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The number of estates purchased for soldier settlers.
 2. The total purchase price of such estates.
 3. The total area of such estates.
 4. The total number of settlers placed thereon.
 5. The number of soldiers who have indicated their satisfaction with the blocks available.
 6. The number of blocks of Crown land outside the Mallee made available during the administration of the present Minister.
- (*Mr. Angus*)—put and agreed to.

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

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 9.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to make further provision with respect to Developmental Roads.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 31st July, 1918.

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

4. DEVELOPMENTAL ROADS BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 9.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to make further provision with respect to Developmental Roads.

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

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

Mr. McPherson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to make further provision with respect to Developmental Roads*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising on Thursday next, adjourn until Tuesday, 3rd September next (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.

6. CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and committed.

Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.

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

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 10.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the Country Roads Acts and for other purposes.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 31st July, 1918.

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

8. COUNTRY ROADS BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message No. 10.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the Country Roads Acts and for other purposes.

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

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

Mr. Barnes then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Country Roads Acts and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

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

10. COOL STORES SITES BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment.

Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day No. 2 and Nos. 4 to 16 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 19.—THURSDAY, 22ND AUGUST, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **COMPULSORY VACCINATION ABOLITION BILL.**—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
3. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 2 be postponed until Thursday, 12th September next.
4. **COMPULSORY VOTING (ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS) BILL.**—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Cotter*)—and, after debate—
Mr. Prendergast addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 12th September next.
5. **FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—SPECIAL BOARD TO FIX LOWEST RATES OF WAGES.**—Motion made and question—That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons employed in the trade of—(a) a wholesale or a manufacturing chemist; (b) manufacturing toilet preparations, perfumery, essences, essential oils, food preservatives, branding fluids, deodorants, disinfectants, fungicides, insecticides, vermin destroyers, weed destroyers (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them with the foregoing resolution, and desiring their concurrence therein.
6. **COOL STORES SITES BILL.**—Motion made and question—That this Bill be now read a third time (*Mr. Oman*)—put and, after debate—
The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Major Baird,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Bowser,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Everard,	Mr. Wynne.
Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. Groves,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Toutcher.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Slater,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Solly.
Mr. Cotter,	
Mr. Hannan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. Jewell,	Mr. Hannah,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read the third time.

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

7. **PAPER.**—Mr. Lawson presented—

Closer Settlement—Estates for Soldier Settlers—Number, Purchase Price, Area, Soldiers Settled, and Crown Land Blocks Available.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 21st August, 1918.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

8. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 18 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday, 3rd September next.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes past One o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday, 3rd September next.

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 20.—TUESDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER, 1918.

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

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 11.

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

“An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Two hundred and forty-four thousand eight hundred and twenty-three pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and seventeen and One thousand nine hundred and eighteen.”

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 27th August, 1918.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Lawson presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Gas Inquiry Board, 1918.—Report of the Board appointed to inquire into the Metropolitan Gas Supply (Minutes of Evidence attached).
Judges—Report of the Council of Judges under section 28 of the *Supreme Court Act* 1915.
Mr. Bowser presented, pursuant to a resolution of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 17th October, 1905—
Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Return of Machinery, Goods, and Material manufactured or produced outside the Commonwealth, and purchased for the use of the Public Health Department during the period from 1st July, 1917, to 30th June, 1918.

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 :—

- Constitution Statute.—Statement of Expenditure under Schedule D to Act 18 and 19 Vict., Cap. 55, during the year 1917–18.
Education Act 1915.—Regulation rescinded, new Regulation made.—Regulation XXXVII.—Technical Schools.—Order in Council.
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1915.—Statements of Accounts and Balance-sheet ; together with Schedule of Contracts, for year ended 30th June, 1918.
Tramway Board Act 1915.—Report and Statement of Accounts of the Tramway Board for the year ended 30th June, 1918.
4. METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Lawson*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 17th September instant.
 5. COUNTRY ROADS BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Lawson*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
 6. DEVELOPMENTAL ROADS BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Lawson*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
 7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 4 be postponed until to-morrow.
 8. RAILWAYS BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
 9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 6 to 17 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
 10. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 21. — WEDNESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. RAILWAY DEPARTMENT—OFFICERS RECEIVING OVER £300 PER ANNUM TO WHOM IT IS PROPOSED TO GRANT INCREASES DURING FINANCIAL YEAR 1918–19.—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing the name, position, and present and proposed salary of each officer in the service of the Railways Commissioners in receipt of over £300 per annum to whom it is proposed to grant an increase for the financial year ending 30th June, 1919, and the total amount involved by such increases (*Mr. Prendergast* for *Mr. Clough*)—put and agreed to.
3. CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.—Further considered in Committee.
Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 13 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House, at Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 22.—THURSDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—SPECIAL BOARD TO FIX LOWEST RATES OF WAGES—RESOLUTION SUBSTITUTED FOR PREVIOUS RESOLUTION.—Motion made, pursuant to *amended* notice, and question—That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons employed in or in connexion with the trade of—(a) a maker of any kind of rubber goods ; (b) a reclaimer of rubber ; (c) a maker of solution ; also that this resolution be substituted for the resolution passed by the Legislative Assembly on the seventeenth day of February, 1909, and by the Legislative Council on the twenty-third day of February, 1909, declaring that it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons, or classes of persons, employed in the process, trade, or business of a maker of all kinds of rubber goods, including rubber tyres of every description (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them with the foregoing resolution, and desiring their concurrence therein.
3. SUPPLY (THIRD THURSDAY)—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That Standing Order No 273c be suspended so as to allow the Notice of Motion, General Business, to be taken into consideration before Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of Day, Government Business, be postponed until after the Notice of Motion, General Business.
4. AGENT-GENERAL'S OFFICE ABOLITION BILL.—Mr. Downward, pursuant to *amended* notice, obtained leave, with Mr. Angus, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to abolish the Office of Agent-General for Victoria in London*" ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.
5. SUPPLY.—Motion made and question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (*Mr. McPherson*)—put and, after debate, negatived.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
6. NURSES REGISTRATION BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed.
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. McLeod*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
7. SECOND-HAND DEALERS BILL.—Further considered in Committee and reported with amendments ; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to ; read the third time.
The following amendment was made in this Bill :—
Clause 20, sub-section (2), line 14, omit the word "Fifty" and insert the word "Ten"—(*Mr. Lawson*).
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

8. MARRIAGE BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; Bill read a second time and committed.
Committee reported progress ; to sit again on Tuesday next.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 5 to 13 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 23.—TUESDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Coal Mines Regulation Act 1915.—State Coal Mines.—Annual Report of the General Manager of State Coal Mines ; including the State Coal Mines Balance-sheet, and Statement of Accounts duly audited, &c., for the year 1917-18.
3. CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.—Further considered in Committee.
Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 14 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.
And then the House, at thirty-one minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 24. — WEDNESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
 2. CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.—Further considered in Committee.
Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.
 3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 14 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
- And then the House, at thirty-eight minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 25.—THURSDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. OFFICE OF STATE GOVERNOR.—Motion made and question proposed—That, in the opinion of this House, the office of the State Governor of Victoria should be abolished (*Mr. Hannah*)—and, after debate—
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and, after debate—
The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Angus,	Mr. McKenzie,
Major Baird,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Everard,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Snowball.
Mr. Groves,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Lawson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Robertson.

Noes, 14.

Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Slater,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Hannan,	Mr. Toucher.
Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. Jewell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. Menzies,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Thursday, 24th October next.

3. **VOTERS IN MUNICIPALITIES IN THE MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS AREA.**—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of voters in different cities, towns, boroughs, and shires in the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works area of the metropolis, giving—(a) the name of municipality; (b) separately, the number of single, double, and treble votes in each ward and riding of each municipality; and (c) the number of absent voters in each ward and riding (*Mr. J. W. Billson* for *Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.
4. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL (No. 2).**—Mr. McGregor obtained leave, with Mr. Cain, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Local Government Acts*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 3rd October next.
5. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 24th October next.
6. **MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST BILL.**—Mr. McPherson obtained leave, with Mr. Robertson, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to make provision with respect to the vesting of certain Land in the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners and the Dredging of certain Channels and for other purposes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
7. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until this day.
8. **MARRIAGE BILL.**—Further considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
9. **ESSENDON LAND BILL.**—Order for second reading read; Bill ruled a Private Bill.
Motion made, by leave, and question—That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill (*Mr. Robertson*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Robertson*)—and, after debate—
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Snowball*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
10. **CARDIGAN LAND BILL.**—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee. Committee reported progress; to sit again on Tuesday next.
11. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 and Nos. 5 to 14 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 26.—TUESDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 - Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act 1917.—Reports of the Minister on Acquiring Lands in the undermentioned Estates where the State Land Tax Valuations or one or more of the Referees' Valuations were below the Price recommended by the Lands Purchase and Management Board :—
 - Llowalong, near Stratford ; Douglas' Land on Lake Corangamite.
 - Poligolet, near Camperdown and Derrinallum.
 - Workers' Compensation Act 1915.—State Accident Insurance Office.—Report, Profit and Loss Account, and Balance-sheet for period ended 30th June, 1918.
3. CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.—Further considered in Committee. Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.
4. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—
 - Agreeing to the Cool Stores Sites Bill without amendment.
 - Acquainting the Assembly that they have concurred with the Assembly in agreeing to a resolution that it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons employed in the trade of—(a) a wholesale or a manufacturing chemist ; (b) manufacturing toilet preparations, perfumery, essences, essential oils, food preservatives, branding fluids, deodorants, disinfectants, fungicides, insecticides, vermin destroyers, weed destroyers.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 15 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 27.—WEDNESDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Lawson presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
 - Bendigo Land Commission.—Report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into and report concerning the Integrity of the Conduct of the Honorable William Hutchinson, the then Commissioner of Lands for Victoria, in connexion with the Purchase from the Honorable J. H. McColl of certain Land at Bendigo under Section 20 of the *Closer Settlement Act* 1915, and as to the Motives influencing the several Officers concerned with the Purchase of the said Land.
 - Housing of the People Commission.—Final (Third) Report from the Royal Commission on the Housing Conditions of the People in the Metropolis and in the Populous Centres of the State (Building By-laws ; Laying-out of Streets, Roads, &c., on Private Property in relation to Land Subdivision ; Dwellings for Persons of Small Means, and Improvement of Lands in relation thereto) ; together with an Appendix being a Proposed Code of Building By-laws.
 - Premiers' Conference.—Report of the Resolutions, Proceedings, and Debates of the Premiers' Conference held at Sydney, May, 1918 ; together with Appendices.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

3. **CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.**—Further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; recommitted to a Committee of the whole House in respect of clauses 7 and 8; reconsidered in Committee and reported with further amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
4. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 15 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
5. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 28.—THURSDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **PAPER.**—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—
Victorian Railways.—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the year ended 30th June, 1918.
3. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until after the Notice of Motion, General Business.
4. **MARRIAGE (DIVORCE) BILL.**—Mr. Snowball obtained leave, with Sir Alexander Peacock, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to make Insanity a Ground for Divorce or Judicial Separation*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 3rd October next.
5. **METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.**—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Menzies*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
6. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 11 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
7. **CARDIGAN LAND BILL.**—Further considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
8. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 13 and 14 be postponed until Tuesday next.
9. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 29.—TUESDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. EASTERN MALLEE CONNECTING RAILWAYS.—Mr. Menzies, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of connecting the districts lying between the Ouyen to Mildura railway and the Murray River from Piangil downwards with the existing railway system by means of railway extensions and the provision of adequate water supply for domestic purposes; together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Lawson, and the same was read:—
A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 12.*
The Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Act of the present Session, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz.:—
“*An Act to provide for the Sale of certain Lands at Doncaster Burwood and Diamond Creek being the Sites of Cool Stores built by the Government of Victoria.*”
The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 24th September, 1918.
4. PAPERS.—Mr. Lawson presented, pursuant to a resolution of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 17th October, 1905—
Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Return of Machinery, Goods, and Material manufactured or produced outside the Commonwealth, and purchased for the use of the Public Works Department during the period from 1st July, 1917, to 30th June, 1918.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—
Mines Act 1915.—Victorian Mining Accident Relief Fund—Balance-sheet, 31st December, 1917.
5. METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. A. A. Billson*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to amend the Transfer of Land Acts.*”
7. TRANSFER OF LAND ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Lawson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
8. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act relating to the Law of Property and for other purposes.*”
9. REAL PROPERTY BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Lawson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
10. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to amend the Justices Acts and for other purposes.*”
11. JUSTICES BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Lawson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 13 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 30.—WEDNESDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received the following Message from His Excellency the Governor:—

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 13.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly a copy of a despatch which he has received from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies respecting the loyal address of congratulation of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Victoria on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of His Majesty's wedding.

State Government House,
Melbourne, 25th September, 1918.

Victoria, No. 16.

[COPY.]

SIR,

Downing-street, 22 July, 1918.

I have the honour to inform you that I have duly laid your telegram of the 10th of July before His Majesty the King, who commands me to desire you to convey to the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, an expression of his deep appreciation of their loyal address of congratulation on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of His Majesty's wedding.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

Governor,

(Sgd.) WALTER H. LONG.

The Honorable Sir A. L. Stanley, K.C.M.G.,
&c., &c., &c.

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

Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act 1917.—Reports of the Minister on Acquiring Lands in the undermentioned Estates where the State Land Tax Valuations or one or more of the Referees' Valuations were below the Price recommended by the Lands Purchase and Management Board:—

I.Y.U., near Pakenham; Holland's Estate, on Lake Corangamite; Sutton Park, near Allandale; Riggall's Estate, Sale district.

Happy Valley Estate near Myrtleford; Barwidgee and part of Happy Valley Estates, near Myrtleford.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next (*Mr. Lawson*);—put and, after debate, agreed to.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until after the Notice of Motion, General Business.
6. ARCHITECTS REGISTRATION BILL.—Mr. A. A. Billson obtained leave, with Mr. J. Cameron, to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to provide for the Registration of Architects"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 14th November next.
7. METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.
Mr. Hogan addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech at the expiration of forty-five minutes—
Motion made and question—That the Honorable Member be allowed to continue his speech for a further period not exceeding thirty minutes (*Mr. Cotter*);—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Noes, 24.

Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Slater,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Hannan,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. Jewell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McLeod,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Angus,	Mr. McGregor,
Major Baird,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. Bayles,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Groves,	Mr. Pennington.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Lawson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Robertson.

And the numbers being equal, Mr. Speaker said:—"The motion being that an exception be made to a general rule, I give my casting vote with the Noes."
And so it passed in the negative.

Debate on second reading continued.

Mr. Warde addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech at the expiration of forty-five minutes—

Motion made and question—That the Honorable Member be allowed to continue his speech for a further period not exceeding thirty minutes (*Mr. Cain*)—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Hannan,	
Mr. Hogan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.

Noes, 33.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. McDonald,
Major Baird,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Bayles,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Everard,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Groves,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Robertson.

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate on second reading further continued.

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Purnell*)—put and agreed to.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 16 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 31.—TUESDAY, 1ST OCTOBER, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. UNIVERSITY COUNCIL, PROFESSORIAL BOARD, AND FACULTIES—NUMBER OF MEETINGS AND NAMES AND ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS.—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The number of meetings of the University Council held during the past twelve months, together with the names of the members and the number of attendances of each member.
 2. The number of meetings of the Professorial Board held during the past twelve months, together with the names of the members and the number of attendances of each member.
 3. The names of the members of each of the eight faculties and of the school board, the number of meetings, and the number of attendances of each member during the past twelve months.

—(Mr. Tunnecliffe)—put and agreed to.

- 3 NURSES REGISTERED BY THE ROYAL VICTORIAN TRAINED NURSES ASSOCIATION.—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The number of nurses upon the "Special Register" of the Royal Victorian Trained Nurses Association.
 2. The number of nurses who, prior to 1st July, 1901, had obtained their certificate as a nurse from a training school, and who have not passed the examination prescribed by the Council, but have been placed upon the register of the association.
 3. The number of nurses who, prior to 1st July, 1901, had been engaged in nursing in a recognised hospital in Victoria for a period of not less than two years who presented testimonials from medical practitioners, and who have not passed the examination of the association, but have been placed upon the register.
 4. The number of nurses placed upon the register of the Royal Victorian Trained Nurses Association who produced evidence showing that for not less than three years they had been engaged in medical, surgical, or special nursing, in private nursing, or otherwise, and who, without passing the prescribed examination, have been registered by the association.
 5. The total number of nurses whose names have been registered other than those who have served for three years in a hospital or hospitals recognised by the Council as a general training school for nurses, and have passed the examination or examinations recognised or prescribed by the Council of the Royal Victorian Trained Nurses Association.

—(Mr. Lemmon)—put and agreed to.

4. SAWMILLS IN VICTORIA.—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of sawmills in Victoria and their location; also the names of the persons or company—(a) owning; and (b) working the same (Mr. Hannan)—put and agreed to.
5. METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Bayles,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Groves,	Mr. Wynne.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Livingston,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	
Mr. McDonald,	

Tellers.

Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Robertson.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Slater,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Everard,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Hannah,	
Mr. Hannan,	
Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. Murphy,	
Mr. Prendergast,	

Tellers.

Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. Tunnecliffe.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee.

Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Transmitting a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Crimes Acts."

7. **CRIMES BILL.**—On the motion of Mr. Lawson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow;

8. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—

Acquainting the Assembly that they have concurred with the Assembly in agreeing to a resolution that it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons employed in or in connexion with the trade of—(a) a maker of any kind of rubber goods; (b) a reclaimer of rubber; (c) a maker of solution; also that this resolution be substituted for the resolution passed by the Legislative Assembly on the seventeenth day of February, 1909, and by the Legislative Council on the twenty-third day of February, 1909, declaring that it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons, or classes of persons, employed in the process, trade, or business of a maker of all kinds of rubber goods, including rubber tyres of every description.

Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment:—

Railways Bill,
Marriage Bill.

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

10. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 32.—WEDNESDAY, 2ND OCTOBER, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **DAIRY PRODUCE BILL.**—Mr. Oman, pursuant to notice moved on his behalf by Mr. Lawson, obtained leave, with Mr. Robertson, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the Testing Grading and Manufacture of Dairy Produce and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
3. **METROPOLITAN FIRE BRIGADES BOARD LOAN BILL.**—Mr. McPherson, pursuant to notice moved on his behalf by Mr. Lawson, obtained leave, with Mr. Barnes, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board to borrow a further sum of Fifty thousand pounds and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
4. **DEVELOPMENTAL ROADS BILL.**—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment.
Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
5. **COUNTRY ROADS BILL.**—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to.
Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
6. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 17 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 33.—THURSDAY, 3RD OCTOBER, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. DAY BAKING BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. J. W. Billson*)—and, after debate—
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Thursday next, and that Mr. Lawson have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
3. FARM PRODUCE AGENTS BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee.
Committee reported progress; to sit again on Thursday, 24th October instant.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 3 and 4 be postponed until Thursday, 24th October instant, No. 5 until Thursday, 14th November next, and No. 6 until Thursday, 5th December next.
5. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—SPECIAL BOARD TO FIX LOWEST RATES OF WAGES.—Motion made and question—That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons employed in manufacturing or tuning any musical instrument of which wood forms a part (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them with the foregoing resolution, and desiring their concurrence therein.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 34.—TUESDAY, 8TH OCTOBER, 1918.

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

W. H. IRVINE,
Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria,
As Deputy for His Excellency the Governor.

Message No. 14.

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

“*An Act to alter the Method of debiting Expenditure as provided in Section Two of the ‘ Railways Act 1916.’*”

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 8th October, 1918.

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

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ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1918-19.

W. H. IRVINE,
Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria,
As Deputy for His Excellency the Governor.

Message No. 15.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year 1918-19, in lieu of the Estimate of Expenditure for the first three months of the year 1918-19, transmitted on the 9th July, 1918, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 8th October, 1918.

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

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

Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Return of Machinery, Goods, and Material manufactured or produced outside the Commonwealth, and purchased for the use of the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission during the period from 1st July, 1917, to 30th June, 1918.

Mr. Bowser presented—

Nurses Registered by the Royal Victorian Trained Nurses Association.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 1st October, 1918.

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 :—

Agricultural Education—Accounts of the Trustees of Agricultural Colleges and the Council of Agricultural Education—

For the six months ended 30th June, 1917.

For the six months ended 31st December, 1917.

Land Act 1915.—Particulars of Leases granted under Section 110 of the *Land Act 1915*.

Public Service Acts.—Copies of Papers in connexion with the promotion of Henry Octavius Allan from the Second to the First Class, in the Department of Lands and Survey.

5. LIMITATION OF BUSINESS—SESSIONAL ORDER RESCINDED, NEW ORDER MADE.—Motion made and question—That so much of the Sessional Order as provides that no fresh business be called on after Four o'clock on Thursday in each week be rescinded, and that for the remainder of the Session no fresh business be called on after half-past Nine o'clock on that day (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
6. ORDER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—SESSIONAL ORDER RESCINDED, NEW ORDER MADE.—Motion made and question—That the Sessional Order fixing the order of Government Business be rescinded, and that the following be adopted in place thereof :—That for the remainder of the Session Government Business shall take precedence of all other business on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, except on the third Thursdays set apart for Private Bill Business and General Business, on which third Thursdays Private Bill Business and General Business shall take precedence until Four o'clock; after that hour Government Business shall be called on (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

7. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply; resolution to be reported this day.

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

8. SUPPLY.—Mr. McGregor reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution:—

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £1,390,603 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1918–19, viz. :—

Division No.	£
1. Legislative Council—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	192
2. Legislative Assembly—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,568
3. Parliamentary Standing Committee—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	144
4. Refreshment Rooms—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	357
5. The Library—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	144
6. The Library, State Parliament House—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	194
7. Victorian Parliamentary Debates—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ..	777
8. Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,691
9. " " Pensions, &c.	3,413
10. " " Grants	1,200
11. Board for the Protection of the Aborigines—Salaries and Ordinary Expen- diture	593
12. Explosives—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	714
13. State Accident Insurance Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	311
14. Fisheries and Game—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	610
15. Government Shorthand Writer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	115
16. The Governor's Office—Ordinary Expenditure	45
17. Herbarium—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	156
18. Inebriates Institution—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	484
19. Marine Board—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	667
20. Mercantile Marine—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	151
21. Observatory—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	429
22. Premier's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	500
23. Training Ship—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	435
24. Agent-General—Staff and Office	917
25. Audit Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,196
26. Government Statist—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,573
27. Hospitals for the Insane—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure... ..	40,224
28. Neglected Children, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	29,249
29. Penal and Gaols—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	8,784
30. Police—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	60,298
31. Public Library, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	4,940
32. Public Service Commissioner—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	503
33. Department of Labour—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,366
34. Education—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	169,740
35. " Pensions, &c.	108
36. " Works and Buildings	6,333
37. " Endowments and Grants	16,350
39. Attorney-General—Salaries	10,928
40. " " Pensions, &c.	36
41. " " Ordinary Expenditure	2,350
42. Solicitor-General—Salaries	8,272
43. " " Ordinary Expenditure	2,400
44. Treasury—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,816
45. " Transport, &c.	750
46. " Unforeseen Expenditure	666
47. " Allowances to Railway Department	2,832
48. " Grants	8,000
49. " Pensions, &c.	20
50. " Exceptional Expenditure	2,000
52. Taxation Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,426
53. " " Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,318
54. " " Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	178
55. Curator—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	768
56. Government Printer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	17,150
57. " " Exceptional Expenditure	158
58. " " Advertising	340
59. Survey, &c., Crown Lands—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	13,311
60. Immigration and Labour Bureau—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	1,328
61. Public Parks, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	104
62. " " Grants	600
63. Botanic, &c., Gardens—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,589
64. Extirpation of Rabbits, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	4,782
65. Works and Buildings	350
66. Exceptional Expenditure	300
67. Public Works—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	7,728

Division No.	£
68. Ports and Harbors—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	8,062
69. " " Exceptional Expenditure	160
70. Public Works—Works and Buildings	13,220
73. " " Exceptional Expenditure	79
74. Mines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,740
75. " Furtherance of Mining Industry	4,044
76. " Brown Coal Mine	8,500
78. State Forests—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	10,692
80. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission	18,340
81. Agriculture, Administrative—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,585
82. " Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	12,080
84. Stock and Dairy—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,748
85. Export Development—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,881
86. Public Health—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	11,408
87. " " Miscellaneous	166
88. Railways—Working Expenses, &c.	764,870
89. " Pensions	3,167
90. " Railway Construction Branch	981
91. State Coal Mine	61,909
Total	£1,390,603

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

9. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means; resolution to be reported this day.

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

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

Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1918–19 the sum of £1,390,603 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.

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

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

11. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 3).**—Mr. McPherson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million three hundred and ninety thousand six hundred and three pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and eighteen and One thousand nine hundred and nineteen*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

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

12. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 19 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 35.—WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 1918.

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

2. **ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.**—Mr. Prendergast rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The proposal of the Government to interfere with the privileges of Members by cutting down the number of *Hansards* available for distribution from twenty to five."

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

Motion made and question—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and, after debate, negatived.

3. METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.—Further considered in Committee.

And having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock—

THURSDAY, 10TH OCTOBER, 1918.

Committee reported progress ; to sit again this day.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 3) without amendment.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 19 inclusive be postponed until this day.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until this day, at Two o'clock (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

And then the House, at four minutes past Two o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day.

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 36.—THURSDAY, 10TH OCTOBER, 1918.

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

2. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools Department.—Report of the Secretary and Inspector for the year 1917.

3. METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.—Further considered in Committee.
Committee reported progress ; to sit again on Tuesday next.

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

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 37. — TUESDAY, 15TH OCTOBER, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.**—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were presented by Mr. Lawson, and the same were read:—

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 16.

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

“*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million three hundred and ninety thousand six hundred and three pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and eighteen and One thousand nine hundred and nineteen.*”

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 11th October, 1918.

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 17.

The Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon, the undermentioned Bill presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz.:—

“*An Act to provide Facilities for enabling certain Marriages in Fact to be declared not to be invalid.*”

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 11th October, 1918.

3. **PAPER.**—Mr. Lawson presented—
University Council, Professorial Board, and Faculties—Number of Meetings and Names and Attendances of Members.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 1st October, 1918.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. **METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.**—Further considered in Committee.
Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.
5. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Returning the Closer Settlement Bill, and, on the consideration of the Bill in Committee, suggesting amendments.
Ordered—That the said suggested amendments be printed, and taken into consideration to-morrow.
6. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 19 inclusive and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 38.—WEDNESDAY, 16TH OCTOBER, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **WATER BILL.**—Mr. Hutchinson, pursuant to notice moved on his behalf by Mr. Lawson, obtained leave, with Mr. Campbell, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend Sections Eighty-five and Three hundred and eight of the ‘Water Act 1915’*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
3. **TRAMWAY BOARD BILL.**—Mr. Lawson obtained leave, with Mr. McPherson, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to extend the Operation of the Tramway Board Acts*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

4. **BENDIGO LAND COMMISSION.**—Motion made and question proposed—That the sum of £45 be fixed as the maximum expenditure of the Royal Commission appointed for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the circumstances concerning the purchase of certain land under section 20 of the *Closer Settlement Act 1915* from the Honorable J. H. McColl, of Bendigo, for one H. H. Houston, a returned soldier (*Mr. Bowser*).
Amendment proposed and question—That the figures “£45” be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the figures “£43” (*Mr. Bayles*)—put and, after debate, negatived.
Original motion—put and agreed to.
5. **METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.**—Further considered in Committee.
Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.
6. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 20 inclusive and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
7. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 39.—THURSDAY, 17TH OCTOBER, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **THORNBURY LAND BILL.**—Mr. Barnes obtained leave, with Mr. McPherson, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to make further provision for the Modification of a certain Lease granted in pursuance of the ‘Thornbury Land Act 1912’*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
3. **SUPPLY.**—Motion made and question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (*Mr. McPherson*)—put and, after debate, negatived.
Ordered—That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
4. **METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.**—Further considered in Committee.
Committee reported progress; to sit again this day.
5. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 15 inclusive be postponed until after No. 16.
6. **TRAMWAY BOARD BILL.**—Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
7. **METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.**—Further considered in Committee.
Committee reported progress; to sit again on Tuesday next.
8. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 15 inclusive and Nos. 17 to 22 inclusive and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 40. — TUESDAY, 22ND OCTOBER, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. UPPER ACHERON VALLEY DISTRICT CONNECTING RAILWAY.—Mr. Menzies, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of connecting the Upper Acheron Valley District with the existing railway system by a broad or narrow gauge railway to tap timber supplies; together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
3. PAPER.—Mr. Speaker presented—
Finance, 1917-18.—Treasurer's Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue and other Moneys, year ending 30th June, 1918, accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General and by the Documents specified in the Fifty-sixth Section of the Audit Act.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
4. PAPERS.—Mr. Lawson presented—
Voters in Municipalities in the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Area.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 12th September, 1918.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Land Act 1915.—Particulars of a Lease granted under Section 110 of the *Land Act* 1915.
5. FISHING INDUSTRY COMMISSION.—Motion made and question—That the sum of £400 be fixed as the maximum expenditure of the Royal Commission on the Fishing Industry, being the addition of £100 to the amount previously fixed by the Order of the Governor in Council of the 9th July, 1918, as the maximum expenditure (*Mr. Bowser*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
6. ADDRESS OF WELCOME TO GENERAL PAU AND THE MEMBERS OF THE FRENCH MISSION.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That this House do agree to the following Address to General Pau and the Members of the French Mission :—

To General Pau and the Members of the French Mission.

GENTLEMEN,

We, the
welcome to the French Mission.

Legislative Assembly of Victoria, extend a cordial

France, the fruitful Mother of genius in war and peace, of heroes, statesmen, poets, and sages, leads the nations, through her own incredible suffering, to victory. Her unflinching courage and self-sacrifice in the cause of freedom and of civilization have won our admiration and command our reverence.

We pray that the time may not be long until, with full atonement made and strong guarantees given, the peace of the world, founded on justice and cemented by international goodwill, shall be securely established.

Then from the ashes of your cities and the destruction of your fields an even more beautiful and smiling France will arise, still to lead the world in devotion to the ideal of a free and proud democracy and in the home-loving habits and virtues of peace.

We welcome you as distinguished representatives of our noble and powerful Ally. We hope that your visit will result in the increase of commerce and trade between us. We wish your mission every success, feeling sure that it will strengthen the already strong ties between your historic land and this young Dominion of the British Empire, and help to keep aflame within us a lively sense of all we owe to France.

—(*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.

Ordered—That the foregoing Address be forwarded to the Legislative Council with a Message desiring their concurrence therein.

7. METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.—Further considered in Committee.
Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.
8. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Acquainting the Assembly that they have concurred with the Assembly in agreeing to a resolution that it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons employed in manufacturing or tuning any musical instrument of which wood forms a part, with the following amendment, viz. :—Omit the words "or tuning any musical instrument of which wood forms a part" and insert the word "pianos," and desiring the concurrence of the Assembly.
Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration to-morrow.

9. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—

Acquainting the Assembly that they have concurred with the Assembly in adopting the Address to General Pau and the Members of the French Mission, and that they have filled up the blank in the said Address with the words "Legislative Council and the."

Agreeing to the Tramway Board Bill without amendment.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 22 inclusive and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 41.—WEDNESDAY, 23RD OCTOBER, 1918.

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

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Hutchinson presented—

Sawmills in Victoria.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 1st October, 1918.

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

Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act 1917.—Report of the Minister on Acquiring Land in the under-mentioned Estate where the State Land Tax Valuation or one or more of the Referees' Valuations were below the Price recommended by the Lands Purchase and Management Board:—

Blackwood Park (Fern Tree Gully).

State Savings Bank Act 1915.—The State Savings Bank of Victoria.—Statements and Returns for the year ended 30th June, 1918.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

4. CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Message from the Legislative Council suggesting amendments in this Bill having been read, the said suggested amendments are as follow:—

1. *Insert the following New Clause to follow Clause 20:—*

A. (1) Where the lessee of an allotment under the Closer Settlement Acts or a licensee or lessee of Crown land under the Land Acts is engaged or has heretofore been engaged on war service and, in consequence of being or having been so engaged, is, in the opinion of the Board after due consideration of the facts in the particular case, unable to pay the whole or any part of the interest in respect of any advance made by the Board pursuant to the Closer Settlement Acts, the Governor in Council if he thinks fit may, on the recommendation of the Board, authorize the remission of the whole or any part of the interest accruing or accrued in respect of such advance during the whole or any specified portion of such war service, and the said interest or part thereof shall not accrue or be deemed to have accrued accordingly.

(2) The amount of any loss resulting to the Closer Settlements Fund from the operation of this section shall be from time to time notified in writing by the Board to the Auditor-General, and if certified by him shall be paid into the said fund out of moneys to be provided by Parliament for the purpose.

(3) For the purposes of this section a lessee or licensee shall be deemed to be engaged on war service—

(a) if during the present war he is engaged on naval or military service outside Victoria with His Majesty's naval or military forces or the naval or military forces of the Commonwealth;

(b) if he is engaged on service outside Victoria in any work of any Red Cross society or ambulance association or any other body with similar objects in connexion with the said war; or

(c) if in connexion with the said war he is a prisoner of war in the enemy's country or is interned in the country of a neutral Power.

2. *Insert the following New Clause to follow Clause 2 :—*

B. (1) The Governor in Council may appoint so many competent persons (not exceeding five) as are necessary to be land valuers under the Board at such remuneration not exceeding the rate of Six hundred pounds a year to each of such persons as the Governor in Council prior to the appointment determines and upon such terms and conditions (whether as to tenure or otherwise) as the Governor in Council thinks fit.

(2) The appointment of any land valuer under the Board made or purporting to have been made before the commencement of this Act shall be deemed to have been duly made under this section.

(3) Notwithstanding anything in any Act any land valuer employed by the Board who immediately before the date of his appointment as such land valuer was an officer of the public service shall on ceasing to be a land valuer under the Board be eligible on the recommendation of the Public Service Commissioner to be appointed to an office in the public service with a classification and emolument corresponding with or higher than that which he held in the public service immediately before the said date as if the period of his service as a land valuer under the Board had been service in the public service.

Mr. Speaker said :—“I have considered the suggested amendments. In my opinion suggested amendment No. 1 to insert new clause A should not be entertained, as it infringes the privileges of this House. Sub-clause (2) of the suggested amendment is as follows :—

“(2) The amount of any loss resulting to the Closer Settlements Fund from the operation of this section shall be from time to time notified in writing by the Board to the Auditor General, and if certified by him shall be paid into the said fund out of moneys to be provided by Parliament for the purpose.”

If passed into law that sub-clause will make it compulsory upon this House to pass a measure to appropriate the Consolidated Revenue to make good the loss mentioned in the sub-clause. That is to say, if this clause is made law it will make a charge on the Consolidated Revenue which Parliament will have to meet. Therefore, this clause cannot be received as an amendment. It is sent as a suggested amendment, but as such it does not come within the provisions of The Constitution Act Amendment Act. Section 33 of that Act prohibits any suggested amendment the effect of which would be to increase any proposed charge or burden upon the people. The suggested amendment would, in a certain event, create a charge or burden upon the people, and, therefore, it should not be entertained by this House.”

Suggested amendment No. 1 not entertained.

Suggested amendment No. 2—Motion made and question—That this House do make the amendment suggested by the Legislative Council to insert new clause B to follow clause 2, with the following modification —After sub-section (1) insert the following sub-section :—

“(2) Notwithstanding anything in the Closer Settlement Acts the Public Service Acts shall not apply to any land valuer appointed under this section if the Governor in Council upon the recommendation of the Public Service Commissioner declares generally or specially that the said Acts shall not so apply; and in any such case for the purposes of section twenty-six of the Principal Act any such land valuer shall be deemed not to be a member of the public service.”

—(Mr. Robertson)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

Consequential re numbering of sub-sections (2) and (3) made.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them accordingly.

5. METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.—Further considered in Committee. Committee reported progress; to sit again on Tuesday next.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 23 inclusive and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 42. — TUESDAY, 29TH OCTOBER, 1918.

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

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 18.

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

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 29th October, 1918.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Agricultural Education—Accounts of the Trustees of Agricultural Colleges and the Council of Agricultural Education for the six months ended 30th June, 1918.
 Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act 1917.—Amendment of Regulations made on the 4th June, 1918.—Part III., Division II., Discharged Soldiers Settlement Inquiry Board.—Order in Council.
 Explosives Act 1915.—Report of the Chief Inspector of Explosives on the Working of the Explosives Act during the year 1917.
 State Rivers and Water Supply Commission.—Thirteenth Annual Report, 1917–18.
4. WARANGA AND RUSHWORTH RAILWAY DEVIATION.—Motion made, in accordance with the requirements of the Railways Standing Committee Act, and question, That the question of deviating the railway between Waranga and Rushworth stations, so as to raise the rails above the high-water level of the enlarged Waranga Water Storage Basin, be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report (*Mr. Barnes*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
5. METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.—Further considered in Committee.
 Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Returning the Closer Settlement Bill, and, on the consideration of the Report of the Committee, suggesting an amendment.
 Ordered—That the said suggested amendment be printed, and taken into consideration to-morrow.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 22 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
8. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 43.—WEDNESDAY, 30TH OCTOBER, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Lawson presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—

Hallett Inquiry Board.—Report of the Board appointed to determine and report upon the Alleged Misconduct of Senior-Constable Samuel John Hallett and his Dismissal from the Police Force ; together with the Minutes of Evidence taken by the Board, and the Minutes of Evidence taken at the Inquiry before Superintendent T. H. O'Brien.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 Legal Profession Practice Act 1915.—Council of Legal Education.—Rules dated 10th October, 1918.

3. VERMIN DESTRUCTION—TOTAL COST FOR 1917-18.—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing—

1. Total cost to the State of vermin destruction for the year ended 30th June, 1918.
2. Total office expenses and salaries and the number of officers.
3. Number of rabbit inspectors and total salaries paid.
4. Total travelling expenses of rabbit inspectors on duty connected with their own districts.
5. Total travelling expenses of rabbit inspectors in connexion with prosecutions outside their own districts.
6. Law costs.
7. Total wages of men actually engaged in killing rabbits by poisoning or digging out, &c., on—(a) private property; and (b) Crown lands.
8. Actual loss involved in employing men to destroy rabbits on private property.
9. Cost to the State of poison distributed to land-holders free of cost or below its value.

—(*Mr. Weaver*)—put and agreed to.

4. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Law with respect to Testamentary Dispositions by Soldiers and Sailors and for other purposes.*"
5. **WILLS (WAR SERVICE) BILL.**—On the motion of Mr. Lawson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. **METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.**—Further considered in Committee.

And having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock—

THURSDAY, 31ST OCTOBER, 1918.

Committee reported progress; to sit again this day.

7. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 23 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until this day.
8. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at twenty-two minutes past Two o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day.

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NO. 44.—THURSDAY, 31ST OCTOBER, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **PAPERS.**—Mr. Lawson presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Land Acts.—Report for the financial year ended 30th June, 1918, with Appendices.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Public Works Loan Application Act 1911.—Balance-sheets and Statements of Accounts of the undermentioned Cool Stores; together with the Reports of the Managing Officers on the Operations of the Stores, for the financial year 1917-1918:—

Diamond Creek Fruit Cool Stores.
Victoria Dock Cool Stores.

3. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.
4. **CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Message from the Legislative Council suggesting an amendment in this Bill having been read, the said suggested amendment is as follows:—

Insert the following New Clause to follow Clause 30:—

A. (1) Where the lessee of an allotment under the Closer Settlement Acts or a licensee or lessee of Crown land under the Land Acts is engaged or has heretofore been engaged on war service and, in consequence of being or having been so engaged, is, in the opinion of the Board after due consideration of the facts in the particular case, unable to pay the whole or any part of the interest in respect of any advance made by the Board pursuant to the Closer Settlement Acts, the Governor in Council if he thinks fit may, on the recommendation of the Board, authorize the remission of the whole or any part of the interest accruing or accrued in respect of such advance during the whole or any specified portion of such war service, and the said interest or part thereof shall not accrue or be deemed to have accrued accordingly.

(2) For the purposes of this section a lessee or licensee shall be deemed to be engaged on war service—

- (a) if during the present war he is engaged on naval or military service outside Victoria with His Majesty's naval or military forces or the naval or military forces of the Commonwealth ;
- (b) if he is engaged on service outside Victoria in any work of any Red Cross society or ambulance association or any other body with similar objects in connexion with the said war ; or
- (c) if in connexion with the said war he is a prisoner of war in the enemy's country or is interned in the country of a neutral Power.

Motion made and question—That this House do make the amendment suggested by the Legislative Council to insert new clause A to follow clause 30 with the following modification :—After sub-section (1) insert the following sub-section :—

“(2) The amount of any loss resulting to The Closer Settlements Fund from the operation of this section shall be from time to time notified in writing by the Board to the Auditor-General, and if certified by him shall be paid into the said fund out of moneys to be provided by Parliament for the purpose.”

—(*Mr. Lawson*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

Consequential re-numbering of sub-section (2) made.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them accordingly.

5. NURSES REGISTRATION BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed ; Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee.
Committee reported progress ; to sit again on Wednesday next.
6. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. McPherson*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Lemmon*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 11 inclusive be postponed until Wednesday next.
8. JUSTICES BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee.
Committee reported progress ; to sit again on Wednesday next.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 13 be postponed until Wednesday next.
10. WILLS (WAR SERVICE) BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Government Business, Nos. 15 to 24 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Wednesday next.
12. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at seven minutes past Four o'clock, adjourned until Wednesday next.

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 45.—WEDNESDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER, 1918.

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

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No 19.

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

“An Act to amend the Law with respect to Testamentary Dispositions by Soldiers and Sailors and for other purposes.”

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 4th November, 1918.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Lawson presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Greenvale Sanatorium for Consumptives Commission.—Report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the Allegations made in Parliament concerning the Conduct of Certain Officials in the Management of the said Institution.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

River Murray Waters Act 1915.—Report of the River Murray Commission for the year 1917–18, with Appendices.

4. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Angus rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, “The reports that a drought is seriously affecting the graziers.”
Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—
Motion made and question—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Angus*)—put and, after debate, negatived.
5. METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.—Further considered in Committee.
Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 22 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 46.—THURSDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—

Bank Liabilities and Assets.—Summary of Sworn Returns for the quarter ended 30th June, 1918.

Fisheries Acts—

Notice of Intention to define the Mouths of Boggy, Stony, and Ironstone Creeks, Lake Tyers, and to prohibit Netting about the Mouths of Boggy and Stony Creeks.

Notice of Intention to prohibit all Fishing in or the taking of Fish from portion of the Bolinda or Emu Creek until 31st August, 1920.

Notice of Intention to allow Netting in certain Lakes.

Notice of Intention re Fees for Oyster Licences.

Notice of Intention to revoke the Proclamation which increased the Fees for Fishing Licences and Boat Registrations.

Public Service Acts—

Regulations—Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—

Department of Chief Secretary.

Department of Lands and Survey.

Regulations—Travelling Allowances, Chapter IX.—Department of Lands and Survey (2 papers).

3. RAILWAYS—ACCIDENTS IN THE SHUNTING YARDS.—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of accidents each year for 1915, 1916, 1917, and 1918 to date in the shunting yards of the Victorian Railways, specifying whether fatal, serious, or otherwise, the number of cases in which compensation was paid, stating amounts, and the number of cases in which no compensation was paid (*Mr. Prendergast* for *Mr. Clough*)—put and agreed to.
4. SUPPLY.—Motion made and question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (*Mr. McPherson*)—put and, after debate, negatived.
Ordered—That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
5. METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.—Further considered in Committee.
Committee reported progress ; to sit again on Tuesday next.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 22 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 47.—TUESDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER, 1918.

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

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 20.

The Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has this day received information that an armistice was, on November 11th, granted to the enemy by the Generals of the Allied Armies and of the Armies of His Majesty the King.

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 12th November, 1918.

3. WAR IN EUROPE—ADDRESS OF CONGRATULATION ON THE SIGNING OF THE ARMISTICE.—Motion made and question—That this House do agree to the following Address to His Majesty the King:—

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY:

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN:

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, in Parliament assembled, beg to approach Your Majesty on behalf of the people of Victoria with feelings of the deepest loyalty and devotion.

We humbly acknowledge the guidance of Almighty God amid the great perils of the last four years.

We desire to offer to Your Majesty our heartfelt congratulations on the signing of the Armistice, which is the precursor of Peace on just and righteous terms, honorable to the Empire and to our Allies.

We trust that out of the loss and suffering in this terrible war a higher and nobler civilization may arise, founded on justice and freedom, and leading to a completer and more cordial understanding between the nations and to the happiness of the peoples of the world.

—(*Mr. Lawson*)—put and, after Mr. Prendergast had addressed the House in support of the motion, unanimously agreed to.

Motion made and question—That this House do agree to the following Address to His Excellency the Governor:—

To His Excellency the Governor

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, in Parliament assembled, respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to communicate, by cable, to the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies the accompanying Address, for presentation to the King.

—(*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.

Ordered—That the foregoing Addresses be forwarded to the Legislative Council with a Message desiring their concurrence therein.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and, after debate, by leave, withdrawn.
Motion made, by leave, and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Address of Congratulation to His Majesty the King on the signing of the Armistice, and with the Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting him to communicate, by cable, to the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies the Address of Congratulation to the King, and filling up the blanks in the said Addresses with the words "Legislative Council and the."
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 48.—TUESDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. WAR IN EUROPE—ADDRESS OF CONGRATULATION ON THE SIGNING OF THE ARMISTICE.—Mr. Speaker said :—I have to report that on Tuesday last, in conjunction with the Honorable the President of the Legislative Council, I waited upon His Excellency the Governor and presented to him the joint Address of Congratulation to His Majesty the King on the Signing of the Armistice. His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply :—

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

In the name and on behalf of His Majesty the King I thank you for your expression of loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign.

I join with you in satisfaction at the victorious termination of hostilities.

I will forthwith transmit to His Majesty the King the loyal resolution which has been presented to me by Mr. President and Mr. Speaker by the unanimous resolution of both Houses of Parliament.

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Melbourne, 12th November, 1918.

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

Closer Settlement Act 1915 and Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act 1917.—Report of the Lands Purchase and Management Board for the year ended 30th June, 1918.

Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915.—Part VIII.—Statement showing the names of the Persons temporarily employed in the Department of the Legislative Council.

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

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 21.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to further amend the *Pilots' Advance Repayment Act 1898* and for other purposes.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 19th November, 1918.

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

5. PILOTS' ADVANCE REPAYMENT BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message No. 21.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to further amend the *Pilots' Advance Repayment Act 1898* and for other purposes.

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

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

Mr. McPherson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to further amend the 'Pilots' Advance Repayment Act 1898 and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

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

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 22.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to the Surplus Revenue of the Financial Year ended on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eighteen.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 19th November, 1918.

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

7. **SURPLUS REVENUE BILL.**—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message No. 22.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to the Surplus Revenue of the Financial Year ended on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eighteen.

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

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

Mr. McPherson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the Surplus Revenue of the Financial Year ended on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eighteen*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

8. **METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.**—Further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; recommitted to a Committee of the whole House in respect of clause 17; reconsidered in Committee and reported without further amendment; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to.

Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

9. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Agreeing to the Closer Settlement Bill with amendments. Ordered—That the said amendments be printed, and taken into consideration to-morrow.

10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 22 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

11. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at Two o'clock (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 49.—WEDNESDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER, 1918.

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

2. **IMMIGRATION—COST OF, 1910 TO 1918.**—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing—

1. The total cost incurred by the State of Victoria in connexion with immigration during the financial years 1910–11, 1911–12, 1912–13, and 1913–14, including—(a) salaries of staff in Victoria and Agent-General's Office, London, engaged on immigration work; (b) ordinary expenditure for the same periods; (c) passage money; (d) payments to shipping companies other than passage money and commissions to agents; (e) delegations McKenzie-Mead, Cattnach, Kelly, Bassett, Fricke.

2. The number of immigrants who arrived in Victoria during those years, the number of such immigrants who settled on the land in Victoria, the number of such immigrants now on the land, the original cost of land now occupied by immigrants, the total number of immigrants, the total number of land-seekers.

3. The amount spent on immigration work, including London staff, during years 1915–16, 1916–17, and 1917–18, and the total number of immigrants during that period.

—(*Mr. Angus*)—put and agreed to.

3. **WHEAT MARKETING BILL.**—Mr. Oman, pursuant to notice moved on his behalf by Mr. Lawson, obtained leave, with Mr. Campbell, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to extend the Operation of and to amend the Wheat Marketing Acts*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

4. **FORESTS BILL.**—Mr. Hutchinson, pursuant to notice moved on his behalf by Mr. Lawson, obtained leave, with Mr. Barnes, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to constitute the Forests Commission and to amend the 'Forests Act 1915' and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

5. **VENEREAL DISEASES BILL.**—Mr. Bowser obtained leave, with Mr. McPherson, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Venereal Diseases Act 1916' and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

6. **SESSIONAL ORDERS RESCINDED, NEW ORDERS MADE.**—Motion made and question—That the Sessional Orders appointing the days on which this House shall meet for the despatch of business, fixing the hours of meeting, the order of Government Business and Private Business, and limiting the hour for calling on fresh business be rescinded, and that the following be adopted in place thereof :— That Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday in each week during the remainder of the Session be the days on which this House shall meet for the despatch of business ; that half-past Two o'clock be the hour of meeting on Tuesday, that Two o'clock be the hour of meeting on Wednesday, and that half-past Ten o'clock be the hour of meeting on Thursday and Friday ; that Government Business shall take precedence of all other business during each sitting day ; and that fresh business may be called on at any hour (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
7. **SUPPLY.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.
8. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until to-morrow.
9. **DEVELOPMENTAL ROADS BILL.**—Read the third time. Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
10. **COUNTRY ROADS BILL.**—Read the third time. Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
11. **MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST BILL.**—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed ; Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time. Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
12. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 6 to 25 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
13. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 50.—THURSDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.**—Read the third time.
The following amendments were, after debate, made in this Bill :—
- Clause 2, page 2, line 8, omit the word "Undertakings" and insert the words "Tramway Undertaking" (*Mr. Lawson*).
- Clause 10, sub-section (1), line 31, after the word "force" insert the words "or whose name is enrolled on a supplementary roll for the division for the time being in force" (*Mr. Lawson*).
- " sub-section (1A), omit this sub-section (*Mr. Lawson*).
- Clause 12, line 27, after the word "chairman" insert the words "or any attendance fee as a member" (*Mr. Lawson*).
- " line 36, after the word "member" insert the words "of either House of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia or" (*Mr. Lawson*).
- Clause 17, line 26, after the word "force" insert the words "or whose name is enrolled on a supplementary roll for the division for the time being in force" (*Mr. Lawson*).
- Motion made and question proposed—That the following further amendment be made in this Bill :—
- Clause 17, sub-section (1), lines 28–29, omit the words "the number of votes (not exceeding three in all) for which such person is so enrolled" and insert the words "exercise one vote and one vote only" (*Mr. Hogan*).
- And, after debate—
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.		Noes, 20.	
Mr. Angus,	Mr. Menzies,	Major Baird,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. Oman,	Mr. Cain,	Mr. Slater,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Clough,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Purnell,	Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Snowball.	Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Greenwood,		Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Groves,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Jewell,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. McGregor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Robertson.	Mr. Murphy,	Mr. A. F. Cameron,
Mr. McKenzie,		Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be so inserted—put and agreed to.

The following further amendments were made in this Bill :—

Clause 17, lines 37–40, omit all words beginning “ Provided that ” and ending with “ right to vote ” (*Mr. Lawson*).

Clause 19, sub-section (1), line 20, at the end of paragraph (b) insert the words—
“ ; and

(c) shall provide for the preparation and revision of supplementary rolls and for the use thereof at elections ” (*Mr. Lawson*).

Clause 29, line 28, omit the word “ incorporate ” and insert the word “ unincorporate ” (*Mr. Lawson*).

Motion made and question—That the following further amendment be made in this Bill :—Clause 39, at the end of sub-section (1) add the words “ The Board shall give first consideration to districts within five miles of the General Post Office, Melbourne, which at present are not connected by a tram service ” (*Mr. Cain*)—put and, after debate, negatived.

The following further amendments were, after debate, made in this Bill :—

Clause 46, page 30, line 4, after the word “ months ” insert the word “ and ” (*Mr. Lawson*).

Clause 55, sub-section (2), lines 36–37, omit the words “ and may ” (*Mr. Lawson*).

“ sub-section (6), page 38, line 15, at the end of the sub-section insert :

“ Provided that the Governor in Council may by Order alter or vary all or any of the first-mentioned tolls fares or charges and may revoke amend or vary any such Order ; and so long as any such Order remains unrevoked the said tolls fares or charges as altered or varied thereby shall be demanded and taken by the Board until it prescribes other tolls fares or charges in lieu thereof ” (*Mr. Lawson*).

Clause 68, page 45, line 7, after the word “ Melbourne ” insert the word “ Moorabbin ” (*Mr. Snowball*).

Clause 73, sub-section (1), paragraph (a), line 13, after the word “ of ” insert the words “ sub-section (1) of ” (*Mr. Lawson*).

“ sub-section (1), paragraph (b), line 20, after the word “ of ” insert the words “ sub-section (1) of ” (*Mr. Lawson*).

“ sub-section (2), paragraph (c), line 43, after the word “ of ” insert the words “ sub-section (1) of ” (*Mr. Lawson*).

Clause 105, line 41, omit the word “ rate ” (*Mr. Snowball*).

“ at the end of the clause add the following paragraph :—“ In this section ‘ tax or charge ’ does not include any rates levied by a municipality ” (*Mr. Snowball*).

Mr. Lawson offered the following new clauses to be added to the Bill :—

Insert the following New Clause to follow Clause 17 :—

LL. (1) For the purposes of this Part there shall be prepared and revised at the times and in the form and manner prescribed by regulations a supplementary roll for each division containing the names of all persons resident in the division of the full age of twenty-one years (whether male or female and whether married or unmarried) but not enrolled on any municipal roll for the division for the time being in force who—

(a) have not been so enrolled on such municipal roll by reason solely of non-payment of rates in respect of any rateable property in the division ; or

(b) have been engaged on war service.

(2) Any person whose name is enrolled on a supplementary roll under paragraphs (a) and (b) of sub-section (1) of this section shall be entitled to be enrolled for one vote.

(3) For the purposes of this section a person shall be deemed to have been engaged on war service if such person has in the present war been engaged outside Australia—

(i) on naval or military service with His Majesty’s naval or military forces or the naval or military forces of the Commonwealth ; or

(ii) on service in any work of any Red Cross society or ambulance association or any other body with similar objects in connexion with the said war,

And the said clause was read a second and third time and added to the Bill.

Insert the following New Clause to take the place of Clause 52 omitted :—

DIVISION 5.—ELECTRIC STREET RAILWAYS.

MM. (1) With the consent of the Governor in Council the Board may acquire or take on lease and the Board of Land and Works or the Victorian Railways Commissioners (as the case may be) may convey or transfer and dispose of or demise to the Board upon such terms and conditions as are agreed upon the whole or any part of the electric street railways known as—

- (a) the St. Kilda-Brighton electric street railway authorized to be constructed under the *St. Kilda and Brighton Electric Street Railway Act 1904*, the *St. Kilda and Brighton Electric Street Railway Extension Act 1905*, and the *St. Kilda and Brighton Electric Street Railway Extension Act 1906*; and
- (b) the Sandringham to Black Rock electric street railway authorized to be constructed under the *Sandringham to Black Rock Electric Street Railway Act 1914*.

(2) Any such electric street railway or part thereof conveyed transferred or disposed of to the Board shall vest in the Board and shall be and be deemed to be a tramway undertaking of the Board.

(3) Any such electric street railway or part thereof leased to the Board shall during the continuance of the lease be and be deemed to be a tramway undertaking of the Board; but the exercise of any powers of the Board in respect thereto shall be subject to any terms covenants and conditions of the lease thereof.

(4) The provisions of any of the Acts specified in sub-section (1) of this section and of the *Railways Act 1915* applying to any such electric street railway or part thereof so vested in or leased to the Board shall cease to apply thereto accordingly :

Provided that—

- (i) the Board shall upon such vesting or during the continuance of such lease (as the case may be) have the like powers of supplying electricity for lighting or power purposes within the like area and subject to the like conditions as the Board of Land and Works or the Victorian Railways Commissioners pursuant to any Act relating to such electric street railway or part thereof had immediately before such vesting or the commencement of such lease; and
- (ii) until the Governor in Council otherwise directs the Victorian Railways Commissioners shall supply the Board and the Board shall take from the said commissioners upon such terms and under such conditions as are agreed upon the supply of electricity requisite for the operation of such electric street railway or part thereof and for the other purposes of this section.

(5) If at the date of the acquisition by the Board as aforesaid of the said Sandringham to Black Rock electric street railway the Beaumaris electric street railway referred to in the report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways of the twentieth day of December One thousand nine hundred and sixteen has been constructed or is being constructed the provisions of this Division shall at the date of the said acquisition or of the completion of the construction at a later date (as the case may be) extend and apply to the said Beaumaris electric street railway; but if the construction thereof has not then been commenced the Board may (notwithstanding anything in Division one of this Part) construct the same along the route and subject to the conditions specified in the said report and the same shall be and be deemed to be a tramway undertaking of the Board.

(6) For the purposes of this section the expression "electric street railway" includes as well as the electric street railways aforesaid all or any lands (including any easement right or privilege in over or affecting such lands) and all or any buildings rolling-stock machinery and plant appertaining thereto respectively or used in connexion therewith by the Board of Land and Works or the Victorian Railways Commissioners for or in connexion with the supply of electricity pursuant to any of the said Acts (as the case requires) but does not include any sub-station or sub-stations and land appropriate thereto used for the conversion and supply of electric power to such electric street railways.

(7) For the purposes of this section the Governor in Council may by Order apportion settle adjust or determine any property estates rights powers liabilities obligations matters or things whatsoever as between or among the Board and the Board of Land and Works and the Victorian Railways Commissioners and any municipality and any persons or bodies of persons affected or all or any of them; and every such Order shall be final conclusive and binding.

Motion made and question—That new clause MM be now read a second time (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and, after debate, negatived.

The following further amendment was made in this Bill :—

Second Schedule, page 80, at the end of the Schedule omit the words "and Sandringham" and insert the words "Sandringham, and Moorabbin" (*Mr. Snowball*).

Motion made and question—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein (*Mr. Lawson*)—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Everard,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Snowball.
* Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Lawson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackinnon,	
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Groves,
Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. Pennington.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Slater,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. Jewell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Lemmon.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill transmitted to the Legislative Council,

3. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Second-hand Dealers Bill with amendments.
Ordered—That the said amendments be printed, and taken into consideration to-morrow.
4. METROPOLITAN FIRE BRIGADES BOARD LOAN BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment.
Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
5. THORNBURY LAND BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Barnes*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
6. WATER BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 to 12 inclusive be postponed until after No. 13.
8. MILDURA VINEYARDS PROTECTION BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment.
Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 to 7 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
10. NURSES REGISTRATION BILL.—Further considered in Committee.
Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.
11. JUSTICES BILL.—Further considered in Committee.
Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.
12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 10 to 12 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
13. ESSENDON LAND BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Solly*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
14. TRANSFER OF LAND ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Read a second time, and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.
15. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 16 to 25 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
16. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 51.—FRIDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. PAPER.—Mr. Bowser presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Penal Establishments, Gaols, and Reformatory Prisons.—Report and Statistical Tables for the year 1917.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. MANANGATANG TO BRYDEN'S TANK RAILWAY.—Motion made, in accordance with the requirements of the Railways Standing Committee Act, and question—That the construction of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway from Manangatang to Bryden's Tank be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report (*Mr. Barnes*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
5. PIANGIL TO PINE TANK RAILWAY.—Motion made, in accordance with the requirements of the Railways Standing Committee Act, and question—That the construction of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway from Piangil to Pine Tank be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report (*Mr. Barnes*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
6. WHEAT MARKETING BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee.
Committee reported progress; to sit again on Tuesday next.
7. NURSES REGISTRATION BILL.—Further considered in Committee.
Committee reported progress; to sit again on Tuesday next.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 6 inclusive be postponed until after No. 7.
9. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Committee reported progress; to sit again on Tuesday next.
10. SECOND-HAND DEALERS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments are as follow:—
 1. Clause 2, page 2, line 7, before "carries" insert "deals in or."
 2. " page 2, line 8, after "selling" insert "on commission or otherwise."
 3. Clause 4, line 44, omit "Ten" and insert "Two."
 4. Clause 7, line 38, after "licensee" insert "himself but not by any servant agent or other person."
 5. Clause 13, line 28, after "13" insert "(1)."
 6. " add the following new sub-clause:—
“(2) On payment of a fee of One shilling any person may inspect any such register and may take a copy of any entry therein.”
 7. Clause 17, line 15, after "not" insert "at the premises specified in his licence."
 8. Clause 18, add the following new sub-clause:—
“(4) In the case of second-hand wares bought by the second-hand dealer at auction the insertion in the purchases book of a receipt from the auctioneer for the price paid for the wares containing the prescribed particulars and signed in the prescribed manner by the auctioneer shall be deemed to be a sufficient entry for the purposes of this section.”
 9. Clause 21, line 37, omit "five" and insert "four."
 10. " page 9, line 4, omit "five" and insert "four."
 11. Clause 27, line 26, after "any" insert "particular second-hand dealer or any."

And the said amendments were read a second time.

Amendments 1 to 3 inclusive agreed to.

Amendment 4 disagreed with.

Amendments 5 to 11 inclusive agreed to.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them accordingly.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 6 inclusive and Nos. 8 to 21 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

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

ROBERT MCGREGOR,
Deputy-Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 52.—TUESDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER, 1918.

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

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 23.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly a copy of a despatch which he has received from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies respecting the Address from the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly on the occasion of Their Majesties' silver wedding.

State Government House,
Melbourne, 22nd November, 1918.

Victoria, No. 24.

[COPY.]

Downing-street, 23 September, 1918.

SIR,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 15 of the 11th July transmitting an address from the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly on the occasion of Their Majesties' silver wedding and to request you to inform your Ministers that the address has been laid before His Majesty who was pleased to receive it very graciously.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

WALTER H. LONG.

Governor,

The Honourable Sir A. L. Stanley, K.C.M.G.,
&c., &c., &c.

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 24.

The Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has received a telegraphic despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies respecting the loyal Address to His Majesty the King from the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly, on the occasion of the signing of the Armistice. A copy of the message is attached hereto.

State Government House,
Melbourne, 22nd November, 1918.

*Copy of Cablegram received from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State, dated London,
19th November, 1918.*

With reference to your telegram of November 14th I have His Majesty's command to convey through you the great satisfaction with which he has received the address of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly expressing on behalf of the people of Victoria their loyalty and devotion. His Majesty joins in their hope that the victory which under Providence has crowned our aims may lead to a just and lasting peace.

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3. METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL (CLERK'S CORRECTIONS). Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Report from the Clerk notifying that he had, in consequence of the omission of certain original clauses from the Bill and the insertion of new clauses therein, made the necessary alterations in the numbering of the clauses of the Bill, and also in the references to the Parts and Divisions in Clause 2 and wherever, for the same reason, re-numbering became necessary.
4. PAPERS.—Mr. McPherson presented, pursuant to a resolution of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 17th October, 1905—

Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Return of Machinery, Goods, and Material manufactured or produced outside the Commonwealth, and purchased for the use of the Treasurer's Department during the period from 1st July, 1917, to 30th June, 1918.

Mr. Lawson presented—

Vermin Destruction—Total Cost for 1917-18.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 30th October, 1918.

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 :—

Hospitals for the Insane.—Report of the Inspector-General of the Insane for the year 1917.
Land Act 1915.—Particulars of a Lease granted under Section 110 of the *Land Act* 1915.

5. CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments are as follow :—

1. Clause 5, line 30, before “(g)” insert “and.”
2. Clause 8, line 21, omit “by” and insert “for.”
3. „ line 25, after “Acts” insert “including section thirty-nine of the Principal Act.”
4. Clause 10, omit lines 27–43 on page 5, and lines 1–8 on page 6, and insert in lieu thereof the following :—

“10. At the end of section thirty-five of the Principal Act there shall be inserted the following sub-sections :—

(3) Nothing in the Closer Settlement Acts shall be taken to authorize—

(a) the acquisition by the Board by compulsory process of any land, whether freehold or leasehold, of an owner the unimproved value of whose land does not exceed Two thousand five hundred pounds; or

(b) in the case of an owner of any land, whether freehold or leasehold, who is or has been engaged on war service—the acquisition by the Board from the owner by compulsory process during the period of his war service and a further period of five years after the termination thereof of any such land if held by him during the period of his war service.”

5. „ page 6, line 9, omit “(5)” and insert “(4).”
6. „ page 6, line 12, after “Act” insert “and an owner shall be deemed to be engaged on war service—
- (a) if during the present war he is engaged on naval or military service outside Victoria with His Majesty’s naval or military forces or the naval or military forces of the Commonwealth; or
- (b) if in connexion with the said war he is a prisoner of war in the enemy’s country or is interned in the country of a neutral Power.”
7. Clause 11, line 14, after “private” insert “or leasehold.”
8. „ page 7, line 12, omit “making thereof” and insert “acquisition or taking of the land.”
9. Clause 12, omit this clause.
10. Clause 14, page 8, lines 21–3, omit “or may be added to the capital value of the land” and at the end of the clause add “or may be added to the capital value of the land.”
11. Clause 23, line 10, omit “shall be” and insert “is hereby.”
12. „ line 11, omit “shall be” and insert “is hereby.”
13. Clause 32, line 10, after “disposal” insert “or (where re-appraised) the re-appraisalment.”
14. Clause 37, line 33, after “he” insert “did not at the time of the acquisition thereof by him and.”
15. „ line 38, after “Acts” insert “and also that he will not upon registration of the transfer hold the land transferred in trust for or on behalf of any other person or persons not qualified by law to hold the same as beneficial owner or owners.”
16. Clause 38, at the end of the clause add—
“Provided that a statutory declaration for the purposes of the last preceding section of this Act may only be made and subscribed before a justice of the peace notary public or other officer by law authorized to administer an oath.”
17. Clause 39, line 20, omit “with” and insert “and at the end of the said section there shall be inserted the word ‘and’ and the following paragraph :—
‘(c).’”
18. „ line 20, omit “re-appraisements” and insert “re-appraisalment.”
19. „ lines 20–21, omit “that period” and insert “the financial year.”

And the said amendments were read a second time.

On the motion of Mr. Lawson, and after debate—

Amendments 1 to 3 inclusive agreed to.

Amendment 4—dealt with in parts as under—

Amendment to omit words and figures "lines 27-43 on page 5, and" disagreed with.

Question—That amendment to omit words and figures "lines 1-8 on page 6" be agreed to—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Angus,	Mr. McDonald,
Major Baird,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Wynne.
Mr. Greenwood,	
Mr. Groves,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Robertson.

Noes, 11.

Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Jewell,	
Mr. Lemmon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Hannah,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.
Mr. Rogers,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Amendment to insert certain words in place of the words omitted agreed to with the following amendment:—Omit the figures and words "10. At the end of section thirty-five of the Principal Act there shall be inserted the following sub-sections:—

'(3)'"
and insert '(4).'

Amendment 4, as amended above, agreed to.

Amendment 5 disagreed with.

Amendment 6 agreed to with the following amendment:—Omit "Victoria" and insert "Australia."

Amendments 7 and 8 agreed to.

Amendment 9 disagreed with.

Amendments 10 to 19 inclusive agreed to.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them accordingly.

6. METROPOLITAN FIRE BRIGADES BOARD-LOAN BILL.—Read the third time, after debate.

Motion made and question—That the following amendment be made in this Bill:—Clause 2, sub-section (1), at the end of the sub-section add the words "for the purposes set out in the Schedule hereto" (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and, after debate—

The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Slater,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Clough,	
Mr. Jewell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.

Noes, 29.

Mr. Angus,	Mr. McLennan,
Major Baird,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Groves,	Mr. Wynne.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Lawson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Greenwood,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Robertson.
Mr. McGregor,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

7. SURPLUS REVENUE BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

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

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

9. **ESSENDON LAND BILL.**—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Major Baird,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McLachlan,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Oman.
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Outtrim.
Mr. Carlisle,	
Mr. Deany,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Robertson.

Noes, 7.

Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Clough,
Mr. Hannah,
Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Solly.

Tellers.

Mr. Cain,
Mr. Jewell.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee.

Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.

10. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.** Not insisting on their amendment to omit clause 12 of the Closer Settlement Bill ; agreeing to the amendment of the Assembly on the amendment of the Council in line 12 of clause 10 ; insisting on the other amendments of the Council in the said clause 10 ; and disagreeing with the amendments of the Assembly in one of such amendments, and desiring the concurrence of the Assembly.

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

11. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 15 to 22 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

H. H. NEWTON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. E. MACKEY,

Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 53.—WEDNESDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER, 1918.

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

2. **PAPERS.**—Mr. Barnes presented—

Railways—Accidents in the Shunting Yards.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 7th November, 1918.

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 1915.—Regulations amended—

Regulation X.—Junior Teachers and Sewing Mistresses.—Order in Council.

Regulation XI.—C. Primary Teacher's Certificate, First Class ; B. Primary Teacher's Certificate, Second Class.—Order in Council.

Justices Act 1915.—Additional Rule.—Additional Fees in Courts of Petty Sessions and in Proceedings before a Justice or Justices.—Order in Council.

3. **FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—SPECIAL BOARDS TO FIX LOWEST RATES OF WAGES.**—Motion made and question—That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons (other than persons under the jurisdiction of the Fibrous Plasterers Board) employed in the trade of making portable articles of cement or concrete (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.

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

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

(a) painting, other than ship painting or painting under the jurisdiction of any Special Board heretofore appointed or hereafter to be appointed :

(b) paperhanging ;

Also that this resolution be substituted for the resolution passed by the Legislative Assembly on the twelfth day of October, 1909, and by the Legislative Council on the twenty-seventh day of October, 1909, declaring that it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest

prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons wheresoever employed in the process, trade, or business connected with—

- (a) painting of buildings (including renovations) ;
- (b) paperhanging (including renovations).

—(Mr. Lawson)—put and agreed to.

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

Motion made and question—That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons (other than persons under the jurisdiction of the Carpenters, Agricultural Implements, or Picture Frame Boards, or persons engaged in ship or boat building, or the erection of bridges, wharfs, or similar structures) employed as—

- (a) carpenters, joiners, or box-makers ;
- (b) stackers, sorters, loaders or unloaders of sawn timber ;
- (c) saw-mill, timber yard, box factory, or joiner's workshop employees ;
- (d) woodworkers making articles not under the jurisdiction of any Special Board heretofore appointed or hereafter to be appointed ;

Also that this resolution be substituted for the resolution passed by the Legislative Assembly on the seventeenth day of June, 1915, and by the Legislative Council on the twenty-seventh day of July, 1915, declaring 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 as—

- (a) carpenters, joiners, or box-makers ;
- (b) stackers, sorters, loaders or unloaders of sawn timber ;
- (c) saw-mill, timber yard, box factory, or joiner's workshop employees,

but not including persons under the jurisdiction of the Carpenters, Agricultural Implements, or Picture Frame Boards, or persons engaged in ship-building or the erection of bridges, wharfs, or similar structures (Mr. Lawson)—put and agreed to.

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

4 CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Message from the Legislative Council acquainting the Legislative Assembly that they insist on certain of their amendments in clause 10 disagreed with by the Legislative Assembly, and disagree with the amendments of the Legislative Assembly in one of such amendments having been read, the said amendments are as follow :—

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

4. Clause 10, omit lines 27-43 on page 5, and lines 1-8 on page 6, and insert in lieu thereof the following :—

Agreed to by Assembly with the following amendments :—

“ 10. At the end of section thirty-five of the Principal Act there shall be inserted the following sub-sections :—

‘(3) Nothing in the Closer Settlement Acts shall be taken to authorize—

Omit the words and figures “lines 27-43 on page 5, and.”

- (a) the acquisition by the Board by compulsory process of any land, whether freehold or leasehold, of an owner the unimproved value of whose land does not exceed Two thousand five hundred pounds ; or
- (b) in the case of an owner of any land, whether freehold or leasehold, who is or has been engaged on-war service—the acquisition by the Board from the owner by compulsory process during the period of his war service and a further period of five years after the termination thereof of any such land if held by him during the period of his war service.’”

Omit the figures and words “10. At the end of section thirty-five of the Principal Act there shall be inserted the following sub-sections :—”

Omit the figure “(3)” and insert the figure “(4).”

Amendments of Assembly disagreed with by Council.

5. Clause 10, page 6, line 9, omit “(5)” and insert “(4).”

{ Disagreed with by Assembly —Insisted on by Council.

Amendment 4—Assembly's amendments on amendment of Council insisted on.
Amendment 5—Disagreement with Council's amendment insisted on.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them accordingly.

5. WHEAT MARKETING BILL.—Further considered in Committee and reported with amendments ; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to.
Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

6. NURSES REGISTRATION BILL.—Further considered in Committee.
Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Transmitting a Bill intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Real Property Act 1915.’”

8. REAL PROPERTY BILL (No. 2).—On the motion of Mr. Bayles, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
9. MILDURA VINEYARDS PROTECTION BILL.—Read the third time, after debate.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
10. MOTOR TRAFFIC BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Barnes*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 6 be postponed until to-morrow.
12. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.
13. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—
Melbourne Harbor Trust Bill.
Water Bill.
Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board Loan Bill.
14. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Insisting on their amendment in clause 10 of the Closer Settlement Bill with which the Assembly insist on disagreeing, and still insisting on disagreeing with the amendments made and insisted on by the Assembly on the amendment of the Council in the said clause.
Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration to-morrow.
15. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Not insisting on their amendment in clause 7 of the Second-hand Dealers Bill disagreed with by the Assembly, but making a further amendment in the said clause, and desiring the concurrence of the Assembly.
Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration to-morrow.
16. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 8 to 20 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
17. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.
- And then the House, at twenty-five minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

H. H. NEWTON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. E. MACKEY,

Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 54.—THURSDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. McPherson, and the same was read :—
A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 25.*
In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to Municipal Endowment.
Government Offices,
Melbourne, 19th November, 1918.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.
3. MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message No. 25.
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. McGregor reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—
Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to Municipal Endowment.
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. McPherson and Mr. Lawson do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
Mr. McPherson then brought up a Bill intitled "*A Bill relating to Municipal Endowment*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

4. SUPPLY.—Motion made and question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (*Mr. McPherson*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply; resolutions to be reported to-morrow.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 19 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
6. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means; resolution to be reported this day.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
7. WAYS AND MEANS—LAND TAX.—Mr. McGregor reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution:—
Resolved—That, subject to the Land Tax Acts, there shall in the case of each owner of land be charged, levied, collected, and paid for the use of His Majesty in aid of the Consolidated Revenue for the year ending on the thirty-first day of December, One thousand nine hundred and nineteen, a duty of land tax upon land for every pound sterling of the unimproved value thereof at such rate as is hereinafter set forth (that is to say):—
Where the unimproved value or total unimproved value of all land or lands of any owner exceeds Two hundred and fifty pounds the rate of tax payable thereon for the said year shall be: On every pound sterling of its unimproved value, One half-penny.
Provided that the minimum amount of land tax payable in the said year by any taxpayer assessed shall be Two shillings and sixpence.
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. McPherson and Mr. Lawson do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
8. LAND TAX BILL.—Mr. McPherson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to declare the Rate of Land Tax for the Year ending the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and nineteen and to amend the Land Tax Acts*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
9. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Construction of Enactments with respect to War Service and for other purposes.*"
10. ACTS INTERPRETATION (WAR SERVICE) BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Lawson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
11. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Surplus Revenue Bill without amendment.
12. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Mildura Vineyards Protection Bill with amendments.
Ordered—That the said amendments be printed, and taken into consideration to-morrow.
13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
14. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 55.—FRIDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MANANGATANG TO BRYDEN'S TANK RAILWAY.—Mr. Menzies, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the construction of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway from Manangatang to Bryden's Tank; together with Book of Reference and Description of Works.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. PORTLAND SHIRE HALL BILL.—Mr. Campbell obtained leave, with Mr. Hutchinson, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to revoke the Permanent Reservation and Crown Grant of certain land at Walook in the Parish and Shire of Portland as a Site for a Shire Hall and certain other purposes and to provide for the Sale of such Land and the Application of the Proceeds towards the Purchase of a Site and the Erection of Buildings for a Shire Hall and certain other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
4. WHEAT MARKETING BILL.—Read the third time, after debate.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

5. **MILDURA VINEYARDS PROTECTION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments are as follow :—

1. Clause 17, page 10, line 24, after " therein " insert " except in the case of a vineyard which has so remained unused or abandoned by reason of the absence of the occupier thereof being overseas during the said two years in the present war on naval or military service with His Majesty's naval or military forces or the naval or military forces of the Commonwealth."

2. *Insert the following New Clause to follow Clause 24 :—*

A. A Board may—

- (a) undertake the propagation sale and distribution of phylloxera-resistant vines ;
- (b) conduct or arrange for experimental and research work in connexion with vines and vine diseases ; and
- (c) by agreement acquire or lease land for the purposes of this section.

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

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendments.

6. **SECOND-HAND DEALERS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Message from the Legislative Council acquainting the Legislative Assembly that they do not insist on their amendment in clause 7 disagreed with by the Legislative Assembly, but have made a further amendment in the said clause having been read, the said amendment is as follows :—

Amendment made by the Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

4. Clause 7, line 38, after " licensee " insert " himself but not by any servant agent or other person."

Disagreed with by Assembly.
Not insisted on by Council, but the following amendment made in the clause :—After " licence," in line 40, insert " and unless on his licensed premises not through any servant agent or other person."

Motion made and question—That the amendment of the Council to insert words after " licence," in line 40, be disagreed with (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.

Ordered That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them accordingly.

7. **CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Message from the Legislative Council acquainting the Legislative Assembly that they still insist on their amendment in clause 10 with which the Legislative Assembly insist on disagreeing, and still insist on disagreeing with the amendments made and insisted on by the Legislative Assembly on the amendment of the Legislative Council in the said clause having been read, the said amendments are as follow :—

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

4. Clause 10, omit lines 27-43 on page 5, and lines 1-8 on page 6, and insert in lieu thereof the following :—

" 10. At the end of section thirty-five of the Principal Act there shall be inserted the following sub-sections :—

'(3) Nothing in the Closer Settlement Acts shall be taken to authorize—

(a) the acquisition by the Board by compulsory process of any land, whether freehold or leasehold, of an owner the unimproved value of whose land does not exceed Two thousand five hundred pounds ; or

(b) in the case of an owner of any land, whether freehold or leasehold, who is or has been engaged on war service—the acquisition by the Board from the owner by compulsory process during the period of his war service and a further period of five years after the termination thereof of any such land if held by him during the period of his war service."

Agreed to by Assembly with the following amendments :—

Omit the words and figures " lines 27-43 on page 5, and."

Omit the figures and words " 10. At the end of section thirty-five of the Principal Act there shall be inserted the following sub-sections :—"

Omit the figure " (3)" and insert the figure " (4)."

Amendments of Assembly disagreed with by Council.

Amendments of Assembly insisted on by Assembly.

Amendments of Assembly still disagreed with by Council.

Disagreed with by Assembly—Insisted on by Council.

Disagreement insisted on by Assembly.

Still insisted on by Council.

5. Clause 10, page 6, line 9, omit " (5)" and insert " (4)."

Amendment 4—Assembly's amendments on amendment of Council, after debate, still insisted on.

Amendment 5—Disagreement with Council's amendment still insisted on.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them accordingly.

8. MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
9. LAND TAX BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 7 to 13 inclusive be postponed until after No. 14.
11. PILOTS' ADVANCE REPAYMENT BILL.—Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
12. FINES UNDER DAIRY, HEALTH (PURE FOOD), FACTORIES, WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, AND BAKERS AND MILLERS ACTS.—Motion made, by leave, and question, That there be laid before this House a return up to the 30th September, 1918, in continuation of the previous return, showing separately all fines imposed under (a) The Dairy Supervision Act; (b) The pure food provisions of the Health Act; (c) The Factories and Shops Act; (d) The Weights and Measures Act; (e) The Bakers and Millers Act, specifying—

Name of Person or Firm fined.	Nature of Offence.	Amount of Fine.	Locality where Offence committed.

Together with totals and with summary of offences, fines, &c., under each Act, as furnished in the return presented to this House on the 5th February, 1918 (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.

13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 7 to 13 inclusive and No. 15 be postponed until after No. 16.
14. METROPOLITAN HAWKERS BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Bowser*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
15. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 7 to 13 inclusive, No. 15, and Nos. 17 to 24 inclusive be postponed until after No. 25.
16. ACTS INTERPRETATION (WAR SERVICE) BILL.—Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
17. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Committee reported progress; to sit again on Tuesday next.
18. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 8 to 13 inclusive, No. 15, and Nos. 17 to 24 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 56.—TUESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Local Government Act 1917.—Regulations.—Supervision of Electric Supply Undertakings.—Order in Council.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Government Business, Nos. 1 to 3 inclusive be postponed until after No. 4.
4. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply ; resolution to be reported this day.
Resolved—That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
5. SUPPLY.—Mr. McGregor reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution :—
Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £592,572 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1918-19, viz. :—

Division No.	£
34. Education—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	89,870
35. „ Pensions, &c.	54
36. „ Works and Buildings	3,166
37. „ Endowments and Grants	400
48. Treasury Grants	23,486
52. Taxation Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,227
53. „ „ Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,659
54. „ „ Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	97
55. Curator—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	354
56. Government Printer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	8,559
57. „ „ Exceptional Expenditure	75
58. „ „ Advertising	170
59. Survey, &c., Crown Lands—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	6,656
60. Immigration and Labour Bureau—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	664
61. Public Parks, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	52
62. „ „ Grants	500
63. Botanic, &c., Gardens—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	794
64. Extirpation of Rabbits, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,391
65. Works and Buildings	270
67. Public Works—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,864
68. Ports and Harbors—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	4,031
70. Public Works—Works and Buildings	7,805
74. Mines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,848
75. „ Furtherance of Mining Industry	2,000
76. „ Brown Coal Mine	4,250
78. State Forests—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,346
80. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission	9,170
81. Agriculture, Administrative—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	792
82. „ Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	4,540
84. Stock and Dairy—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,879
85. Export Development—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,941
86. Public Health—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,704
87. „ „ Miscellaneous	83
88. Railways—Working Expenses, &c.	371,993
89. „ Pensions	1,583
90. „ Railway Construction Branch	490
91. State Coal Mine	24,809
Total	£592,572

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

Motion made and question—That out of amounts already voted by the Committee of Supply, but not yet reported to the House, a sum not exceeding £99,614 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1918-19, viz. :—

Division No.	£
1. Legislative Council—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	96
2. Legislative Assembly—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	836
3. Parliamentary Standing Committee—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	72
4. Refreshment Rooms—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	180
5. The Library—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	72
6. The Library, State Parliament House—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	97
7. Victorian Parliamentary Debates—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ..	389
8. Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,098
9. " " Pensions, &c.	1,707
10. " " Grants	50
11. Board for the Protection of the Aborigines—Salaries and Ordinary Expen- diture	298
12. Explosives—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	359
13. State Accident Insurance Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	156
14. Fisheries and Game—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	306
15. Government Shorthand Writer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	58
16. The Governor's Office—Ordinary Expenditure	23
17. Herbarium—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	79
18. Inebriates Institution—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	242
19. Marine Board—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	335
20. Mercantile Marine—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	76
21. Observatory—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	215
22. Premier's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	251
24. Agent-General—Staff and Office	459
25. Audit Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,099
26. Government Statist—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,569
27. Hospitals for the Insane—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure... ..	20,113
28. Neglected Children, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	14,625
29. Penal and Gaols—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	4,393
30. Police—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	29,361
31. Public Library, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,971
32. Public Service Commissioner—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	252
33. Department of Labour—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,712
39. Attorney-General—Salaries	5,464
40. " " Pensions, &c.	18
41. " " Ordinary Expenditure	1,175
42. Solicitor-General—Salaries	4,136
43. " " Ordinary Expenditure	1,200
44. Treasury—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,908
45. " Transport, &c.	375
46. " Unforeseen Expenditure	333
47. " Allowances to Railway Department	1,416
49. " Pensions, &c.	40
50. " Exceptional Expenditure	1,000
Total	£99,614

—(Mr. McPherson)—put and agreed to.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 3 inclusive and Nos. 5 to 17 inclusive be postponed until after No. 18.

7. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means; resolution to be reported this day.

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

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

Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1918-19 the sum of £692,186 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.

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

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

9. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 4).—Mr. McPherson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Six hundred and ninety-two thousand one hundred and eighty-six pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and eighteen and One thousand nine hundred and nineteen*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

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

10. **FORESTS BILL.**—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Hutchinson*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Hannah*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
11. **GAOLS BILL.**—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Bowser*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Thursday next.
12. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 3 be postponed until to-morrow.
13. **SUPPLY.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply; resolution to be reported to-morrow.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
14. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 to 17 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 57.—WEDNESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 1918.

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

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 26.

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

- “An Act to make provision with respect to the vesting of certain Land in the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners and the Dredging of certain Channels and for other purposes.”
“An Act to amend Sections Eighty-five and Three hundred and eight of the ‘Water Act 1915.’”
“An Act to authorize the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board to borrow a further sum of Fifty thousand pounds and for other purposes.”
“An Act relating to the Surplus Revenue of the Financial Year ended on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eighteen.”
“An Act relating to Diseases of Vines within the Shire of Mildura and the Protection of Vineyards within the said Shire from such Diseases.”
“An Act relating to the Construction of Enactments with respect to War Service and for other purposes.”

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 4th December, 1918.

3. **SURVEY OF ROAD FROM FORREST TO APOLLO BAY.**—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing—
1. The total cost of the survey by the Lands Department staff surveyors of the road from Forrest to Apollo Bay.
 2. The total mileage between these points as surveyed.
 3. The cost per mile of survey.
 4. What the cost per mile would be under schedule rates.
- (*Mr. McDonald*)—put and agreed to.
4. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—
- Bank Liabilities and Assets.—Summary of Sworn Returns for the quarter ended 30th September, 1918.
- Fire Brigades Act 1915.—Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board.—Report for the period 1st January, 1917, to 30th June, 1918, together with Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, and Assets and Liabilities.

Fisheries Acts.—Notice of Intention to alter the area closed against Netting, &c., at the Mouth of the Werribee River.

Trade Unions.—Thirty-second Annual Report on.—Report of the Government Statist for the year 1917, with an Appendix.

University Act 1915.—Annual Report 1917–18, with Statutes and Regulations and Amendments allowed by His Excellency the Governor of Victoria.

5. **MANANGATANG TO BRYDEN'S TANK RAILWAY.**—Motion made and question—That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to construct a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway from Manangatang to Bryden's Tank (*Mr. Barnes*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
6. **GREENVALE SANATORIUM FOR CONSUMPTIVES COMMISSION.**—Motion made and question—That the sum of £42 be fixed as the maximum expenditure of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into and report upon the alleged mismanagement of the Sanatorium for Consumptives at Greenvale (*Mr. Bowser*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
7. **HALLETT INQUIRY BOARD.**—Motion made and question—That the sum of £60 be fixed as the maximum expenditure of the Board appointed for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the dismissal from the police force of one Samuel John Hallett (*Mr. Bowser*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
8. **HEALTH BILL.**—Mr. Bowser obtained leave, with Mr. Robertson, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Dangerous Infectious or Contagious Diseases*"; and, after debate, the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
9. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Campbell, and the same was read :—

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 27.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to revoke the Permanent Reservation and Crown Grant of certain Land at Walook in the Parish and Shire of Portland as a Site for a Shire Hall and certain other purposes and to provide for the Sale of such Land and the Application of the Proceeds towards the Purchase of a Site and the Erection of Buildings for a Shire Hall and certain other purposes.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 4th December, 1918.

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

10. **PORTLAND SHIRE HALL BILL.**—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message No. 27.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to revoke the Permanent Reservation and Crown Grant of certain Land at Walook in the Parish and Shire of Portland as a Site for a Shire Hall and certain other purposes and to provide for the Sale of such Land and the Application of the Proceeds towards the Purchase of a Site and the Erection of Buildings for a Shire Hall and certain other purposes.

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

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

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 28.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to constitute the Forests Commission and to amend the *Forests Act 1915* and for other purposes.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 4th December, 1918.

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

12. **FORESTS BILL.**—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message No. 28.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to constitute the Forests Commission and to amend the *Forests Act 1915* and for other purposes.

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

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

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 29.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to the Salary of the Chairman of the Victorian Railways Commissioners.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 4th December, 1918.

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

14. RAILWAYS BILL (No. 2).—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message No. 29.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to the Salary of the Chairman of the Victorian Railways Commissioners.

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

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

Mr. Lawson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the Salary of the Chairman of the Victorian Railways Commissioners*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

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

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 30.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to Payments by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works to the Treasurer of Victoria in respect of portion of the Public Debt of Victoria.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 4th December, 1918.

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

16. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS (LOAN PAYMENT) BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message No. 30. House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to Payments by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works to the Treasurer of Victoria in respect of portion of the Public Debt of Victoria.

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

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

Mr. McPherson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to Payments by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works to the Treasurer of Victoria in respect of portion of the Public Debt of Victoria*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

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

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 31.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to Pensions of Judges of the Supreme Court of the State of Victoria.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 4th December, 1918.

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

18. SUPREME COURT (JUDGES' PENSIONS) BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message No. 31.
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. McGregor reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—
Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to Pensions of Judges of the Supreme Court of the State of Victoria.
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. Lawson and Mr. Campbell do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
Mr. Lawson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to Pensions of Judges of the Supreme Court of the State of Victoria*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
19. DAIRY PRODUCE BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Oman*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
20. JUSTICES BILL.—Further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; read the third time, after debate.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.
21. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 3 be postponed until after Nos. 4 and 5.
22. METROPOLITAN HAWKERS BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
23. PORTLAND SHIRE HALL BILL.—Order for second reading read; Bill ruled a Private Bill.
Motion made, by leave, and question—That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill (*Mr. Campbell*)—put and agreed to.
Bill read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
24. MOTOR TRAFFIC BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Mitchell*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
25. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.
26. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 7 to 16 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 58.—THURSDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PIANGIL TO PINE TANK RAILWAY.—Mr. Menzies, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the construction of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway from Piangil to Pine Tank; together with Book of Reference and Description of Work.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. GOODS BILL.—Mr. Lawson obtained leave, with Mr. Bowser, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend Part V. of the 'Goods Act 1915'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MOORABBIN AND SANDRINGHAM) BILL.—Mr. Lawson obtained leave, with Mr. Campbell, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill relating to the Municipalities of Moorabbin and Sandringham*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL (No. 3).—Mr. Lawson obtained leave, with Mr. Barnes, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Local Government Acts*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. GAOLS BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
7. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply; resolutions to be reported to-morrow.
Resolved—That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
8. DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That chairs be provided on the floor of the House for General Pau and Commandant d’Andre, members of the French Mission (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.
Mr. Speaker welcomed the distinguished visitors on behalf of the Legislative Assembly.
9. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. McPherson, and the same was read:—

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 32.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to authorize the raising of Money for Railways and for Irrigation Works Water Supply Works and Drainage and Flood Protection Works in Country Districts and for Works under the River Murray Waters Acts and for other purposes.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 5th December, 1918.

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

10. VICTORIAN LOAN BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor’s Message No. 32.
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. McGregor reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution:—
Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to authorize the raising of Money for Railways and for Irrigation Works Water Supply Works and Drainage and Flood Protection Works in Country Districts and for Works under the River Murray Waters Acts and for other purposes.
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. McPherson and Mr. Barnes do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
Mr. McPherson then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to authorize the raising of Money for Railways and for Irrigation Works Water Supply Works and Drainage and Flood Protection Works in Country Districts and for Works under the River Murray Waters Acts and for other purposes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
11. STAMP DUTIES.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider certain stamp duties (*Mr. McPherson*)—put and agreed to.
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. McGregor reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution:—

Resolved—

1. That on and after the first day of January One thousand nine hundred and nineteen, upon the exchange of any real property for any other real property there shall be charged (under and subject to the Stamps Acts) for the use of His Majesty his heirs and successors duty as on a conveyance or transfer on sale on the several instruments of conveyance or transfer (as the case may be) effecting the exchange, each of such instruments being chargeable with *ad valorem* duty on the value of the real property transferred thereby; and in the event of more than one exchange being effected by such instruments, *ad valorem* duty as on a conveyance or transfer on sale in respect of each exchange effected thereby on the value of the real property affected:

Provided that the collector of imposts may exempt from duty any instrument of conveyance or transfer effecting an exchange of real property made prior to the said date.

2. That on and after the first day of January One thousand nine hundred and nineteen in respect of every sale of real property there shall be charged (under and subject to the Stamps Acts) for the use of His Majesty his heirs and successors *ad valorem* duty upon the consideration therefor, and such duty shall be paid on the conveyance which seeks to give effect whether directly or indirectly to every such sale; and where part only of the real property the subject-matter of a sale is included in a conveyance the consideration in respect of the whole of the real

property the subject-matter of such sale shall be apportioned and *ad valorem* duty shall be payable accordingly; and the duty payable shall be ascertained by determining the ratio which the value of the real property affected by the conveyance bears to the value of the whole property affected by the sale:

Provided that the collector of imposts may exempt any conveyance from duty in respect of the consideration for any sale or sales sought to be given effect to by such conveyance made prior to the said day.

3. That on and after the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and nineteen and until the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three inclusive there shall be charged (under and subject to the Stamps Acts) for the use of His Majesty his heirs and successors upon and for the several instruments specified in the Third Schedule to the *Stamps Act 1915*—

(a) under the expression beginning with the words "Bills of Exchange of any other kind whatsoever" and ending with the words and figures "such amount or value 0 1 0" included under the heading "I. Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes"; and

(b) under the following headings—

"II. Receipt or Discharge given for or upon payment of money amounting to £2 or upwards":

"VI. (A)—Conveyance or Transfer on Sale of any Real Property":

"(B)—Land Transfer":

"VII. Exchange and partition or division of any real property for any other real property, where any consideration is given for equality. Instruments for effecting same":

"IX. Settlement or Gift, Deed of":

"X. Annual Licence"—

additional stamp duties equal in amount to the stamp duties specified in the said Schedule with the same exemptions as in the said Schedule.

4. That on and after the first day of January One thousand nine hundred and nineteen and until the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three inclusive there shall be charged (under and subject to the Stamps Acts) for the use of His Majesty his heirs and successors upon and for the several instruments specified in the Third Schedule to the *Stamps Act 1915* under the expression beginning with the words "Bill of Exchange (except a Bank Note)" and ending with the words and figures "such amount or value 0 1 0" (where first occurring in the said Schedule) included under the heading "I. Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes" additional stamp duties equal in amount to the stamp duties specified in the said Schedule with the same exemptions as in the said Schedule.

5. That on and after the first day of January One thousand nine hundred and nineteen there shall be charged (under and subject to the Stamps Acts) for the use of His Majesty his heirs and successors a stamp duty of One shilling (with the same exemption as under the heading "VIII. Lease, or agreement for a lease of any lands or tenements for any definite or indefinite term" in the said Schedule) upon every counterpart of any lease or agreement for a lease of any lands or tenements for any definite or indefinite term unless stamped as an original instrument or unless in addition to being stamped as provided in the Stamps Acts it appears by some stamp impressed thereon that the full and proper duty has been paid upon the original instrument of which it is the counterpart: Provided that notwithstanding anything in section twenty-eight of the *Stamps Act 1915* the counterpart of an instrument chargeable with duty as a lease or an agreement for a lease upon which instrument the full and proper duty has been paid may at any time without payment of any penalty be stamped with an impressed stamp denoting that such duty has been paid upon the original instrument.

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

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

12. STAMPS BILL.—Mr. McPherson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Stamps Acts*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

13. SUPPLY.—ESTIMATES FOR 1918-19.—RESOLUTION RESCINDED.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply on the 9th July last, granting to His Majesty the following sum on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1918-19, viz. :—

Division No. 77—Mines—Exceptional Expenditure	£3,933
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be read and rescinded (*Mr. McPherson*)—put and agreed to.

14. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply; resolutions to be reported to-morrow.

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

15. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Land Tax Bill without amendment.

16. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 17 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 59.—FRIDAY, 6TH DECEMBER, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Bowser presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Inebriate Institutions.—Report of the Inspector of Inebriate Institutions for the year 1917.
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 :—
Marine Act 1915.—Amendment of Provision of Pilot Regulations with respect to Issue of Pilotage Exemption Certificates.
Public Service Acts—Regulations—
Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—
Department of Chief Secretary.
Department of Agriculture.
Attendance and Conduct of Officers, Chapter XIII.—New Clause substituted for Clause 25.
3. PIANGIL TO PINE TANK RAILWAY.—Motion made and question—That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to construct a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway from Piangil to Pine Tank (*Mr. Barnes*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive be postponed until after No. 6.
5. REAL PROPERTY BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee. Committee reported progress ; to sit again this day.
6. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply ; resolutions to be reported on Tuesday next.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until after No. 4.
8. ESSENDON LAND BILL.—Further considered in Committee and reported with amendments ; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to ; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
9. VICTORIAN LOAN BILL.—Read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
10. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS (LOAN PAYMENT) BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee. Committee reported progress ; to sit again on Tuesday next.
11. STAMPS BILL.—Read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
12. REAL PROPERTY BILL.—Further considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 7 to 21 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

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

J. E. MACKAY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 60.—TUESDAY, 10TH DECEMBER, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Angus rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The export of meat and the prices paid to the producer."
Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—
Motion made and question—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Angus*)—put and, after debate, negatived.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Barnes, and the same was read :—
A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 33.*
In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to the Constitution of a Body of Electricity Commissioners and the Powers and Duties thereof and to amend the Law relating to Electric Light and Power.
Government Offices,
Melbourne, 10th December, 1918.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.
4. ELECTRICITY COMMISSIONERS BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message No. 33.
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Outtrim reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—
Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to the Constitution of a Body of Electricity Commissioners and the Powers and Duties thereof and to amend the Law relating to Electric Light and Power.
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. Barnes and Mr. Lawson do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
Mr. Barnes then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the Constitution of a Body of Electricity Commissioners and the Powers and Duties thereof and to amend the Law relating to Electric Light and Power*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until after Nos. 2 and 3.
6. VENEREAL DISEASES BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Bowser*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
7. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply; resolution to be reported to-morrow.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
8. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 4) without amendment.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 and Nos. 4 to 19 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 61.—WEDNESDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Lawson presented—
Survey of Road from Forrest to Apollo Bay.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 4th December, 1918.
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 :—
Indeterminate Sentences (Crimes Act 1915).—Annual Report of the Indeterminate Sentences Board for the year ended 30th June, 1918.
Public Service Acts.—Regulations.—Stores and Transport, Chapter XV.—Amendment of Clause 4.
3. MANANGATANG TO BRYDEN'S TANK RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Mr. Barnes, after debate, obtained leave, with Mr. Robertson, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Manangatang to Bryden's Tank*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
4. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL.—Mr. Lawson obtained leave, with Mr. Bowser, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Public Service Act 1915 (No. 2)'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
5. FITZROY NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON TRAMWAYS BILL.—Mr. McPherson obtained leave, with Mr. Campbell, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to increase the Borrowing Powers of the Fitzroy Northcote and Preston Tramways Trust*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Hutchinson*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Angus*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
7. FORESTS BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee. Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.
8. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Lawson, and the same was read :—
A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 34.*
The Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Acts of the present Session, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz.:—
"An Act to declare the Rate of Land Tax for the Year ending the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and nineteen and to amend the Land Tax Acts."
"An Act relating to the Law of Property and for other purposes."
"An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Six hundred and ninety-two thousand one hundred and eighty-six pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and eighteen and One thousand nine hundred and nineteen."
The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 11th December, 1918.
9. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—Mr. McPherson, pursuant to motion moved, by leave, on his behalf by Mr. Lawson, obtained leave, with Mr. Lawson, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Railways and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
10. WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL.—Mr. McPherson, pursuant to motion moved, by leave, on his behalf by Mr. Lawson, obtained leave, with Mr. Lawson, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Irrigation Works Water Supply Works Drainage and Flood Protection Works in Country Districts and for Works under the River Murray Waters Acts and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

11. PIANGIL TO PINE TANK RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Mr. Barnes, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. Lawson, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Piangil to Pine Tank*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
12. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL.—Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 3 be postponed until after No. 4.
14. HEALTH BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
15. DAIRY PRODUCE BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Deany*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
16. DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The following Orders of the Day, Government Business, were read and discharged :—
Motor Traffic Bill—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
Supreme Court (Judges' Pensions) Bill—Second reading.
Ordered—That the said Bills be withdrawn.
17. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 to 18 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 62.—THURSDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. BAW BAW FOREST DISTRICT CONNECTING RAILWAY.—Mr. Menzies, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of connecting the Baw Baw Forest district with the existing railway system by a broad or narrow gauge railway; together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Act 1915.—Eleventh Balance-sheet of the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust as at 30th June, 1918.
4. KANDOS COAL SUPPLIED TO THE VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing—
1. The total quantity of Kandos coal supplied by the New South Wales Lime, Cement and Coal Company to the Victorian Railways.
 2. The total quantity originally contracted for.
 3. The tonnage totals delivered each month since inception of contract.
 4. The name of the firm acting as agent for the New South Wales Lime, Cement, and Coal Company through whom the contract was made, and the date of the said contract.
- (*Mr. Toutcher*)—put and agreed to.

5. **DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT BILL.**—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and committed.

Committee reported progress; to sit again this day.

Mr. McGregor reported that in Committee he had ruled that, without an instruction of the House, he could not allow the Committee to proceed with a new clause offered by the Honorable Member for Brighton, on the grounds that it introduced matter outside the provisions of the Bill as read a second time. The new clause provided for the acquisition and taking for the Crown of private land in any city, town, borough, or shire for the purpose of erecting thereon dwellings, shops, or factories for discharged soldiers; for advances being made to discharged soldiers to purchase land disposed of to them by the Board, or private land, or to complete the purchase of private land in any city, town, borough, or shire for the purpose of erecting dwellings, shops, or factories on such land or private land; and for obtaining stock-in-trade for any such shops, and machinery, plant, and materials for any such factories. With his concurrence the Committee now desired to ask the Speaker's opinion upon that ruling.

And, after debate—

Mr. Speaker said—“The power to move an amendment is in no way determined by the title of the Bill. In fact, the title has nothing to do with it. A Minister or a member gives notice of his intention to introduce a Bill. It may be a Bill to amend the *Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act 1917* and for other purposes. When the Bill is introduced it must conform to the title announced. As long as it conforms to that title, any matter may be introduced into the Bill. When once the Bill is introduced and the question of an amendment comes up, the power to move the amendment is determined, not by the title, but by the subject-matter of the Bill. That is laid down in *May* and all the constitutional authorities. The title may be a limited one, but as long as the subject-matter allows it, amendments can be made. These amendments, though within the scope or subject-matter of the Bill, may be beyond the title, in which case the title can be amended. The question arises whether the amendment proposed by the Honorable Member for Brighton is strictly cognate to the subject-matter of the Bill. The subject-matter, as the Honorable Member for Brighton has said, relates to rural settlement—that is, to the settlement of discharged soldiers on rural land. That is the subject-matter of the Bill. The honorable member's new clause proposes to extend and apply the provisions of the *Discharged Soldiers Settlement Acts*—

‘to the acquisition and taking for the Crown as aforesaid of private land in any city town borough or shire for the purpose of erecting thereon dwellings shops or factories for discharged soldiers’;

There is nothing to correspond in any way with that in the Bill before the House. There are provisions for making advances to soldiers, but there is nothing in the Bill to permit the Government to erect business establishments on the land purchased for soldiers. This proposal unquestionably extends the subject-matter of the Bill, and therefore it is out of order. If Honorable Members will look at *May* they will see cases where instructions have been refused. They will find that amendments much more relevant to the subject-matter than this have been refused. I think the Chairman was right in the decision he gave.”

6. **DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT BILL.**—Further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to.
Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
7. **RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.**—Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
8. **WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL.**—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
9. **MANANGATANG TO BRYDEN'S TANK RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.**—Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 5 be postponed until after No. 6.
11. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL (No. 3).**—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment.
Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time this day.
12. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, No. 5 and Nos. 7 to 22 inclusive and Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 1 to 13 inclusive be postponed until after Order of the Day, General Business, No. 14.
13. **DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—The following Order of the Day, General Business, was read and discharged :—
Local Government Bill (No. 2)—(Mr. McGregor)—*Second reading.*
Ordered—That the said Bill be withdrawn.

14. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL (No. 3).—Read the third time.

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

A. Notwithstanding anything in any Act the name of any person liable to be rated to any municipality (including the city of Melbourne and the city of Geelong) in respect of any rateable property shall not be omitted from any list or roll of ratepayers voters burgesses or citizens of the municipality by reason only that any rates in respect of the property have not been paid.

Motion made and question—That new clause A be now read a second time (*Mr. Hannah*)—put and, after debate—

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.		Noes, 21.	
Major Baird,	Mr. Rogers,	Mr. Angus,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Snowball,	Mr. Bayles,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Solly,	Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Toutcher,	Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Wynne.	Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Purnell.
Mr. McGregor,		Mr. Carlisle,	
Mr. Murphy,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Everard,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Outtrim,		Mr. Gordon,	
Sir Alexander Peacock,	Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Groves,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Jewell.	Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Robertson.

And the numbers being equal, Mr. Speaker said :—“The result of the division is a tie, and I have to give a casting vote. Following the usual practice, as the House has evidently not made up its mind, having given varying decisions on similar proposals, and as there will be an opportunity of dealing with this matter at another time, I give my vote with the Noes.”

And so it passed in the negative.

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

15. PIANGIL TO PINE TANK RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.

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

16. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 7 and 8 be postponed until to-morrow.

17. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES FOR 1918-19.—Mr. McGregor reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolutions :—

Resolved—That the following sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1918-19 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, viz. :—

II.—MINISTER OF LABOUR.

Division No.	£	£
33. Department of Labour	...	10,335

IV.—ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

39. Attorney-General—Salaries	...	33,629
40. „ Pensions, Gratuities, &c.	...	103
41. „ Ordinary Expenditure	...	7,365
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V.—SOLICITOR-GENERAL.

42. Solicitor-General—Salaries	...	25,237
43. „ Ordinary Expenditure	...	8,158
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VI.—TREASURER.

44. Treasury—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	...	11,480
45. „ Transport, Samples, and Marine Insurance	...	2,250
46. „ Unforeseen and Accidental Expenditure	...	2,001
47. „ Allowances to Railway Department	...	8,502
48. „ Grants	...	65,251
49. „ Pensions, Compensations, and Gratuities, &c.	...	263
50. „ Exceptional Expenditure	...	49,076
52. Taxation Office—Income Tax Branch, &c.	...	7,358
53. „ „ Land Tax Branch	...	9,755
54. „ „ Death Duties Branch	...	618
55. Curator of Estates of Deceased Persons	...	2,111
56. Government Printer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	...	50,163
57. „ „ Exceptional Expenditure	...	480
58. „ „ Advertising, &c.	...	930
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		210,238

VII.—COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY.

Division No.	£	£
59. Survey, Land Settlement, Closer Settlement, and Management of Crown Lands	39,203	
60. Immigration and Labour Bureau	3,520	
61. Public Parks; Gardens, and Reserves	309	
62. Grants	4,970	
63. Botanic and Domain Gardens	4,672	
64. Extirpation of Rabbits and Wild Animals	9,349	
65. Works and Buildings	2,420	
66. Exceptional Expenditure	10,297	
	—————	74,740

VIII.—COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

67. Public Works—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	23,267	
68. Ports and Harbors—Salaries, Ordinary Expenditure, Works, &c.	32,053	
69. " " Exceptional Expenditure	715	
70. Public Works—Works and Buildings	77,163	
71. " " Road Works and Bridges	7,825	
72. " " Endowments and Grants, Municipalities, &c.	20,074	
73. " " Exceptional Expenditure	200	
	—————	161,297

IX.—MINISTER OF MINES.

74. Mines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	11,267	
75. " Furtherance of Mining Industry	11,505	
76. " Brown Coal Mine	25,500	
77. " Exceptional Expenditure	3,261	
	—————	51,533

X.—MINISTER OF FORESTS.

78. State Forests	29,812
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XI.—MINISTER OF WATER SUPPLY.

80. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission	55,190
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XII.—MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.

81. Department of Agriculture—Administrative	4,844	
82. Agriculture—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	54,255	
83. " Grants	1,475	
84. Stock and Dairy	11,164	
85. Export Development and Produce Inspection	24,446	
	—————	96,184

XIII.—MINISTER OF HEALTH.

86. Public Health—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure, &c.	37,119	
87. " " Miscellaneous	501	
	—————	37,620

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

18. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 10 to 22 inclusive and Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 1 to 13 inclusive and No. 15 be postponed until to-morrow.

19. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

H. H. NEWTON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. E. MACKEY,

Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 63.—FRIDAY, 13TH DECEMBER, 1918.

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

2. WARANGA AND RUSHWORTH RAILWAY DEVIATION.—Mr. Menzies, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of deviating the railway between Waranga and Rushworth stations, so as to raise the rails above the high-water level of the enlarged Waranga Water Storage Basin; together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan.

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

3. **ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY.**—Motion made, by leave, and question—That Monday next be an additional sitting day, on which day the House shall meet at Four o'clock; that Government Business shall take precedence of all other business; and that fresh business may be called on at any hour (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
4. **PAPER.**—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 Friendly Societies—Fortieth Annual Report on.—Report of the Government Statist for the year 1917, to which are appended Valuations of Societies, Numerical and Financial Summaries of the Returns furnished by the Secretaries, &c.
5. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Agreeing to the Metropolitan Tramways Bill with amendments.
 Ordered—That the said amendments be printed, and taken into consideration to-morrow.
6. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—
 Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—
 Pilots' Advance Repayment Bill.
 Municipal Endowment Bill.
 Victorian Loan Bill.
 Agreeing to the amendments made by the Assembly in the following Bills :—
 Transfer of Land Acts Amendment Bill.
 Justices Bill.
7. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until after No. 3.
8. **CRIMES BILL.**—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Lawson*).
 Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and; after debate, agreed to.
 Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Monday next, and that Mr. Prendergast have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
9. **DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT BILL.**—Read the third time, after debate.
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until Monday next.
11. **FORESTS BILL.**—Further considered in Committee.
 Committee reported progress; to sit again on Monday next.
12. **SUPPLY—ESTIMATES FOR 1918–19.**—Mr. McGregor reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution :—
Resolved—That the following sum be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1918–19 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, viz. :—

III.—MINISTER OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Division No.		£	£
34.	Education—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	539,841	
35.	„ Pensions, Gratuities, and Compensation	322	
36.	Works and Buildings	19,001	
37.	Endowments and Grants	35,360	
			594,524

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

13. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 6 to 17 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Monday next.
14. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
 Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 64.—MONDAY, 16TH DECEMBER, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments are as follow:—
 1. Clause 3, line 34, before "So" insert "Sections one to four and."
 2. Clause 4, line 15, after "Act" insert "other than a member appointed in default of election."
 3. " line 41, omit "'Municipal roll' includes citizen roll."
 4. " page 4, lines 23-4, omit "'Subdivision' of a municipal district means ward or riding."
 5. Clause 9, paragraph (a), omit this paragraph.
 6. Clause 10, omit this clause.
 7. Clause 13, omit this clause.
 8. Clause 14, omit this clause.
 9. Clause 15, sub-clauses (2), (3), (4), and (5), omit these sub-clauses.
 10. Clause 17, omit this clause.
 11. Clause 18, omit this clause.
 12. Clause 19, omit this clause.
 13. Clause 20, lines 12-29, omit all words beginning with "and (b) shall" to the end of the clause.
 14. Clause 21, sub-clause (3), omit this sub-clause.
 15. Clause 23, sub-clause (5), omit this sub-clause.
 16. Clause 25, line 17, omit "Save."
 17. Clause 30, sub-clause (1), paragraph (b), line 35, at the end of the paragraph add—
 - (iii) to meet a part or the whole of any moneys expended by the Board in the conversion of any cable tramways or part thereof into electric tramways and in altering the gauge of any tramways and in altering the nature of the power for any tramways (including the interest paid or payable by the Board in respect of such moneys during the period of the construction of the works for which such moneys are expended).
 18. Clause 30, sub-clause (2), line 38, omit "incurred."
 19. Clause 45, line 42, after "forty-four" insert "and forty-five, sub-section (1) of section forty-six, and sections forty-seven."
 20. Clause 61, omit this clause.
 21. Clause 63, omit this clause.
 22. Clause 95, lines 26-30, after "Board" omit all words beginning with "and any sum" to the end of the clause.
 23. Clause 111, sub-clause (1), line 40, after "Board" insert "and certified."
 24. " sub-clause (6), lines 35-6, omit "Every determination of the Board made under this section" and insert "The Auditor-General on being satisfied of the correctness of any determination of the Board made under this section shall certify the same as correct and every such determination so certified."
 25. Clause 113, paragraph (a), at the end of the paragraph add "subject to the Board making only such payment or compensation as is expressly provided for in this Act in any specified case."
 26. Clause 123, page 74, lines 14-15, omit "compilation of rolls for and the conduct of elections" and insert "election."
 27. Clause 125, line 41, omit "as and" and insert "once every three years."
 28. Clause 132, sub-clause (1), omit this sub-clause.
 - 28A. Clause 134, omit this clause.

INSERT THE FOLLOWING NEW CLAUSES:—

To follow Clause 9—

29. A. (1) The elective members shall be elected as follows:—One member shall, for each division set forth in the Second Schedule, be elected by the council of the municipality or the councils of the municipalities the municipal district or districts whereof are included in the division; but, in the case of the Melbourne Division, two members shall be elected for that division.

(2) Save as otherwise expressly provided, no person shall be qualified to be elected or to be or continue an elective member of the Board unless he is a member of the council or of one of the councils by which he is elected:

Provided that an elective member of the Board shall not be disqualified to be or continue an elective member of the Board by reason only of his ceasing to be a member of such council or of one of such councils if he is immediately re-elected a member thereof.

(3) The following provisions shall apply with respect to elections of elective members by more councils than one :—

(a) At the time and place appointed as prescribed for any such election every councillor of the councils of the several municipalities in the division may attend and vote by ballot at the election :

Provided that no council shall be represented at the election by more than nine councillors ; and in the case of a council consisting of more than nine councillors, the council shall decide by ballot the nine councillors to represent it at the election ;

(b) Each councillor entitled to vote shall have—

(i) in the case of a municipality having a population exceeding five thousand— one vote for each five thousand of the population and one additional vote for the remainder of the population ; and

(ii) in the case of a municipality having a population of five thousand or less— one vote :

Provided that no such councillor shall have more than ten votes ;

(c) One ballot-paper shall be given to each councillor for each vote to which he is entitled ;

(d) Notwithstanding anything in this section where any councillor entitled to vote at an election is unable to be present thereat he may nominate in writing another councillor of the same council to receive his ballot-papers and to vote at the election in his stead and the councillor so nominated may receive the ballot-papers and vote accordingly ;

(e) The Minister shall appoint some person to act as returning officer at each election.

(4) The first election of elective members shall take place on or before a day to be fixed by the Minister so as if practicable to enable the Board to be constituted not later than the thirty-first day of October One thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

30. B. Subject to this Act elective members shall be entitled to hold office for three years from the date of election :

Provided that in the case of members elected at the first election five shall retire at the end of the first year, five at the end of the second year, and five at the end of the third year from the date of the election and the order of retirement shall be determined by lot at the first meeting of the Board or as soon as practicable thereafter ; but so that both members for the Melbourne Division shall not be required to retire at the same time.

31. C. (1) Every vacancy in the office of any elective member of the Board shall be filled by the election of an elective member by the council or councils by which the first-mentioned member was elected.

(2) An elective member elected to fill an extraordinary vacancy shall be entitled to hold office for the remainder of the term of his immediate predecessor.

32. D. In any case where in the opinion of the Minister there is any unreasonable delay in the election of an elective member the Governor in Council may appoint a person (whether he is or is not a member of any council or councils entitled to elect such member) to be a member of the Board ; and every person so appointed shall be deemed to be and may hold office as if he were qualified to be elected and to be and continue an elective member of the Board.

33. E. Notification of every election or appointment of members shall be published in the *Government Gazette* ; and a copy of the *Government Gazette* containing any such notification shall be conclusive evidence of the election or appointment and of the validity thereof.

To follow Clause 56—

34. F. (1) With the consent of the Governor in Council the Board may acquire or take on lease and the Board of Land and Works or the Victorian Railways Commissioners (as the case may be) may convey or transfer and dispose of or demise to the Board upon such terms and conditions as are agreed upon the whole or any part of the electric street railways known as—

(a) the St. Kilda-Brighton electric street railway authorized to be constructed under the *St. Kilda and Brighton Electric Street Railway Act 1904*, the *St. Kilda and Brighton Electric Street Railway Extension Act 1905*, and the *St. Kilda and Brighton Electric Street Railway Extension Act 1906* ; and

(b) the Sandringham to Black Rock electric street railway authorized to be constructed under the *Sandringham to Black Rock Electric Street Railway Act 1914*.

(2) Any such electric street railway or part thereof conveyed transferred or disposed of to the Board shall vest in the Board and shall be and be deemed to be a tramway undertaking of the Board.

(3) Any such electric street railway or part thereof leased to the Board shall during the continuance of the lease be and be deemed to be a tramway undertaking of the Board ; but the exercise of any powers of the Board in respect thereto shall be subject to any terms covenants and conditions of the lease thereof.

(4) The provisions of any of the Acts specified in sub-section (1) of this section and of the *Railways Act 1915* applying to any such electric street railway or part thereof so vested in or leased to the Board shall cease to apply thereto accordingly :

Provided that—

(i) the Board shall upon such vesting or during the continuance of such lease (as the case may be) have the like powers of supplying electricity for lighting or power purposes within the like area and subject to the like conditions as the

Board of Land and Works or the Victorian Railways Commissioners pursuant to any Act relating to such electric street railway or part thereof had immediately before such vesting or the commencement of such lease ; and

- (ii) the Victorian Railways Commissioners shall supply to the Board and the Board shall take from the said commissioners upon such terms and under such conditions as are agreed upon the supply of electricity requisite for the operation of such electric street railway or part thereof and for the other purposes of this section.

(5) For the purposes of this section the expression " electric street railway " includes as well as the electric street railways aforesaid all or any lands (including any easement right or privilege in over or affecting such lands) and all or any buildings rolling-stock machinery and plant appertaining thereto respectively or used in connexion therewith by the Board of Land and Works or the Victorian Railways Commissioners for or in connexion with the supply of electricity pursuant to any of the said Acts (as the case requires) but does not include any sub-station or sub-stations and land appropriate thereto used for the conversion and supply of electric power to such electric street railways.

(6) For the purposes of this section the Governor in Council may by Order apportion settle adjust or determine any property estates rights powers liabilities obligations matters or things whatsoever as between or among the Board and the Board of Land and Works and the Victorian Railways Commissioners and any municipality and any persons or bodies of persons affected or all or any of them ; and every such Order shall be final conclusive and binding.

To follow Clause 23—

35. G. (1) The superintending engineer, the traffic superintendent, the chief inspector, the accountant, and the branch inspector, and a representative of the officers and employes of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board (to be appointed by the Governor in Council) shall constitute a board to be called the " Board of Discipline."

(2) The board of discipline may investigate hear and determine any charge brought against any officer or employe for a breach of any by-law (including any rule or regulation thereunder) to be made in that behalf, or for misconduct, and may suspend such officer or employe, or, if he has been already suspended may further suspend him for a period not exceeding six months, without salary or wages, or may inflict a fine to be deducted from his pay, or may reduce him in position or pay or both, or may dismiss him.

(3) (a) Any officer or employe who has been suspended or fined or reduced in rank position or grade and pay under by-laws (including rules and regulations thereunder) to be made in that behalf for breach of any such by-law rule or regulation or for misconduct may appeal as hereinafter provided to the board of discipline which shall hear and determine the same.

(b) Every such appeal shall be lodged with the secretary within seven days after the date of the decision appealed against and shall be heard by the board of discipline within thirty days from the date of the appeal being so lodged.

(4) Three members of the board of discipline shall form a quorum ; and all powers of the board of discipline may be exercised by a majority of the members present at any meeting, and in case of an equality of votes the chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote ; and the members present at each meeting of the board of discipline shall appoint one of their number to act as chairman at such meeting.

(5) No member of the board of discipline shall take part in the hearing of any charge against or appeal by any officer or employe in the branch of which such member is the head.

(6) The secretary shall convene all meetings of the board of discipline.

(7) (a) At the hearing of a charge against or appeal by any officer or employe, any member of the board of discipline may administer an oath to any witness at such hearing.

(b) If the offence as to which the charge or appeal is made is one involving dismissal or reduction of rank position grade or pay, the appellant or officer or employe charged shall be entitled to have all witnesses examined on oath, and also to be represented by a barrister and solicitor or agent, who may examine witnesses and address the board of discipline on his behalf.

(c) The board of discipline may confirm or modify any decision appealed against or make such order therein as it thinks fit.

(8) Every decision of the board of discipline shall be final and conclusive unless punishment is thereby imposed involving dismissal or reduction of rank position grade or pay in which event the accused may within seven days after being informed of such decision appeal therefrom to a board of appeal consisting of the chairman the secretary and the general manager of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board ; and thereupon the board of appeal may hear confirm modify or otherwise finally determine such appeal and such determination shall be final and conclusive ; and in the hearing of such appeal the appellant shall have the like rights and privileges as he had before the board of discipline, and the board of appeal or any member thereof may administer an oath to any witness at such hearing.

To follow Clause 45—

36. H. On the appointed day there shall, subject to and for the purposes of this Act, be vested in the Board by virtue of this Act and without further or other conveyance transfer or assignment the Royal Park tramway (being the tramway referred to in the Act numbered 974), and the said tramway shall be deemed and taken to be included in the tramway undertakings of the Board, and any authority granted by the Council of the Zoological and Acclimatisation Society of Victoria pursuant to the said Act numbered 974 shall cease and determine, and the last-mentioned Act shall cease to have any further operation.

To follow Clause 109—

37. J. The Board (whether before or after the preparation of any general scheme or special construction scheme for tramway construction) may either by agreement or compulsorily purchase any lands for the purposes (in connexion with any tramway undertaking which is or may be constructed) of widening any street or road or of gardens or parks or places for the recreation convenience or amusement of the people or for any other tramway purposes.

In the Schedules—

38. First Schedule, in the last line but two of the Schedule, before the words "Section sixty-two" insert "Sub-section (2) of section forty-six and."
 39. " " in the last line but one of the Schedule, after the figures "1917" insert "and section two of the *Tramway Board Act 1918*."
 40. " " at the end of the Schedule add "The *Tramway Board Act 1918* shall be repealed."
 41. Second Schedule, page 79, in the sixth line of the Schedule, omit "or wards."
 42. " " page 79, in the seventh line of the Schedule, omit "or wards."
 43. " " page 80, after "*Melbourne Division*," omit all words beginning with "The Gipps ward" and ending with "city of Melbourne" (where they occur for the second time) and insert "The municipal district of Melbourne."

Motion made and question—That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and, after debate—

The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Angus,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Major Baird,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. Bayles,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Wynne.
Mr. Greenwood,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Robertson.

Noes, 16.

Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Slater,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.
Mr. Hannan,	
Mr. McLachlan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Bailey,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Lemmon.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. Lawson, and after debate—

Amendment 1 agreed to.

Amendments 2 to 14 inclusive disagreed with.

Amendment 15 postponed.

Amendments 16 to 19 inclusive agreed to.

Amendment 20—

Motion made and question—That this amendment be agreed to (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and negatived.

—Amendment 20 disagreed with.

Amendment 21 agreed to.

Amendment 22 disagreed with.

Amendments 23 to 25 inclusive agreed to.

Amendments 26 to 28 inclusive disagreed with.

Amendments 28A to 35 inclusive postponed.

Amendments 36 to 40 inclusive agreed to.

Amendments 41 to 43 inclusive disagreed with.

Amendments 15 and 35—

Motion made and question—That these amendments be agreed to (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and, after debate, negatived.—Amendments 15 and 35 disagreed with.

Amendment 28A—

Motion made and question—That this amendment be agreed to (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and, after debate, negatived.—Amendment 28A disagreed with.

On the motion of Mr. Lawson—

Amendments 29 to 33 inclusive disagreed with.

Amendment 34—

Motion made and question—That this amendment be agreed to (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and negatived.—Amendment 34 disagreed with.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them accordingly.

3. FORESTS BILL.—Further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
4. TEACHERS BILL.—*Mr. Hutchinson*, by leave, obtained leave, with *Mr. McPherson*, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to State School Teachers*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 17 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 65.—TUESDAY, 17TH DECEMBER, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—*Mr. Speaker* took the Chair.
2. DRIFT OF POPULATION FROM COUNTRY DISTRICTS TO THE CITY COMMITTEE.—*Mr. A. A. Billson*, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Select Committee upon the causes of the drift of population from country districts to the city; together with Minutes of Evidence.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
3. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—*Mr. Prendergast*, on behalf of *Mr. Speaker*, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Printing Committee.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. PAPERS.—*Mr. Barnes* presented, pursuant to a resolution of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 17th October, 1905—
Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Returns of Machinery, Goods, and Material manufactured or produced outside the Commonwealth, and purchased for the use of the following Department during the period from 1st July, 1917, to 30th June, 1918:—
Railway Department.
Railway Department (State Coal Mine).
Mr. Barnes presented—
Kandos Coal supplied to the Victorian Railways.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 12th December, 1918.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
5. ELECTRICITY COMMISSIONERS BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Barnes*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

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

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 35.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill relating to State School Teachers.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 17th December, 1918.

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

7. TEACHERS BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message No. 35.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill relating to State School Teachers.

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

8. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Transmitting a Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending an amendment in the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Transfer of Land Acts*," and acquainting the Assembly that the Council have agreed to the amendment recommended by His Excellency the Governor in this Bill, and desiring the concurrence of the Assembly.

And His Excellency's Message was read and is as follows :—

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 36 of the Constitution Act, the Governor transmits to the Legislative Council the following amendment which he desires to be made in the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Transfer of Land Acts*":—

In clause 6 omit the words "Transfer of Land Acts" substitute "*Transfer of Land Act 1915*."

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 17th December, 1918.

On the motion of Mr. Lawson, the House agreed to the amendment recommended by His Excellency the Governor, and ordered a Message to be transmitted to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendment.

9. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock—

WEDNESDAY, 18TH DECEMBER, 1918.

Resolution to be reported this day.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Wheat Marketing Bill with amendments.

And the said amendments are as follow :—

In the Schedule—

1. In paragraph 1, sub-paragraph (c), before "there" omit "1916-1917" and insert "1917-1918," and after "of the season" omit "1917-1918" and insert "1918-1919."
2. In paragraph 2, sub-paragraph (e), before "claiming" insert "or."

And the said amendments were read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendments.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Not insisting on some of their amendments in the Metropolitan Tramways Bill, and insisting on others disagreed with by the Assembly.

Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration this day.

12. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—

Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—

Portland Shire Hall Bill.
Public Service Bill.
Railway Loan Application Bill.
Water Supply Loans Application Bill.

13. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 16 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until this day.

And then the House, at five minutes past Three o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day.

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 66.—WEDNESDAY, 18TH DECEMBER, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **RAILWAY LINES—TRAFFIC, WORKING EXPENSES, PRESENT CONDITION, FUTURE PROSPECTS AND COURSE TO ADOPT TO REDUCE LOSS ON CERTAIN LINES—RE-OPENING THE FAWKNER AND SOMERTON RAILWAY.**—Mr. Menzies, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of the traffic, working expenses, present condition, and future prospects, together with the most advisable course to adopt in the future to reduce loss on that portion of the Coburg to Somerton railway between Fawkner Cemetery and Somerton; together with Minutes of Evidence.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
3. **STATE SAVINGS BANK BILL.**—Mr. McPherson, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. Lawson, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to confer certain Powers on the Commissioners of the State Savings Bank of Victoria*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
4. **MURCHISON AND RUSHWORTH RAILWAY DEVIATION BILL.**—Mr. Barnes, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. Campbell, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize a Deviation on the Murchison and Rushworth Railway*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
5. **PAPER.**—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Victorian Railways.—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the quarter ending 30th September, 1918.
6. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Not now insisting on their amendment in clause 10 of the Closer Settlement Bill with which the Assembly insist on disagreeing, and do not now insist on disagreeing with the amendments made and still insisted on by the Assembly on the other amendment of the Council in the said clause, but agree to the said amendments with a modification, and desiring the concurrence of the Assembly.
Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration to-morrow.
7. **ELECTRICITY COMMISSIONERS BILL.**—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Beardmore*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until this day.
8. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—
Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—
Discharged Soldiers Settlement Bill.
Metropolitan Hawkers Bill.
9. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until after No. 4.
10. **METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Message from the Council acquainting the Assembly that they do not insist on some of their amendments, and do insist on others disagreed with by the Assembly, having been read—
Motion made and question—That a Free Conference be desired with the Legislative Council on the subject-matter of the amendments made and insisted on by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Metropolitan Tramways and for other purposes*," and that the following Members be appointed Managers of the Conference, viz. :—Mr. Lawson, Mr. McPherson, Sir Alexander Peacock, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Prendergast, Mr. J. W. Billson, and Mr. Lemmon (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council desiring the said Conference.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Health Bill without amendment.
12. ELECTRICITY COMMISSIONERS BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed.
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Solly*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
13. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Acquainting the Assembly that they have appointed seven Members to confer with a like number of Members of the Assembly on the Bill intituled “*An Act relating to Metropolitan Tramways and for other purposes,*” and naming the Conference-room as the place, and fixing a quarter to Eight o'clock this day as the time, of meeting of the said Conference.
The Clerk read the names of the Honorable Members appointed as Managers for the Legislative Assembly, who thereupon proceeded to the place named for the meeting of the Conference.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and resumed it at a quarter to Ten o'clock.
Mr. Lawson announced, that the Conference had met, and, after discussion, had adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past Eleven o'clock.
14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 and 3 and Nos. 5 and 6 be postponed until to-morrow.
15. GOODS BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
16. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—
Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—
Forests Bill.
Cardigan Land Bill.
17. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 8 to 16 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
18. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 67.—THURSDAY, 19TH DECEMBER, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Tunnecliffe, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Committee of Public Accounts (State Accident Insurance Office); with an Appendix.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until after Nos. 2 and 3.
4. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES FOR 1918-19.—Mr. McGregor reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolutions:—

Resolved—That the following sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1918-19 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, viz.:—

I.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

Division No.	£	£
1. Legislative Council	574	
2. Legislative Assembly... ..	4,364	
3. Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways	417	
4. Refreshment Rooms	702	
5. The Library	429	
6. The Library, State Parliament House	574	
7. Victorian Parliamentary Debates	1,778	
8. Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	4,480	
9. " " Pensions, Gratuities, Compensations, &c.	10,251	
10. " " Grants	5,065	
11. Board for the Protection of the Aborigines	1,555	
12. Explosives	2,055	
13. State Accident Insurance Office	6,168	
14. Fisheries and Game	1,588	
15. Government Shorthand Writer... ..	337	
16. The Governor's Office	124	
17. Herbarium	478	
18. Inebriates Institution	1,389	
19. Marine Board	1,998	
20. Mercantile Marine	445	
21. Observatory	1,241	
22. Premier's Office	1,487	
23. Training Ship	5	
24. Agent-General	2,749	
25. Audit Office	6,549	
26. Government Statist	9,230	
27. Hospitals for the Insane	124,214	
28. Department for Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools	86,597	
29. Penal Establishments and Gaols	25,581	
30. Police	165,705	
31. Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria... ..	11,470	
32. Public Service Commissioner	1,529	
	481,128	

XIV.—MINISTER OF RAILWAYS.

88. Victorian Railways—Salaries and Working Expenses of all Lines during the year 1918-19	1,967,755	
89. " " Pensions, Gratuities, Compensation, &c.	9,269	
90. " " Construction Branch	2,848	
91. " " State Coal Mines	108,682	
	2,088,554	

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

5. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means; resolution to be reported this day.

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

Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 30th day of June, 1919, the sum of £3,661,714 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.

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

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

7. **APPROPRIATION BILL.**—Mr. McPherson then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and nineteen and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

8. **METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL—FREE CONFERENCE WITH THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and resumed it at fifty minutes past Twelve o'clock.

Mr. Lawson announced that the Conference had met again, and, after discussion, had adjourned until later this day.

9. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 and Nos. 4 to 12 inclusive be postponed until after No. 13.

10. **FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—SPECIAL BOARD TO FIX LOWEST RATES OF WAGES.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Message from the Legislative Council desiring the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly with the Council's amendment in the following resolution, viz. :— That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons employed in manufacturing or tuning any musical instrument of which wood forms a part, having been read, the said amendment is as follows :—

Omit the words “or tuning any musical instrument of which wood forms a part” and insert the word “pianos.”

And the said amendment was read a second time.

Motion made and question—That this House disagree with the Council's amendment, but make the following amendment in the resolution, viz. :—

Omit the words “or tuning.”

—(*Mr. Lawson*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have disagreed with the amendment made in such resolution by the Legislative Council, but have made an amendment in the said resolution, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

11. **PAPERS.**—Mr. Lawson presented—

Immigration, Cost of, 1910 to 1918.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 20th November, 1918.

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 :—

Companies Act 1915.—Summary of Statements for the year 1917 made by Companies transacting Life Assurance Business in Victoria.

Country Roads Act 1915.—Fifth Annual Report of the Country Roads Board.

Wheat Marketing Act 1915.—Statements of Accounts of the Victorian Wheat Commission for season 1915-16 for thirty-one months ended 30th June, 1918; for season 1916-17 for eighteen months ended 30th June, 1917; and for season 1917-18 for six months ended 30th June, 1918; with Balance-sheet as at 30th June, 1918.

12. **ELECTRICITY COMMISSIONERS BILL.**—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; read the third time.

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

13. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—**

Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—

Piangil to Pine Tank Railway Construction Bill.

Manangatang to Bryden's Tank Railway Construction Bill.

14. **CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Message from the Legislative Council acquainting the Assembly that the Council do not now insist on their amendment in clause 10 with which the Assembly insist on disagreeing, and do not now insist on

disagreeing with the amendments made and still insisted on by the Assembly on the other amendment of the Council in the said clause, but agree to the said amendments with a modification, having been read, the said amendments are as follow :—

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

4. Clause 10, omit lines 27-43 on page 5, and lines 1-8 on page 6, and insert in lieu thereof the following:—

"10. At the end of section thirty-five of the Principal Act there shall be inserted the following sub-sections :—

'(3) Nothing in the Closer Settlement Acts shall be taken to authorize—

(a) the acquisition by the Board by compulsory process of any land, whether freehold or leasehold, of an owner the unimproved value of whose land does not exceed Two thousand five hundred pounds; or

(b) in the case of an owner of any land, whether freehold or leasehold, who is or has been engaged on war service—the acquisition by the Board from the owner by compulsory process during the period of his war service and a further period of five years after the termination thereof of any such land if held by him during the period of his war service.' "

Agreed to by the Assembly with the following amendments :—

Omit the words and figures "lines 27-43 on page 5, and."

Omit the figures and words "10. At the end of section thirty-five of the Principal Act there shall be inserted the following sub-sections :—"

Omit the figure "(3)" and insert the figure "(4)."

Amendments of the Assembly disagreed with by the Council.

Amendments of the Assembly insisted on by the Assembly.

Amendments of the Assembly still disagreed with by the Council.

Amendments of the Assembly still insisted on by the Assembly.

Amendments of the Assembly on the amendment of the Council now agreed to by the Council, but the following amendment made in the clause :—

In clause 10, sub-clause 2, after "meeting of Parliament" insert "Provided that—(a) Within the time notified by the Board to the owner as aforesaid the owner may serve upon the Board and upon the President of the Legislative Council and the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly a notice in writing of intention to appeal forthwith to a special appeal board constituted as hereinafter provided against the proposed compulsory acquisition of the said land upon the ground that the use to which the said land is then being put by the owner is of such importance that the compulsory acquisition thereof for the purposes of the Closer Settlement Acts would not be to the advantage of the State ;

(b) The Governor in Council may within fourteen days after the receipt of the notice by the Closer Settlement Board or as soon thereafter as practicable by Order constitute for the purposes of this section a special appeal board consisting of six persons, namely :—

(i) three members of the Legislative Council nominated by the President of the Council ; and

(ii) three members of the Legislative Assembly nominated by the Speaker of the Assembly.

(c) The President and Speaker respectively may nominate such persons whether Parliament is or is not sitting ;

(d) The members of the special appeal board shall appoint one of their number to be the chairman thereof, and the chairman shall have a deliberative but not a casting vote ;

(e) The decision of the majority of a special appeal board shall prevail ;

(f) A special appeal board so constituted—

(i) may allow or disallow the appeal ;

(ii) may sit at such times and places and adopt such procedure as it thinks fit ;

(iii) may act notwithstanding the absence of the owner or any person who has been summoned to appear ; and

(iv) may make such order as to costs as it thinks fit, and such costs may be recovered in any court of competent jurisdiction ;

(g) If the special appeal board does not disallow the appeal no further steps shall be taken under the Closer Settlement Acts for the compulsory acquisition of the said land for a period of at least five years after the date of the determination ; but if the said board disallows the appeal the Governor in Council may proceed forthwith to acquire the land by compulsory process in accordance with the Closer Settlement Acts ; and

How dealt with.

(h) Every determination of a special appeal board shall be final and conclusive, and shall not be challenged appealed against reviewed questioned or called in question in any court on any account whatsoever :

Provided further that where an owner has given notice of intention to appeal to a special appeal board under this section the notification referred to in sub-section (2) of this section shall not be published in the *Government Gazette* unless and until the appeal is not allowed."

Motion made and question—That this House agree to the amendment of the Legislative Council in clause 10, sub-section (2), with the following amendments :—

In paragraph (b)—

After the words "Governor in Council" insert the words "by Order."

After the word "practicable" omit the words "by Order."

In paragraph (g)—

Omit the words "does not allow" and insert the word "allows";

Omit the word "five" and insert the word "four";

After the words "Acts; and" insert the words "if the said board does not determine the appeal within two months after the date of the Order constituting the said board the appeal shall be deemed to have been disallowed by the said board; and."

In the second proviso omit the words "not allowed" and insert the word "disallowed."

—(*Mr. Lawson*)—put and, after debate—

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. McDonald,
Major Baird,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Deany,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Wynne.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Lawson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Groves,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Pennington.

Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Slater,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Hannan,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.
Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. Jewell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Cotter,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Lemmon.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Council's amendment, as amended, agreed to.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them accordingly.

15. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Returning the Stamps Bill, and, on the consideration of the Bill in Committee, suggesting amendments.

And the said suggested amendments are as follow :—

Clause 2, page 2, line 5, omit the word "may" and insert the word "shall."

Clause 3, page 35, omit the word "may" and insert the word "shall."

" sub-clause (6), at the end of the sub-clause insert the following new sub-clause :—

"(7) The duty payable on a sale of real property shall be borne by the purchaser at such sale and any contract or agreement whereby he seeks to relieve himself from liability therefor shall be ineffective to relieve him from such liability or to impose upon any other person any liability therefor or any obligation to recoup such purchaser or to indemnify or keep him indemnified against the payment thereof or any part thereof."

Motion made and question—That this House do make the amendments suggested by the Legislative Council (*Mr. McPherson*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them accordingly.

16. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Gaols Bill without amendment.
17. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 5 be postponed until after Nos. 6 and 7.
18. MURCHISON AND RUSHWORTH RAILWAY DEVIATION BILL.—Read a second time, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
- Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

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| <p>19. TEACHERS BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (<i>Mr. Hutchinson</i>).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (<i>Mr. Prendergast</i>)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until this day.</p> <p>20. METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.—FREE CONFERENCE WITH THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and resumed it at forty-three minutes past Ten o'clock, when Mr. Lawson announced that the Conference had concluded its labours, and had made certain recommendations.
Ordered—That the amendments of the Legislative Council referred to the Free Conference, with the recommendations of the Conference thereon, be taken into consideration this day.</p> <p>21. METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments of the Legislative Council in this Bill, with the recommendations of the Free Conference thereon, having been read, the said amendments, with the recommendations of the Conference thereon, are as follow :—</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Amendments made by the Legislative Council.</p> <p>2. Clause 4, line 15, after "Act" insert "other than a member appointed in default of election."</p> <p>3. " line 41, omit " 'Municipal roll' includes citizen roll."</p> <p>4. " page 4, lines 23-4, omit "'Subdivision' of a municipal district means ward or riding."</p> <p>5. Clause 9, paragraph (a), omit this paragraph.</p> <p>6. Clause 10, omit this clause.</p> <p>7. Clause 13, omit this clause.</p> <p>8. Clause 14, omit this clause.</p> <p>9. Clause 15, sub-clauses (2), (3), (4), and (5), omit these sub-clauses.</p> <p>10. Clause 17, omit this clause.</p> <p>11. Clause 18, omit this clause.</p> <p>12. Clause 19, omit this clause.</p> <p>13. Clause 20, lines 12-29, omit all words beginning with "and (b) shall" to the end of the clause.</p> <p>14. Clause 21, sub-clause (3), omit this sub-clause.</p> <p>15. Clause 23, sub-clause (5), omit this sub-clause.</p> <p>20. Clause 61, omit this clause.</p> <p>26. Clause 123, page 74, lines 14-15, omit " compilation of rolls for and the conduct of elections " and insert " election."</p> <p>28. Clause 132, sub-clause (1), omit this sub-clause.</p> <p>28A. Clause 134, omit this clause.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">How dealt with.</p> <p>2. Disagreement to be insisted on by Assembly ; and Council not to insist on this amendment in clause 4.</p> <p>3. } These amendments made by the Council in clause 4 to be agreed to.</p> <p>4. }</p> <p>5. This amendment made by the Council in clause 9 to be agreed to.</p> <p>6. }</p> <p>7. }</p> <p>8. }</p> <p>9. } These amendments made by the Council to be agreed to.</p> <p>10. }</p> <p>11. }</p> <p>12. }</p> <p>13. This amendment made by the Council in clause 20 to be agreed to.</p> <p>14. Disagreement to be insisted on by Assembly ; and Council not to insist on this amendment in clause 21.</p> <p>15. Disagreement to be insisted on by Assembly ; and Council not to insist on this amendment in clause 23.</p> <p>20. Disagreement to be insisted on by Assembly ; and Council not to insist on this amendment.</p> <p>26. Disagreement to be insisted on by Assembly ; and Council not to insist on this amendment in clause 123.</p> <p>28. This amendment made by the Council in clause 132 to be agreed to.</p> <p>28A. This amendment made by the Council to be agreed to.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Recommendations of Free Conference.</p> <p>2. Disagreement to be insisted on by Assembly ; and Council not to insist on this amendment in clause 4.</p> <p>3. } These amendments made by the Council in clause 4 to be agreed to.</p> <p>4. }</p> <p>5. This amendment made by the Council in clause 9 to be agreed to.</p> <p>6. }</p> <p>7. }</p> <p>8. }</p> <p>9. } These amendments made by the Council to be agreed to.</p> <p>10. }</p> <p>11. }</p> <p>12. }</p> <p>13. This amendment made by the Council in clause 20 to be agreed to.</p> <p>14. Disagreement to be insisted on by Assembly ; and Council not to insist on this amendment in clause 21.</p> <p>15. Disagreement to be insisted on by Assembly ; and Council not to insist on this amendment in clause 23.</p> <p>20. Disagreement to be insisted on by Assembly ; and Council not to insist on this amendment.</p> <p>26. Disagreement to be insisted on by Assembly ; and Council not to insist on this amendment in clause 123.</p> <p>28. This amendment made by the Council in clause 132 to be agreed to.</p> <p>28A. This amendment made by the Council to be agreed to.</p> |
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Disagreed with by Assembly.—Insisted on by Council.

INSERT THE FOLLOWING NEW CLAUSES :—

To follow Clause 9—

29. A. (1) The elective members shall be elected as follows :—One member shall, for each division set forth in the Second Schedule, be elected by the council of the municipality or the councils of the municipalities the municipal district or districts whereof are included in the division ; but, in the case of the Melbourne Division, two members shall be elected for that division.
- (2) Save as otherwise expressly provided, no person shall be qualified to be elected or to be or continue an elective member of the Board unless he is a member of the council or of one of the councils by which he is elected :
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- Provided that an elective member of the Board shall not be disqualified to be or continue an elective member of the Board by reason only of his ceasing to be a member of such council or of one of such councils if he is immediately re-elected a member thereof.
- (3) The following provisions shall apply with respect to elections of elective members by more councils than one :—
- (a) At the time and place appointed as prescribed for any such election every councillor of the councils of the several municipalities in the division may attend and vote by ballot at the election :

29. Disagreement to be insisted on by Assembly ; and Council not to insist on new clauses A, B, C, D, E.

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

Recommendations of Free Conference.

Provided that no council shall be represented at the election by more than nine councillors ; and in the case of a council consisting of more than nine councillors, the council shall decide by ballot the nine councillors to represent it at the election ;

- (b) Each councillor entitled to vote shall have—
- (i) in the case of a municipality having a population exceeding five thousand— one vote for each five thousand of the population and one additional vote for the remainder of the population ; and
- (ii) in the case of a municipality having a population of five thousand or less—one vote :
- Provided that no such councillor shall have more than ten votes.
- (c) One ballot-paper shall be given to each councillor for each vote to which he is entitled ;
- (d) Notwithstanding anything in this section where any councillor entitled to vote at an election is unable to be present thereat he may nominate in writing another councillor of the same council to receive his ballot-papers and to vote at the election in his stead and the councillor so nominated may receive the ballot-papers and vote accordingly ;
- (e) The Minister shall appoint some person to act as returning officer at each election.

(4) The first election of elective members shall take place on or before a day to be fixed by the Minister so as if practicable to enable the Board to be constituted not later than the 31st day of October One thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

30. B. Subject to this Act, elective members shall be entitled to hold office for three years from the date of election :

Provided that in the case of members elected at the first election five shall retire at the end of the first year, five at the end of the second year, and five at the end of the third year from the date of the election and the order of retirement shall be determined by lot at the first meeting of the Board or as soon as practicable thereafter ; but so that both members for the Melbourne Division shall not be required to retire at the same time.

31. C. (1) Every vacancy in the office of any elective member of the Board shall be filled by the election of an elective member by the council or councils by which the first-mentioned member was elected.

(2) An elective member elected to fill an extraordinary vacancy shall be entitled to hold office for the remainder of the term of his immediate predecessor.

32. D. In any case where in the opinion of the Minister there is any unreasonable delay in the election of an elective member the Governor in Council may appoint a person (whether he is or is not a member of any council or councils entitled to elect such member) to be a member of the Board ; and every person so appointed shall be deemed to be and may hold office as if he were qualified to be elected and to be and continue an elective member of the Board.

33. E. Notification of every election or appointment of members shall be published in the *Government Gazette* ; and a copy of the *Government Gazette* containing any such notification shall be conclusive evidence of the election or appointment and of the validity thereof.

To follow Clause 23—

35. G. (1) The superintending engineer, the traffic superintendent, the chief inspector, the accountant, and the branch inspector, and a representative of the officers and employees of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board (to be appointed by the Governor in Council) shall constitute a Board to be called the "Board of Discipline."

Disagreed with by Assembly.— Insisted on by Council.

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35. Disagreement to be insisted on by Assembly ; and Council not to insist on new clause G.

Disagreement to be insisted on by Assembly ; and Council not to insist on new clauses A, B, C, D, E.

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.	How dealt with.	Recommendations of Free Conference.
<p>(2) The board of discipline may investigate hear and determine any charge brought against any officer or employee for a breach of any by-law (including any rule or regulation thereunder) to be made in that behalf, or for misconduct, and may suspend such officer or employee, or, if he has been already suspended may further suspend him for a period not exceeding six months, without salary or wages, or may inflict a fine to be deducted from his pay, or may reduce him in position or pay or both, or may dismiss him.</p>		
<p>(3) (a) Any officer or employee who has been suspended or fined or reduced in rank position or grade and pay under by-laws (including rules and regulations thereunder) to be made in that behalf for breach of any such by-law rule or regulation or for misconduct may appeal as hereinafter provided to the board of discipline which shall hear and determine the same.</p>		
<p>(b) Every such appeal shall be lodged with the secretary within seven days after the date of the decision appealed against and shall be heard by the board of discipline within thirty days from the date of the appeal being so lodged.</p>		
<p>(4) Three members of the board of discipline shall form a quorum; and all powers of the board of discipline may be exercised by a majority of the members present at any meeting, and in case of an equality of votes the chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote; and the members present at each meeting of the board of discipline shall appoint one of their number to act as chairman at such meeting.</p>		
<p>(5) No member of the board of discipline shall take part in the hearing of any charge against or appeal by any officer or employee in the branch of which such member is the head.</p>	<p>Disagreed with by Assembly.— Insisted on by Council.</p>	
<p>(6) The secretary shall convene all meetings of the board of discipline.</p>		
<p>(7) (a) At the hearing of a charge against or appeal by any officer or employee, any member of the board of discipline may administer an oath to any witness at such hearing.</p>		
<p>(b) If the offence as to which the charge or appeal is made is one involving dismissal or reduction of rank position grade or pay, the appellant or officer or employee charged shall be entitled to have all witnesses examined on oath, and also to be represented by a barrister and solicitor or agent, who may examine witnesses and address the board of discipline on his behalf.</p>		
<p>(c) The board of discipline may confirm or modify any decision appealed against or make such order therein as it thinks fit;</p>		
<p>(8) Every decision of the board of discipline shall be final and conclusive unless punishment is thereby imposed involving dismissal or reduction of rank position grade or pay in which event the accused may within seven days after being informed of such decision appeal therefrom to a board of appeal consisting of the chairman the secretary and the general manager of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board; and thereupon the board of appeal may hear confirm modify or otherwise finally determine such appeal and such determination shall be final and conclusive; and in the hearing of such appeal the appellant shall have the like rights and privileges as he had before the board of discipline, and the board of appeal or any member thereof may administer an oath to any witness at such hearing.</p>		

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.	How dealt with.	Recommendations of Free Conference.
41. Second Schedule, page 79, in the sixth line of the Schedule omit "or wards."	Disagreed with by Assembly.— Insisted on by Council.	41. } 42. } 43. } Disagreement to be insisted on by Assembly; and Council not to insist on these amendments.
42. " " page 79, in the seventh line of the Schedule omit "or wards."		
43. " " page 80, after " <i>Melbourne Division</i> " omit all words beginning with "The Gipps ward" and ending with "city of Melbourne" (where they occur for the second time) and insert "The municipal district of Melbourne."		

Recommendations of Free Conference—continued.

The following amendments to be made in the Bill :—

Clause 3, line 35, omit "election and."

Clause 4, lines 25-29, omit the words beginning with "Election means" and ending with "Act."

Clause 5, line 26, omit "elected or."

Clause 7, lines 1-3, after "of" omit all words to the end of the clause and insert "seven members who shall be appointed by the Governor in Council."

Insert the following New Clauses to follow Clause 7 :—

7A. The Governor in Council may appoint one of such members to be the chairman, and may at any time accept the resignation of or remove the chairman or any other member, and may from time to time, as any vacancy occurs in the office of chairman or other member, appoint some person to fill the vacancy.

7B. Subject to this Act members (other than the chairman) shall be entitled to hold office for three years from the date of their appointment; but any such member appointed to fill a vacancy (other than a vacancy caused by the retirement of a member, on the expiry of the period for which he was appointed) shall be entitled to hold office for the remainder of the term of his immediate predecessor.

7C. The Board shall, during the period of six years next after the appointed day, be constituted by the appointment of the members thereof in the manner provided in this Act :

Provided that the constitution of the Board shall be reviewed by Parliament before the expiration of that period :

Provided, however, that if no Act is passed before the expiration of that period altering the constitution of the Board, the Board shall (until Parliament otherwise provides) continue to be constituted, as provided in this Act, until the end of the next ensuing Session of Parliament; and, notwithstanding any alteration in the constitution of the Board, the Board shall be deemed to be the same corporation before and after such alteration, and no action or other matter or thing shall be affected or abated thereby.

Clause 8, omit this clause.

Clause 9, omit this clause.

Clause 12, page 7, line 16, before "save" insert "being or continuing a member of the council of any municipality or."

" page 7, line 20, omit "or of the council of any municipality."

Clause 15, sub-section (1), paragraph (a), omit this paragraph.

" sub-section (1), paragraph (b), line 7, omit "being an appointed member."

Clause 16, line 44, omit "re-elected or."

Clause 20, omit this clause.

Clause 21, line 30, omit "elected and."

" line 37, omit "elected and."

Clause 22, sub-sections (1), (2), (3), (4), omit these sub-sections.

" sub-section (5), paragraph (a), line 21, omit "Board at any meeting" and insert "Minister."

" sub-section (5), paragraph (b), omit this paragraph.

" sub-section (5), paragraph (c), line 28, after "unless" omit "so."

" sub-section (5), paragraph (d), lines 39-40, omit "or of the council of any municipality."

" sub-section (5), paragraph (e), line 43, after "the" omit "Board" and insert "Governor in Council."

Clause 123, sub-sections (3) and (4), omit these sub-sections.

Clause 132, sub-section (2), lines 19-20, omit "or the first election of the members thereof."

" sub-section (2), line 21, omit "Minister" and insert "Governor in Council."

" sub-section (2), lines 25-26, omit "election or."

Clause 133, line 32, omit "election and."

In the Third Schedule—

PART A, clause 2, sub-section (2), page 80—

In the fourth line of the sub-section, omit "election or."

In the seventh line of the sub-section, omit "elected or."

PART B, clause 3, sub-section (1), page 81, in the last line of the sub-section, omit "nine" and insert "four."

" " sub-section (2), omit "nine" and insert "four."

" clause 8, page 82, in the fifth line of the clause, omit "three" and insert "two."

And, after debate, the recommendations of the Free Conference on the said amendments were agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the recommendations of the Free Conference on the subject-matter of the amendments made and insisted on by the Legislative Council in this Bill, and desiring their concurrence therein.

22. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Local Government Bill (No. 3) with an amendment.

And the said amendment is as follows :—

Add the following New Clause :—

B. Sub-section (3) of section three hundred and forty of the Principal Act shall be amended by omitting the words “within six months after they become payable” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “on or before the tenth day of June following the date such rates or other moneys are made and levied.”

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

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

23. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Stamps Bill without amendment.

24. TEACHERS BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock—

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Bill read a second time and committed.

Committee reported progress ; to sit again this day.

25. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, No. 5 and Nos. 8 to 11 inclusive be postponed until this day.

26. FITZROY NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON TRAMWAYS BILL.—Order for second reading read ; Bill ruled a Private Bill.

Motion made, by leave, and question—That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill (*Mr. McPherson*)—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.

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

27. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MOORABBIN AND SANDRINGHAM) BILL.—Order for second reading read ; Bill ruled a Private Bill.

Motion made, by leave, and question—That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.

Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Lawson*).

And, after debate—

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until this day.

28. DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The following Orders of the Day, Government Business, were read and discharged :—

Dairy Produce Bill—Second reading—Resumption of debate.

Thornbury Land Bill—Second reading—Resumption of debate.

Nurses Registration Bill—To be further considered in Committee.

Ordered—That the said Bills be withdrawn.

29. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—

Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—

Goods Bill.

Murchison and Rushworth Railway Deviation Bill.

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

31. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at nine minutes past Three o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day.

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 68.—FRIDAY, 20TH DECEMBER, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until after No. 2.
3. STATE SAVINGS BANK BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 and Nos. 3 to 7 inclusive be postponed until after No. 8.
5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MOORABBIN AND SANDRINGHAM) BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Acquainting the Assembly that the Council have concurred with the Assembly in agreeing to the recommendations of the Free Conference on the Metropolitan Tramways Bill.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 and Nos. 3 and 4 be postponed until after No. 5.
8. VENEREAL DISEASES BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
9. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Developmental Roads Bill without amendment.
10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 and 3 be postponed until after No. 4.
11. TEACHERS BILL.—Further considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
12. WHEAT STORAGE BILL.—Mr. Oman, by leave, after debate, obtained leave, with Mr. Barnes, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the Erection and Construction of Silos under the 'Wheat Storage Act 1917' and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
13. RAILWAYS BILL (No. 2).—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Lawson*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until this day.
14. RAILWAY LINES—TRAFFIC, WORKING EXPENSES, PRESENT CONDITION, FUTURE PROSPECTS AND COURSE TO ADOPT TO REDUCE LOSS ON CERTAIN LINES—OUTER CIRCLE RAILWAY.—Mr. Menzies, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of the traffic, working expenses, present condition, and future prospects, together with the most advisable course to adopt in the future to reduce loss on the Outer Circle Railway (Fairfield Park to Oakleigh Junction); together with Minutes of Evidence.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
15. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Acquainting the Assembly that the Council have agreed to the amendments made by the Assembly on the further amendment made by the Council in clause 10 of the Closer Settlement Bill.
16. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Returning the Country Roads Bill with amendments.
Ordered—That the said amendments be taken into consideration this day.

17. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Agreeing to the Electricity Commissioners Bill with an amendment.

And the said amendment is as follows :—

Clause 5, sub-clause (2), lines 10–16, omit all the words beginning with the words “ respectively in the same session ” to the end of the sub-clause.

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

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

18. **APPROPRIATION BILL.**—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

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

19. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—SPECIAL BOARDS TO FIX LOWEST RATES OF WAGES.**— Acquainting the Assembly that they have concurred with the Assembly in agreeing to the following resolutions :—

That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons (other than persons under the jurisdiction of the Carpenters, Agricultural Implements, or Picture Frame Boards, or persons engaged in ship or boat building, or the erection of bridges, wharfs, or similar structures) employed as—

- (a) carpenters, joiners, or box-makers;
- (b) stackers, sorters, loaders or unloaders of sawn timber;
- (c) saw-mill, timber yard, box factory, or joiner's workshop employees;
- (d) woodworkers making articles not under the jurisdiction of any Special Board heretofore appointed or hereafter to be appointed;

Also that this resolution be substituted for the resolution passed by the Legislative Assembly on the seventeenth day of June, 1915, and by the Legislative Council on the twenty-seventh day of July, 1915, declaring 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 as—

- (a) carpenters, joiners, or box-makers;
- (b) stackers, sorters, loaders or unloaders of sawn timber;
- (c) saw-mill, timber yard, box factory, or joiner's workshop employees,

but not including persons under the jurisdiction of the Carpenters, Agricultural Implements, or Picture Frame Boards, or persons engaged in ship-building or the erection of bridges, wharfs, or similar structures.

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

- (a) painting, other than ship painting or painting under the jurisdiction of any Special Board heretofore appointed or hereafter to be appointed;
- (b) paperhanging;

Also that this resolution be substituted for the resolution passed by the Legislative Assembly on the twelfth day of October, 1909, and by the Legislative Council on the twenty-seventh day of October, 1909, declaring that it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons wheresoever employed in the process, trade, or business connected with—

- (a) painting of buildings (including renovations);
- (b) paperhanging (including renovations).

That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons (other than persons under the jurisdiction of the Fibrous Plasterers Board) employed in the trade of making portable articles of cement or concrete.

Acquainting the Assembly that they do not insist on their amendment to omit the words “ or tuning any musical instrument of which wood forms a part ” and to insert in place thereof the word “ pianos ” 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 persons employed in manufacturing or tuning any musical instrument of which wood forms a part,

and agree to the amendment made by the Legislative Assembly in the said resolution by omitting the words “ or tuning.”

20. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—

Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—

- Local Government (Moorabbin and Sandringham) Bill.
- Fitzroy Northcote and Preston Tramways Bill.
- State Savings Bank Bill.

21. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Acquainting the Assembly that the Council do not insist on their further amendment in clause 7 of the Second-hand Dealers Bill disagreed with by the Assembly.

22. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—

Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—

Teachers Bill.
Venereal Diseases Bill.

23. COUNTRY ROADS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments are as follow:—

Add the following New Clauses :—

1. A. It is hereby declared that it shall be lawful for the council of any municipality carrying out any permanent work or maintenance under the Country Roads Acts to obtain (subject to and pursuant to the provisions of section three hundred and ninety of the *Local Government Act 1915*) for its temporary accommodation advances by overdraft for the purposes of such work or maintenance as if such work or maintenance were permanent works or undertakings within the meaning of Part XIV. of the said Act; but nothing in this section shall be taken to authorize the limit of borrowing provided for in the said section three hundred and ninety being exceeded.

2. B. (1) The sums named in section six of the Principal Act as salaries for the chairman and other members of the Board are hereby increased to such sums as the Governor in Council determines, but not exceeding—

(a) for the salary of the chairman—One thousand pounds; and

(b) for the salary of each of the other members of the Board—Eight hundred pounds.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in the said section six the salaries of the chairman and of each of the other members of the Board holding office at the commencement of this Act may be increased by the Governor in Council to such sums respectively as the Governor in Council determines not exceeding the several sums aforesaid: and such increase of salaries shall take effect as from such day after the twenty-fifth day of March One thousand nine hundred and eighteen as the Governor in Council appoints.

(3) In the said section six for the words "Eight hundred pounds" there shall be substituted the words "One thousand pounds"; and for the words "Six hundred pounds" there shall be substituted the words "Eight hundred pounds."

Motion made—That these amendments be now read a second time (*Mr. Lawson*).
Debate ensued.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock—

SATURDAY, 21ST DECEMBER, 1918.

Question—put and agreed to.

Amendment 1 agreed to.

Amendment 2—

Motion made and question—That this amendment be agreed to with the following amendments :—

Sub-section (1), paragraph (b), omit the word "Eight" and insert the word "Seven."

Sub-section (2), omit the words "twenty-fifth day of March One thousand nine hundred and eighteen" and insert the words "first day of January One thousand nine hundred and nineteen."

Sub-section (3), omit the word "Eight," where last occurring, and insert the word "Seven."

—(*Mr. Lawson*)—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Campbell,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Groves,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Lawson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Robertson.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Slater,
Mr. Everard,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Solly.
Mr. Hannan,	
Mr. Hogan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell,	
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Cain,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Lemmon.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Amendment 2, as amended, agreed to.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them accordingly.

24. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—

Acquainting the Assembly that the Council agree to the amendments of the Assembly on the amendment of the Council to insert new clause B in the Country Roads Bill.

Agreeing to the Appropriation Bill without amendment.

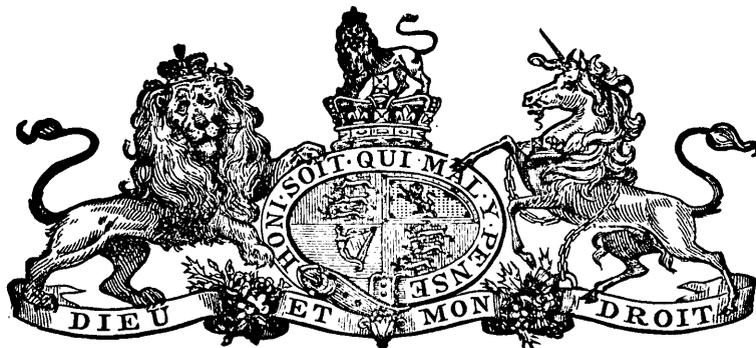
25. BLACK ROCK TO BEAUMARIS ELECTRIC STREET RAILWAY.—Motion made and question—That the question of constructing an electric street railway of 4 ft. 8½ in. gauge from Black Rock to Beaumaris, and making provision for the widening of streets along the proposed route, be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report (*Mr. Barnes*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

26. GONN, MURRABIT WEST, AND BENJEROOP CONNECTING RAILWAY.—Motion made and question—That the question of connecting Gonn, Murrabit West, and Benjeroop with the existing railway system by a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report (*Mr. Barnes*)—put and agreed to.
27. MALLEE RAILWAY CONNEXIONS.—Motion made and question—That the question of connecting the district around Corack and Bangerang with the existing railway system, and also of providing cross-country connexions between the lines from Charlton to Kulwin, from Donald to Ouyen, and from Murtoa to Hopetoun be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report (*Mr. Barnes*)—put and agreed to.
28. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 21st January next (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.

And then the House, at forty-seven minutes past One o'clock in the morning, adjourned until Tuesday, 21st January next.

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.



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PROROGUING THE PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the Honorable Sir Arthur Lyulph Stanley, 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 twenty-first day of January, 1919 :
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 eighteenth day of February, 1919.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State of Victoria aforesaid, at Melbourne, this seventh day of January, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and nineteen, and in the ninth year of the reign of His Majesty King George V.

(I.S.)

A. L. STANLEY.

By His Excellency's Command,

H. S. W. LAWSON.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

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SELECT COMMITTEES

APPOINTED DURING SESSION 1918.

1.—ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.

(Appointed by Mr. Speaker's Warrant, 9th July, 1918.)

Major Baird,
Mr. J. Cameron,
Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Prendergast,

Mr. Snowball
Mr. Solly,
Mr. Warde

2.—LIBRARY (JOINT).

(Appointed 25th July, 1918.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Deany,
Mr. Gordon,

Mr. Hannah,
Mr. Tunnecliffe.

3.—STANDING ORDERS.

(Appointed 25th July, 1918.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Allan,
Mr. Bailey,
Major Baird,
Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Cain,

Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. McLeod,
Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Snowball.

4.—PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (JOINT).

(Appointed 25th July, 1918.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Clough,
Mr. Jewell,

Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Outtrim.

5.—PRINTING.

(Appointed 25th July, 1918.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Angus,
Mr. Beardmore,
Mr. J. Cameron,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Livingston,

Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Slater.

6.—REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT).

(Appointed 25th July, 1918.)

Mr. A. F. Cameron,
Mr. Cotter,
Mr. Everard,

Mr. Hannah,
Mr. Pennington.

7.—PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

(Appointed 25th July, 1918.)

Mr. Bayles,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Hannan,
Mr. Lemmon,

Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Tunnecliffe.

8.—STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT).

(Appointed 25th July, 1918.)

Mr. Bailey,
Mr. Bayles,
Mr. Lawson,

Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Snowball.

9.—DRIFT OF POPULATION FROM COUNTRY DISTRICTS TO THE CITY.

(Appointed 31st July, 1918.)

Mr. Allan,
Mr. Bailey,
Mr A. A. Billson,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,

Mr. J. Cameron,
Mr. Clough,
Mr. Cotter.

10.—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT).

(Appointed 14th February, 1918.)

Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Menzies,

Mr. Solly,
*Mr. Toucher.

* Appointed 27th March, 1918.

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SESSION 1918.

No. 1.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 12TH SEPTEMBER, 1918.

TUESDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER, 1918.

No. 1.—*Closer Settlement Bill.*—Clause 10.

(1) For sub-section (1) of section thirty-five of the Principal Act there shall be substituted the following sub-section:—

“(1) Where in pursuance of the Closer Settlement Acts an offer to purchase any land for the Crown has been made to the owner thereof by the Board and has not been accepted by such owner within the time notified by the Board to such owner the Governor in Council may direct that the whole or any part of the land may be acquired by the Board from the owner by compulsory process.”

(2) At the end of section thirty-five of the Principal Act there shall be inserted the following sub-sections:—

“(3) A copy of the notification shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within fourteen days after the publication thereof if Parliament is then sitting and if Parliament is not then sitting then within fourteen days after the next meeting of Parliament.

(4) Nothing in the Closer Settlement Acts shall be taken to authorize the compulsory acquisition or taking for the Crown of land of an owner while in the present war he is serving outside the Commonwealth with His Majesty's naval or military forces or with the naval or military forces of the 'Commonwealth.'”—(*Mr. Robertson.*)

Amendment proposed—That after the word “Commonwealth,” at the end of the clause, the words “or of an owner the unimproved value of whose land does not exceed ‘Two thousand five hundred pounds’” be added.—(*Mr. Robertson.*)

Further amendment proposed—That the words “Two thousand five hundred pounds” be omitted from the proposed amendment with a view of inserting in place thereof the words “Five thousand pounds.”—(*Mr. McLachlan.*)

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed amendment—put.
 Committee divided.

Ayes, 32.

Major Baird,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Cotter,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Everard,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Slater,
Mr. Groves,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Hannan,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.

Noes, 12.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Angus,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Wynne.
Mr. Gibson,	
Mr. McKenzie,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McLachlan,	Mr. Bayles,
Mr. Menzies,	Mr. Carlisle.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 2—

And the clause having been further amended by the addition of the following new paragraph, viz.:—

“(5) For the purposes of the last preceding sub-section the words ‘unimproved value’ have the same meaning as in paragraph (a) of sub-section (1) of section thirty-nine of this Act”—

Further amendment proposed—That the following new paragraph be added to the clause:—

“(6) In respect of land compulsorily acquired and taken by the Board under this Act the Board shall pay compensation computed as follows:—To the capital value of land certified by the Commissioner of Taxes under the *Land Tax Act 1915* there shall be added a sum equivalent to ten per centum of such capital value.”—(Mr. J. W. Billson for Mr. Bailey.)

Question—That new paragraph (6) proposed to be added be so added—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Slater,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Cotter,	
Mr. Hannah,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hannan,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.

Noes, 35.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. McLachlan,
Mr. Angus,	Mr. McLennan,
Major Baird,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Downward,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Everard,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Groves,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Wynne.
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Livingston,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Pennington.
Mr. McKenzie,	

And so it passed in the negative.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER, 1918.No. 3.—*Closer Settlement Bill*.—Clause 10 as amended.

(1) For sub-section (1) of section thirty-five of the Principal Act there shall be substituted the following sub-section:—

“(1) Where in pursuance of the Closer Settlement Acts an offer to purchase any land for the Crown has been made to the owner thereof by the Board and has not been accepted by such owner within the time notified by the Board to such owner the Governor in Council may direct that the whole or any part of the land may be acquired by the Board from the owner by compulsory process.”

(2) At the end of section thirty-five of the Principal Act there shall be inserted the following sub-sections:—

“(3) A copy of the notification shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within fourteen days after the publication thereof if Parliament is then sitting and if Parliament is not then sitting then within fourteen days after the next meeting of Parliament.

(4) Nothing in the Closer Settlement Acts shall be taken to authorize the compulsory acquisition or taking for the Crown of land of an owner while in the present war he is serving outside the Commonwealth with His Majesty's naval or military forces or with the naval or military forces of the Commonwealth or of an owner the unimproved value of whose land does not exceed Two thousand five hundred pounds.

(5) For the purposes of the last preceding sub-section the words ‘unimproved value’ have the same meaning as in paragraph (a) of sub-section (1) of section thirty-nine of this Act.”—(Mr. Robertson.)

Question—That clause 10, as amended, stand part of the Bill—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 28.

Major Baird,	Mr. McLachlan,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Slater,
Mr. Everard,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Hannan,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Jewell,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Livingston,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Hannah,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Lemmon.

Noes, 11.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Angus,	Mr. Wynne.
Mr. Bayles,	
Mr. Deany,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. Pennington.
Mr. Menzies,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 4.—Clause 11.

(1) Notwithstanding anything in this Act or the Principal Act before any private land is acquired or taken for the Crown (either by agreement or compulsorily) for the purposes of the Closer Settlement Acts the Minister on receiving the report of the Board under sub-section (3) of section twenty-six of the Principal Act shall “ (if the value of the estate as stated in such report exceeds Ten thousand pounds) ” forthwith appoint three competent persons having a knowledge of land values within the area in which the land is situated (hereinafter called the “ referees ”) not being members of the public service to “ report to him ” upon the suitability or otherwise of the land for the said purposes and as to whether in their opinion the value thereof fixed by the Board is or is not reasonable and what in their opinion is the value thereof.

(2) For the purposes of this section the referees or any of them may enter the land and remain thereon during daylight for such time as is necessary.

(3) The Minister shall take into consideration the report of the referees and decide whether or not it is advisable that the land shall be acquired or taken. ”

(4) If in any case the Minister decides that it is advisable that the land be acquired or taken but at a value less than that fixed by the Board the provisions of section twenty-seven of the Principal Act shall apply and be read and construed as if for the words “ If the Minister agrees with the value so fixed by the Board ” there were substituted the words “ If the Minister decides that it is advisable that the land be acquired or taken but at a value less than that fixed by the Board ” and as if for any other reference therein to the value fixed by the Board there were substituted a reference to the value decided upon by the Minister.

“ (5) If in any case the Minister decides that it is advisable that any such land be acquired or taken—

- (a) where the referees have reported that the land is not suitable for the said purposes ; or
- (b) at a value above that deemed reasonable by the referees ; or
- (c) at a value greater than the capital value as shown in the valuation register under the Land Tax Acts—

the Minister shall cause a report of his decision to be presented to both Houses of Parliament within fourteen days after the making thereof if Parliament is then sitting but if Parliament is not then sitting then within fourteen days after the next meeting of Parliament.”—(Mr. Robertson.)

Amendment proposed—That the words “ (if the value of the estate as stated in such report exceeds Ten thousand pounds),” in lines 4 and 5 of sub-section (1), be omitted.—(Mr. Cain for Mr. Bailey.)

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

Ayes, 26.

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| Mr. Allan, | Mr. McKenzie, |
| Mr. Angus, | Mr. McLachlan, |
| Mr. Barnes, | Mr. Menzies, |
| Mr. Bayles, | Mr. Mitchell, |
| Mr. A. A. Billson, | Mr. Oman, |
| Mr. J. Cameron, | Mr. Outtrim, |
| Mr. Deany, | Sir Alexander Peacock, |
| Mr. Downward, | Mr. Robertson, |
| Mr. Greenwood, | Mr. Snowball, |
| Mr. Hutchinson, | Mr. Wynne. |
| Mr. Lawson, | |
| Mr. Livingston, | <i>Tellers.</i> |
| Mr. Mackey, | Mr. Pennington, |
| Mr. McDonald, | Mr. Toutcher. |

Noes, 12.

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| Major Baird, | Mr. Solly, |
| Mr. J. W. Billson, | Mr. Stewart, |
| Mr. Cain, | Mr. Warde. . |
| Mr. Clough, | |
| Mr. Hannan, | <i>Tellers.</i> |
| Mr. Jewell, | Mr. Lemmon, |
| Mr. Slater, | Mr. Tunnecliffe. |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 5—

And the clause having been amended by the insertion of the words “ in writing ” after the words “ report to him ” in line 7 of sub-section (1)—

Further amendment proposed—That sub-section (5) be omitted.—(Mr. Angus.)

Question—That sub-section (5) proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put. Committee divided.

Ayes, 29.

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| Mr. Allan, | Mr. Lawson, |
| Mr. Barnes, | Mr. Mackey, |
| Mr. A. A. Billson, | Mr. McPherson, |
| Mr. J. W. Billson, | Mr. Oman, |
| Mr. Cain, | Mr. Outtrim, |
| Mr. A. F. Cameron, | Mr. Robertson, |
| Mr. J. Cameron, | Mr. Slater, |
| Mr. Clough, | Mr. Snowball, |
| Mr. Cotter, | Mr. Solly, |
| Mr. Greenwood, | Mr. Tunnecliffe, |
| Mr. Groves, | Mr. Warde. |
| Mr. Hannah, | |
| Mr. Hannan, | <i>Tellers.</i> |
| Mr. Hogan, | |
| Mr. Hutchinson, | Mr. Mitchell |
| Mr. Jewell, | Mr. Toutcher. |

Noes, 16.

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| Mr. Angus, | Mr. Menzies, |
| Major Baird, | Sir Alexander Peacock, |
| Mr. Bayles, | Mr. Pennington, |
| Mr. Deany, | Mr. Stewart, |
| Mr. Downward, | Mr. Wynne. |
| Mr. McDonald, | |
| Mr. McKenzie, | <i>Tellers.</i> |
| Mr. McLachlan, | Mr. Lemmon, |
| Mr. McLeod, | Mr. Livingston. |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 6.—Clause 30.

(1) In section one hundred and sixteen of the Principal Act the word "yearly" is hereby repealed.

(2) At the end of the said section there shall be inserted the words "or may cause the said allotment if disposed of after the commencement of the *Closer Settlement Act 1904* under that Act or any other Act relating to closer settlement to be re-appraised and the payments adjusted accordingly.—(*Mr. Robertson.*)

Question—That clause 30 stand part of the Bill—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Angus,	Mr. McPherson,
Major Baird,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Downward,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Groves,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Livingston,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackey,	
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. McLachlan,	Mr. Toucher.

Noes, 9.

Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Solly.
Mr. Cain,	
Mr. Clough,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hannan,	
Mr. Jewell,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Snowball,	Mr. Lemmon.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

SESSION 1918.

No. 2.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 19TH SEPTEMBER, 1918.

TUESDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER, 1918.

No. 1.—*Closer Settlement Bill*.—Clause 34.

(1) No Crown grant hereafter issued in respect of an allotment of land "demised" under the Principal Act or any Act thereby repealed shall contain a condition to the effect set forth in section one hundred and twenty-five of the Principal Act or any corresponding enactment previously in force.

(2) Where a Crown grant of an allotment of land demised under the Principal Act or any Act thereby repealed has heretofore been issued and contains a condition to the effect aforesaid, such condition shall cease to have any further force operation or effect; and any failure before the commencement of this Act to comply with such condition shall not be deemed to be a breach or non-fulfilment of the condition of the Crown grant.

(3) Where a lease of an allotment of land demised under the Principal Act or any Act thereby repealed has heretofore been issued and provides for the insertion of a condition to the effect aforesaid in the Crown grant of the land demised by such lease, such provision shall cease to have any further force operation or effect.

(4) Upon production to the Registrar of Titles of the Crown grant or lease heretofore issued as aforesaid he shall cause to be indorsed thereon a memorandum setting forth the effect of this section.

(5) The Principal Act is hereby amended as follows:—

(a) Section one hundred and twenty-five of the said Act is hereby repealed;

(b) In sub-section (1) of section one hundred and seven of the said Act the words "grant or" and the words "or grant" are hereby repealed; and

(c) In sub-section (2) of section one hundred and seventeen of the said Act the words "one hundred and twenty-five" are hereby repealed.—(*Mr. Robertson.*)

Amendment proposed—That after the word "demised," in line 1 of sub-section (1), the words "before the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and thirteen" be inserted.—(*Mr. Bailey.*)

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Cain,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Slater.
Mr. Hannan,	
Mr. Jewell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Bailey,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.

Noes, 41.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Angus,	Mr. McPherson,
Major Baird,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Everard,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Wynne.
Mr. Mackey,	
Mr. McDonald,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. McLachlan,	Mr. Pennington.
Mr. McLennan,	

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 2—

And the clause having been amended by the insertion at the end of sub-section (4) of the words "and no fee or charge shall be demanded by or paid to the Registrar of Titles for or in respect of such indorsement"—

Question—That clause 34, as amended, stand part of the Bill—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. Angus,	Mr. McLeod,
Major Baird,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Everard,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Wynne.
Mr. Livingston,	
Mr. Mackey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. Pennington.

Noes, 14.

Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Jewell,	
Mr. Murphy,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Rogers,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. Slater,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER, 1918.

No. 3.—Clause 36 as amended.

At the end of section one hundred and twenty-nine of the Principal Act there shall be inserted the following sub-section:—

(12) No transfer of a fee-simple estate in the whole or any part of *any such closer settlement* allotment disposed of after the commencement of the *Closer Settlement Act 1904* under that Act or any amendment thereof or under the Principal Act or any amendment thereof shall be registered by the Registrar of Titles unless and until there is delivered to the Registrar of Titles a statutory declaration by the transferee stating that "he does not" and will not upon registration of the transfer hold as beneficial owner either in his own name or in the name or names of any other person or persons more than one allotment disposed of under any of the said Acts—(Mr. Robertson.)

Amendment proposed—That the words "he does not and will not upon registration of the transfer hold as beneficial owner either in his own name or in the name or names of any other person or persons more than one allotment disposed of under any of the said Acts," in lines 7–9, be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words "he does not hold nor has he held at the time of transfer or at any period of time prior to, subsequent to, or upon the registration of the transfer as beneficial owner either in his own name or in the name or names of any other person or persons any other land the value of which together with the land described in such transfer does not exceed in the aggregate the sum of Two thousand five hundred pounds."—(Mr. Bailey.)

Question—That the words "he does not," in line 7, proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Angus,	Mr. McKenzie,
Major Baird,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Wynne.
Mr. Gibson,	
Mr. Greenwood,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Pennington.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Hannan,	
Mr. Hogan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Prendergast,	
Mr. Rogers,	Mr. Hannah,
Mr. Slater,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 4—New clause C.

For the purposes of making advances to settlers and promoting the occupation cultivation and improvement of closer settlement lands generally the Governor in Council may establish and maintain an Agricultural Bank.—(*Mr. McLachlan.*)

Question—That new clause C be now read a second time—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Slater,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Everard,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Hannan,	
Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. McLachlan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Bailey,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Angus,	Mr. McDonald,
Major Baird,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. Bayles,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Deany,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Snowball.
Mr. Greenwood,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Pennington.
Mr. Mackinnon,	

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

SESSION 1918.

No. 3.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 10TH OCTOBER, 1918.

THURSDAY (MORNING), 10TH OCTOBER, 1918.

No. 1.—*Metropolitan Tramways Bill.*—Clause 5.

(1) For the purpose of carrying this Act into execution there shall be a Board consisting of the number of members in this Act provided for, and to be constituted and incorporated as in this Act provided.

(2) The members of the Board shall be elected or appointed as provided in this Act.

(3) The Board shall be a body corporate by the name of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board with perpetual succession and a common seal with power to break alter and change the same from time to time; and shall by that name be capable in law of suing and being sued and subject to and for the purposes of this Act of purchasing taking holding selling leasing taking on lease exchanging or disposing of real or personal property and of doing and suffering all such other acts and things as bodies corporate may by law do and suffer.—(*Mr. Lawson.*)

Question—That clause 5 stand part of the Bill—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Angus,	Mr. Lawson,
Maj. r Baird,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Bayles,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Purnell.
Mr. Farthing,	
Mr. Greenwood,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Groves,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Robertson.

Noes, 14.

Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Jewell,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. McLachlan,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Rogers.
Mr. Cotter,	
Mr. Hannah,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hannan,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Warde.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

THURSDAY, 10TH OCTOBER, 1918.

No. 2.—*Metropolitan Tramways Bill*.—Clause 7.

The Board shall consist of "seventeen" members, namely: fifteen elective members, one appointed member, and the chairman.—(*Mr. Lawson.*)

Amendment proposed—That the word "seventeen," in line 1, be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the word "nineteen."—(*Mr. Warde.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Bayles,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Greenwood,	
Mr. Groves,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Robertson.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Slater,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Hannan,	
Mr. Hogan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

SESSION 1918.

No. 4.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 17TH OCTOBER, 1918.

TUESDAY, 15TH OCTOBER, 1918.

No. 1.—*Metropolitan Tramways Bill*.—Clause 10 as amended.

(1) Subject to this Act "every" * person of the full age of twenty-one years whose name is (in respect of rateable property in any division of the metropolis) on any municipal roll for the time being in force shall be qualified to hold office as an elective member for that or any other division.

(2) No person shall cease to be qualified by reason of ceasing to be enrolled in respect of any particular rateable property if he is enrolled in respect of other qualifying rateable property.

(3) No person shall be a candidate for or eligible for election for more than one division.
(*Mr. Lawson.*)

Further amendment proposed—That all the words after the word "every," in line 1 of sub-section (1), to the end of the sub-section be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words "person (whether male or female and whether married or unmarried) of the full age of twenty-one years who is entitled to vote at any election for the Legislative Assembly for any electoral district shall be qualified to hold office as an elective member."—(*Mr. Hogan.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Bayles,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Groves,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Robertson.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Outtrim,
Major Baird,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Hannan,	
Mr. Hogan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell,	
Mr. McLachlan,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 2—

And the clause having been further amended by the insertion, after sub-section (1), of the following new sub-section, viz. :—

“(1A) Notwithstanding anything in any Act the name of any person liable to be rated to any municipality in any division of the metropolis in respect of any rateable property shall not be omitted from any list or roll of ratepayers voters burgesses or citizens of the municipality by reason only that any rates in respect of the property have not been paid”—

Further amendment proposed—That after sub-section (1A) the following new sub-section be inserted, viz. :—

“(1B) Notwithstanding anything elsewhere any ratepayer twenty-one years of age on any municipal roll in Victoria shall be qualified to hold office as an elective member for any division.”
—(Mr. McLachlan.)

Question—That new sub-section (1B) proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 18.		Noes, 20.	
Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Prendergast,	Major Baird,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Rogers,	Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Solly,	Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Deany,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Hannan,	Mr. Warde.	Mr. Everard,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Hogan,		Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Jewell,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Greenwood,	
Mr. McLachlan,	Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.	Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Pennington,
		Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Robertson.

And so it passed in the negative.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH OCTOBER, 1918.

No. 3.—*Metropolitan Tramways Bill.*—Clause 12.

No person holding any office or place of profit under or in the gift of the Board or concerned or participating in any manner whether directly or indirectly in any contract with the Board or in any work to be done under the authority of the Board or in the profit of such contract or work shall be capable of being or continuing a member :

Provided that no person shall be disqualified from being or continuing a member by reason only of—

- receiving or being entitled to receive any salary pursuant to this Act as chairman ;
- being beneficially interested in any newspaper in which the Board inserts advertisements ;
- being a shareholder or member of any incorporated company consisting of more than twenty persons which has entered into any contract with or done any work under the authority of the Board ; or
- save in the case of the chairman, being or continuing a member of the Legislative Council or the Legislative Assembly or of the council of any municipality.—(Mr. Lawson.)

Amendment proposed—That the following new paragraph be added to the clause, viz. :—

“or (e) being in the service or employment of the Board.”—(Mr. Murphy.)

Question—That new paragraph (e) proposed to be added be so added—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 20.		Noes, 27.	
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Prendergast,	Major Baird,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Rogers,	Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Bayles,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Solly,	Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Stewart,	Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Toutcher,	Mr. Campbell,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Hannan,	Mr. Warde.	Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Hogan,		Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Jewell,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. McLachlan,	Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Wynne.
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.	Mr. Groves,	
		Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Lawson,	
		Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Deany,
		Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Mitchell.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 4.—Clause 14.

(1) The first election shall be held on the fourth Thursday in August One thousand nine hundred and “nineteen.”

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—(*Mr. Lawson.*)

Amendment proposed—That the word “nineteen,” in line 2 of sub-section (1), be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words “twenty-one or in the year following the next general election.”—(*Mr. Hogan.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 27.

Major Baird,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Wynne.
Mr. Groves,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Bayles,
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Mitchell.

Noes, 20.

Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Everard,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Hannan,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Jewell,	
Mr. McLachlan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Lemmon.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

THURSDAY, 17TH OCTOBER, 1918.

No. 5.—*Metropolitan Tramways Bill.*—Clause 17.

(1) Subject to this Act every person of the full age of twenty-one years (whether male or female and whether married or “unmarried”) whose name is (in respect of rateable property in any division of the metropolis) enrolled on a municipal roll for the time being in force shall be entitled to vote at all elections for that division and to the number of votes (not exceeding three in all) for which such person is so enrolled.

* * * * *

—(*Mr. Lawson.*)

Amendment proposed—That all the words after the word “unmarried,” in line 2 of sub-section (1), to the end of the sub-section be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words “who is enrolled as an elector for the Legislative Assembly and entitled to vote at any election therefor for any electoral district and resides within any division of the metropolis in any part of such electoral district shall be entitled to vote at all elections of members for that division and to record one but not more than one vote.”—(*Mr. J. W. Billson.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Wynne.
Mr. Groves,	
Mr. Lawson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Livingston,	
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Robertson.

Noes, 14.

Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Slater,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Hannan,	
Mr. Hogan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 6.—Clause 21 *as amended.*

(1) On the appointed day or as soon as practicable thereafter the Board shall appoint a chairman of the Board; and on the occurrence of any vacancy in the office of chairman the Board shall forthwith appoint a chairman of the Board.

(2) The appointment shall be determined by the votes of the majority of the members present.

(3) Any person may be appointed chairman of the Board whether he is or is not a member.
 (4) If a member is appointed chairman of the Board, he shall thenceforth be a member by virtue only of his office of chairman, and his seat as an elective or appointed member shall become vacant and another shall be elected or appointed (as the case may be) in his stead.

(5) The chairman—

- (a) may by writing under his hand delivered to the Board at any meeting resign his office of chairman;
- (b) may only be removed by a resolution agreed to at a meeting of the Board specially convened for considering the question of such removal or any adjournment of such meeting if such resolution is agreed to by at least * ten members;
- (c) subject to this Act shall unless so removed be entitled to the office of chairman for a period of five years, and be eligible for re-appointment as chairman;
- (d) during his continuance in such office shall devote his whole time to the service of the Board, and shall not engage in any employment other than in connexion with the duties of his office and shall not be a member of *either House of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia or of the Legislative Council or of the Legislative Assembly or of the council of any municipality*; and
- (e) shall be paid a salary at such rate "per annum" as the Board determines prior to his appointment.—(*Mr. Lawson.*)

Further amendment proposed—That after the words "per annum," in line 1 of paragraph (e) of sub-section (5), the words "not exceeding 'One thousand' pounds" be inserted.—(*Mr. Jewell.*)

Further amendment proposed—That after the words "One thousand," in the proposed amendment, the words "five hundred" be inserted.—(*Mr. Lawson.*)

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted in the proposed amendment be so inserted—put.
 Committee divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Purnell.
Mr. Farthing,	
Mr. Gibson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Robertson.
Mr. Mackey,	

Noes, 7.

Mr. Everard,
Mr. Hannan,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Jewell,
Mr. Rogers.

Tellers.

Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Warde.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

VICTORIA

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1918.

No. 5.

DIVISION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 23RD OCTOBER, 1918.

TUESDAY, 22ND OCTOBER, 1918.

No. 1.—*Metropolitan Tramways Bill.*—Clause 22.

Subject to the provisions of this Act relating to officers servants and persons transferred to the service or employment of the Board, the Board—

(a) shall appoint a secretary and a treasurer ;

* * * * *

—(*Mr. Lawson.*)

Amendment proposed—That the following new paragraph be added to the clause, viz. :—

(f) The Board with the approval of the Governor in Council shall appoint all officers in receipt of an annual salary of £350 and upwards; and shall at all times determine except in cases of emergency the number of officers and servants to be employed notwithstanding what their salaries wages or allowances may be.—(*Mr. McLachlan.*)

Question—That new paragraph (f) proposed to be added be so added—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Clough,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. McLachlan,
Mr. Slater,
Mr. Solly.

Tellers.

Mr. Cain,
Mr. Jewell.

Noes, 41.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Bailey,	Mr. McKenzie,
Major Baird,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Hannah,	
Mr. Hannan,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Robertson.

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1918.

No. 6.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 31ST OCTOBER, 1918.

TUESDAY, 29TH OCTOBER, 1918.

No. 1.—*Metropolitan Tramways Bill*.—Clause 24.

“ Save so far as is not provided in any scheme of compensation certified pursuant to section thirteen of the *Workers' Compensation Act 1915* ” the Board shall obtain from the insurance commissioner under that Act policies of insurances for the full amount of its liability to pay compensation under that Act to any workers.—(*Mr. Lawson.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words “ Save so far as is not provided in any scheme of compensation certified pursuant to section thirteen of the *Workers' Compensation Act 1915*,” in lines 1 and 2, be omitted.—(*Mr. Warde.*)

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

Ayes, 33.

Major Baird,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Bayles,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Downward,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Everard,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Wynne.
Mr. Groves,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Lawson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Pennington.

Noes, 15.

Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Hannan,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Jewell,	
Mr. McLachlan,	
Mr. Prendergast,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Rogers,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. Slater,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 2.—Clause 30 *as amended*.

(1) Any sums standing to the credit of the guarantee fund or the superannuation fund shall be invested in Victorian Government securities.

(2) Any sums standing to the credit of any sinking fund shall be invested in Victorian Government securities or in the repurchase of debentures or stock issued under this Act or of debentures for which the liability is transferred to the Board under this Act; and any sum standing to the credit of the renewals reserve fund or the general reserve fund may be invested in like manner.

(3) Whenever it is necessary to have resort to any fund mentioned in this section for any purpose for which the fund was established, the Board may sell any securities in which the fund is invested or obtain an advance thereon from any bank.

(4) Without prejudice to any other mode of investment the Board may lodge any moneys not immediately required for the purposes of this Act—

(a) on deposit with the Treasurer of Victoria on such terms and conditions and at such rates of interest as are mutually agreed upon; or

(b) at interest on fixed deposit or otherwise as it thinks most advantageous "in" any one or more of the banks carrying on business in the city of Melbourne (including the State Savings Bank of Victoria).

(5) Interest on moneys invested which stand to the credit of the guarantee fund, the super-annuation fund, any sinking fund, or any reserve fund shall be carried to the credit of and form part of the fund to which the moneys so invested belong.—(*Mr. Lawson.*)

Further amendment proposed—That all the words after the word "in," in line 1 of paragraph (b) of sub-section (4), to the end of the paragraph be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words "the Commonwealth Bank of Australia or the State Savings Bank of Victoria."
—(*Mr. Cain.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 34.

Major Baird,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McLachlan,
Mr. Bayles,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Everard,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Gibson,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Groves,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Wynne.
Mr. Livingston,	
Mr. Mackey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Toutcher.

Noes, 12.

Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Hannan,	
Mr. Jewell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. Slater,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 3.—Clause 31.

(1) Subject to this Act the Board may from time to time with the consent of the Governor in Council borrow and re-borrow at interest such sums of money as it thinks requisite for the purposes of this Act not exceeding the sum of "Seven hundred and fifty thousand" pounds exclusive of any principal sums the liability for which is transferred to it by or under this Act.

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—(*Mr. Lawson.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words "Seven hundred and fifty thousand," in line 3 of sub-section (1), be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words "One million five hundred thousand."—(*Mr. Bayles.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 33.

Major Baird,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Campbell,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Everard,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Groves,	Mr. Slater,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Mackey,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald,	
Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. McLachlan,	Mr. Toutcher.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Wynne.
Mr. Hannah,	
Mr. Hannan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell,	
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. Rogers,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 4.—Clause 32 *as amended*.

- (1) Any sums which the Board is authorized to borrow may be raised as one loan or as several loans.
- (2) Every loan raised by the Board shall be raised—
- by the issue of debentures payable to bearer with interest coupons attached;
 - by the creation and issue of inscribed stock to be called "Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Inscribed Stock" (in this Part referred to as "stock"); or
 - partly in one way and partly in the other.
- (3) All such debentures and stock respectively—
- shall with interest thereon be charged and secured upon the revenues * (*including all rates authorized to be made and levied by the Board in respect of rateable properties within the metropolis*) and the works and undertakings of the Board;
 - shall bear interest at such rate and be redeemable at such period or periods as the Board with the approval of the Governor in Council determines; and
 - may with the consent of the holder or the registered proprietor thereof respectively be paid off at any time previous to the due date thereof at not more than the par face value thereof with interest thereon to date of payment only.
- (4) Interest shall be payable "half-yearly" on days fixed by the Board.
- (5) The Board at the request of the holder of any debenture issued under this Act may in lieu thereof issue to him stock in respect of the same loan and of the same amount bearing the same interest and of the same currency.—(*Mr. Lawson.*)

Further amendment proposed—That the word "half-yearly," in sub-section (4), be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the word "quarterly."—(*Mr. Solly.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 30.

Major Baird,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Farthing,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Groves,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Livingston,	
Mr. Mackey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Pennington.

Noes, 12.

Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Hannan,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Jewell,	
Mr. McLachlan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Cain,
Mr. Slater,	Mr. Lemmon.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 5.—Clause 38.

- (1) Notwithstanding anything in any Act or Order in "Council" authorizing the construction of any tramway (or any extension of a tramway) within the meaning of this Act shall after the passing of this Act be made under the *Tramways Act 1915* or any other Act passed before this Act.

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—(*Mr. Lawson.*)

Amendment proposed—That after the word "Council," in line 1 of sub-section (1), the words "after the passing of this Act shall be made" be inserted.—(*Mr. McLachlan.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 2.

Tellers.
Mr. McLachlan,
Mr. Slater.

Noes, 38.

Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Everard,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Groves,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Hannan,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Jewell,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Livingston,	
Mr. Mackey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Farthing,
Mr. McLennan,	Mr. Lemmon.

And so it passed in the negative.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH OCTOBER, 1918.

No. 6.—*Metropolitan Tramways Bill*.—Clause 55.

* * * * *

(2) Without limiting the generality of the next preceding sub-section, such tolls fares and charges if so prescribed may be, of different amounts for different sections or parts thereof of any tramway omnibus or ferry boat route or for two or more continuous sections or for return journeys or for passengers of different classes or ages and "may" be higher for Sundays or public holidays than for ordinary week days.

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—(*Mr. Lawson.*)Amendment proposed—That after the word "may," in line 4 of sub-section (2), the word "not" be inserted.—(*Mr. J. W. Billson.*)Motion made and question put—That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(*Mr. Solly.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Hannan,	
Mr. Jewell,	
Mr. Prendergast,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Rogers,	Mr. Cain,
Mr. Slater,	Mr. Lemmon.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Purnell.
Mr. Everard,	
Mr. Greenwood,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Lawson,	Major Baird,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Pennington.

And so it passed in the negative.

THURSDAY (MORNING), 31ST OCTOBER, 1918.

No. 7.—

Question—That the word "not" proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Hannan,	
Mr. Jewell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Hannah,
Mr. Slater,	Mr. Lemmon.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. Livingston,
Major Baird,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Purnell.
Mr. Everard,	
Mr. Greenwood,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. A. F. Cameron,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Pennington.

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1918.

No. 7.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 7TH NOVEMBER, 1918.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER, 1918.

No. 1.—*Metropolitan Tramways Bill*.—Clause 55 as amended.

(1) The Board may demand and take for the conveyance of passengers on its tramways or any part thereof or on any omnibus or ferry boat of the Board such tolls fares and charges as are prescribed (including tolls for the use of the tramways cars omnibuses and boats and for motive power and every other expense incidental to such conveyance).

(2) Without limiting the generality of the next preceding sub-section, such tolls fares and charges if so prescribed may be of different amounts for different sections or parts thereof of any tramway omnibus or ferry boat route or for two or more continuous sections or for return journeys or for passengers of different classes or ages and may

(3) The Board may permit passengers to transfer from one route to another or other routes subject to such conditions as are prescribed and may arrange with any other tramway Authority (if any) or the Victorian Railways Commissioners in regard to through fares and the issue of circular tickets.

(4) The Board shall for the conveyance of workmen run upon its lines of tramway so many and such cars at such times at such tolls fares or charges and subject to such conditions as are prescribed.

(5) The Board shall run for the conveyance of workmen such omnibuses or ferry boats (if any) as it is authorized to use upon such routes at such times for such tolls fares or charges and subject to such conditions as are prescribed.

(6) The Board in the case of tramway undertakings transferred to vested in or acquired by it may continue to demand and take the tolls fares or charges authorized to be demanded and taken immediately before the transfer vesting or acquisition until it prescribes other tolls fares or charges in lieu thereof.—(Mr. Lawson.)

Further amendment proposed—That the following words be inserted at the end of sub-section (2):—

“ Provided that a fare not exceeding One penny for any single journey shall be prescribed for at least one section of each tramway route.”—(Mr. Murphy.)

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Everard,	Mr. Slater,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Hannan,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Wynne.
Mr. Jewell,	
Mr. Livingston,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Cain,
Mr. McLeod,	Mr. Lemmon.

Noes, 27.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Angus,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Groves,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Bayles,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Carlisle.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 2.—Clause 61.

The Board may in connexion with and as part of any of its tramway undertakings purchase or otherwise provide lands within or with the consent of the Governor in Council without the metropolis to be used as gardens or parks or places for the recreation convenience or amusement of the people.—(*Mr. Lawson.*)

Question—That clause 61 stand part of the Bill—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Angus,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Everard,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Groves,	
Mr. Hannah,	
Mr. Hannan,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. Jewell,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.

Tellers.

Noes, 3.

Mr. Smith.

Tellers.

Mr. McLachlan,
Mr. Slater.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 3.—DIVISION 9.—REVENUES FROM TRAMWAY UNDERTAKINGS.

Preliminary.

Clause 67.—This Division shall—

- (a) come into operation on the passing of this Act; and
(b) be read and construed and take effect notwithstanding anything in the *Municipalities' Loans Extension Act 1898*, the *Municipal Loans Act 1915*, the *Tramway Board Act 1915*, or any Act relating to local government or in any agreement under any of the Acts aforesaid; and those Acts and every such agreement shall be read and construed as subject to the provisions of this Division.—(*Mr. Lawson.*)

Question—That clause 67 stand part of the Bill—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Angus,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McLachlan,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Everard,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Groves,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Toutcher.

Tellers.

Noes, 12.

Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Hannah,	
Mr. Hannan,	
Mr. Jewell,	
Mr. Prendergast,	

Tellers.
Mr. Cain,
Mr. Lemmon.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

THURSDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER, 1918.

No. 4.—Clause 68.

* * * * *

“Municipality” means the municipality of Braybrook, Brighton, Brunswick, Camberwell, Caulfield, Coburg, Collingwood, Essendon, Fitzroy, Footscray, Hawthorn, Heidelberg, Kew, Malvern, Melbourne, Mulgrave, Northcote, Nunawading, Oakleigh, Port Melbourne, Prahran, Preston, Richmond, Sandringham, South Melbourne, St. Kilda, and “Williamstown” (as the case requires); and

* * * * *

—(*Mr. Lawson.*)

Amendment proposed—That after the word “Williamstown,” in line 4 of the interpretation of “Municipality,” the words “and all municipalities outside the metropolitan area” be inserted.—
(*Mr. McLachlan.*)

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 3.
Mr. McLachlan.

Tellers.
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Slater.

Noes, 33.

Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Everard,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Jewell,	
Mr. Lawson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Mitchell.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 5—Clause 87.

(1) The Board shall in every financial year out of the revenues from its tramway undertakings pay “into the consolidated revenue” “in four equal quarterly instalments on the last day of September December March and June respectively” a sum equal to the “total” of the amounts payable in that financial year—

- “(a) by the Treasurer—to the Queen’s Memorial Infectious Diseases Hospital Board pursuant to the Infectious Diseases Hospital Acts and any future Act relating to or affecting such hospital; and
- (b) by the Treasurer—to the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board pursuant to the *Fire Brigades Act 1915* and any future Act relating to or affecting such Board; and
- (c) to the municipalities to which this Division applies—pursuant to section forty-four of the *Licensing Act 1916* or any future enactment relating to or affecting the Licensing Fund.”

(2) Every payment required to be made by the Board under this section shall be charged upon the revenues of the tramway undertakings of the Board.—(*Mr. Lawson.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words “into the consolidated revenue,” in line 2 of sub-section (1), be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words “to the Victorian Railways Commissioners.”—(*Mr. Hogan.*)

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

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Everard,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Greenwood,	
Mr. Groves,	
Mr. Hannan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Hannah,
Mr. Jewell,	Mr. Lemmon.

Noes, 7.

Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. Hogan,
Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Slater.

Tellers.
Mr. Bailey,
Mr. Smith.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 6—

Further amendment proposed—That the words “in four equal quarterly instalments on the last day of September December March and June respectively,” in lines 2 and 3 of sub-section (1), be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words “a sum equal to six per centum of the gross revenues from its tramway undertakings for the next preceding financial year.”—(*Mr. Carlisle for Major Baird.*)

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

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Groves,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Hannan,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Jewell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Bayles,
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Lemmon.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Noes, 11.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. Slater,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Smith.
Mr. Everard,	
Mr. Gibson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. McLennan,	Mr. Bailey,
Sir Alexander Peacock,	Mr. Toucher.

No. 7—

Further amendment proposed—That the word “total,” in line 3 of sub-section (1), be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words “loss caused to the State railways by electric tramway competition with the State railways and.”—(*Mr. Hogan.*)

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Hannan,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell,	Mr. Groves,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Lemmon.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Noes, 9.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. Prendergast.
Mr. Everard,	
Mr. Gibson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Menzies,	Mr. Smith.

No. 8—

Further amendment proposed—That paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of sub-section (1) be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—

“(a) by the Victorian Railways Commissioners—in annual interest charges of the electrification scheme until such time as the electrification scheme is in working operation, and thereafter the losses (if any) on the electrification scheme.”—(*Mr. Hogan.*)

Question—That the paragraphs proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Hannan,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Jewell,	
Mr. Lawson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Livingston,	
Mr. McLennan,	Mr. Groves,
Mr. McLeod,	Mr. Lemmon.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Noes, 6.

Mr. Allan,	
Mr. Everard,	
Mr. Mackey,	
Mr. Prendergast,	
	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Gibson,	
Mr. Hogan,	

No. 9—

Question—That clause 87 stand part of the Bill—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Everard,	Mr. Purnell.
Mr. Farthing,	
Mr. Gibson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Groves,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Mitchell.

Noes, 9.

Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Hannan,	
Mr. Jewell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Menzies,	
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Smith.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

VICTORIA

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1918.

No. 8.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 22ND NOVEMBER, 1918.

TUESDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER, 1918.

No. 1.—*Metropolitan Tramways Bill.*—Clause 88 as amended.

If in any year there is a surplus from the revenues of the tramway undertakings of the Board after all past or future liabilities *properly chargeable to that year (including liabilities for principal interest and sinking fund in respect of any debentures or stock)* have been satisfied or provided for, the Board—

“(a) may carry to the credit of the following year so much of such surplus as it thinks fit but not exceeding Ten thousand pounds; and

(b) shall distribute the whole or the remainder (as the case may be) of the surplus among the municipalities to which this Division refers, in accordance with any scheme of distribution from time to time adopted by the Board.”—(*Mr. Lawson.*)

Further amendment proposed—That paragraphs (a) and (b) be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words “shall apply the surplus for the purposes of its tramway undertakings and notwithstanding anything in this Act may carry the whole or any portion of the surplus to all or any of the reserve funds under this Act. in addition to any amount carried thereto in respect of that year.”—(*Mr. Lemmon.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Angus,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Deany,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Everard,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Toutcher.
Mr. Greenwood,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Groves,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Robertson.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Prendergast,
Major Baird,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Slater,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Wynne.
Mr. Hannan,	
Mr. Jewell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McLachlan,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 2—

Further amendment proposed—That the words “and any sum received by a municipality on any such distribution shall be applied by it for the purposes of Part XXVI. of the *Local Government Act 1915* and not otherwise” be added to paragraph (b).—(*Mr. Cotter.*)

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

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Slater,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Hannan,	
Mr. Jewell,	
Mr. Lemmon,	
Mr. Murphy,	

Tellers.

Mr. Cain,
Mr. Tunnecliffe.

Noes, 40.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Angus,	Mr. McLachlan,
Major Baird,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Bayles,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Groves,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Wynne.
Mr. Livingston,	
Mr. Mackey,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	
Mr. McDonald,	

Tellers.

Mr. Farthing,
Mr. Greenwood.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 3.—New Clause B.

This Act shall continue in force until the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six and no longer unless Parliament otherwise determines.—(*Mr. McLeod.*)

Question—That new clause B be now read a second time—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Angus,	Mr. McLachlan,
Major Baird,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Slater,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Everard,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Groves,	
Mr. Hannah,	
Mr. Hannan,	
Mr. Livingston,	

Tellers.

Mr. Cain,
Mr. Lemmon.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Snowball.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. McDonald,	
Mr. McLennan,	

Tellers.

Mr. Greenwood,
Mr. Pennington.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 4.—New Clause D.

On any cable tramway not more than one other car shall be in any way used with any grip car.—(*Mr. Cotter.*)

Question—That new clause D be now read a second time—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Slater,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Hannah,	
Mr. Hannan,	
Mr. McLachlan,	
Mr. Murphy,	

Tellers.

Mr. Cain,
Mr. Lemmon.

Noes, 32.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Angus,	Mr. McDonald,
Major Baird,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Everard,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Snowball.
Mr. Groves,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Livingston,	

Tellers.

Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. Pennington.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 5.—New Clause E.

Notwithstanding anything in this Act no tolls fares or charges aforesaid shall be demanded or taken of or from any member of either House of the Parliament of Victoria.—(Mr. Lemmon.)

Question—That new clause E be now read a second time—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. McDonald,
Major Baird,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Slater,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Farthing,	
Mr. Groves,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hannah,	
Mr. Hannan,	Mr. Cain,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Lemmon.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Angus,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Everard,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Snowball.
Mr. Mackey,	
Mr. McLachlan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McLennan,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. McPherson,	Mr. Greenwood.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER, 1918.

No. 6.—Melbourne Harbor Trust Bill.—New Clause A.

For section one hundred and fifty of the Principal Act there shall be substituted the following section:—

“150. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act where there is an award or industrial agreement pursuant to the *Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904* or any Act amending the same which award or agreement applies to persons employed by the Commissioners the Commissioners shall pay to its officers and servants and to the persons employed by it respectively such salaries wages and allowances as are determined by such award or agreement; and so far as any such salaries wages or allowances are not provided for in such an award or agreement but are provided for in a determination of a special board under the *Factories and Shops Acts*, the Board shall pay to such officers servants and persons the salaries wages and allowances provided for in such determination.

(2) The application of the *Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904* or any Act amending the same or of any award or industrial agreement made pursuant thereto to the Commissioners or to any organization of or including employes of the Commissioners or to any persons in the service or employment of the Commissioners shall not be deemed to be an interference with the exercise of any power of the State.

(3) The provisions of this section shall apply to any contractor having a contract with the Commissioners.—(Mr. Lemmon.)

Question—That new clause A be now read a second time—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Slater,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Jewell,	
Mr. Murphy,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Rogers.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Angus,	Mr. Lawson,
Major Baird,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Purnell.
Mr. Deany,	
Mr. Everard,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Farthing,	
Mr. Groves,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Robertson.

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1918.

No. 9.

DIVISION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 29TH NOVEMBER, 1918.

THURSDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER, 1918.

No. 1.—*Supply—Estimates for 1918-19.*

Motion made—That the following sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1918-19 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, viz. :—

I.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

DEPARTMENT FOR NEGLECTED CHILDREN AND REFORMATORY SCHOOLS.

DIVISION No. 28.

* * * * * * *

The sum of "£101,222."—(*Mr. Bowser.*)

Amendment proposed and question put—That this sum be reduced by £1.—(*Mr. J. W. Billson.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Hannah,	
Mr. Murphy,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Cain,
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Slater.

Noes, 27.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. Livingston,
Major Baird,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Campbell,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Purnell.
Mr. Deany,	
Mr. Farthing,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Groves,	Mr. Greenwood,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Pennington.
Mr. Lawson,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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VICTORIA

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1918.

No. 10.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 6TH DECEMBER, 1918.

TUESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER, 1918.

No. 1.—*Supply—Estimates for 1918–19.*

Motion made—That the following sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1918–19 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, viz. :—

VI.—TREASURER.

GRANTS.

DIVISION No. 48.

* * * * *

The sum of "£65,251."—(*Mr. McPherson.*)Amendment proposed and question put—That this sum be reduced by £10.—(*Mr. Cotter.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Slater,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Solly.
Mr. Hannah,	
Mr. Hannan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell,	Mr. Cain,
Mr. McLeod,	Mr. Lemmon.
Mr. Murphy,	

Noes, 30.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Angus,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Major Baird,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Everard,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Toutcher.
Mr. Groves,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Robertson.

And so it passed in the negative.

THURSDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 1918.

No. 2.—*Supply—Estimates for 1918-19.*

Motion made—That the following sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1918-19 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, viz. :—

VIII.—COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

EXCEPTIONAL EXPENDITURE.

Division No. 73.

* * * * *

The sum of "£200."—(*Mr. McPherson.*)Amendment proposed and question put—That this sum be reduced by £5.—(*Mr. Cain.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.
Mr. Clough,	
Mr. Cotter,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Bailey,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Cain.
Mr. Slater,	

Noes, 28.

Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Everard,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Groves,	Mr. Wynne.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Lawson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Greenwood,
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Pennington.

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1918.

No. 11.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 21ST DECEMBER, 1918.

MONDAY, 16TH DECEMBER, 1918.

No. 1.—*Forests Bill*—Clause 7.

(1) The chairman shall receive an annual salary not exceeding "One thousand" pounds and each of the other commissioners shall receive an annual salary not exceeding Eight hundred pounds.

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—(*Mr. Hutchinson.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words "One thousand," in line 1 of sub-section (1), be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words "Eight hundred."—(*Mr. Prendergast.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 31.

Major Baird,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. Bayles,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Campbell,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Everard,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Greenwood,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Robertson.
Mr. Mackey,	

Noes, 12.

Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Slater,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Solly.
Mr. Hannan,	
Mr. Jewell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McLachlan,	Mr. Cain,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Lemmon.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

TUESDAY, 17TH DECEMBER, 1918.

No. 2.—*Supply—Estimates for 1918-19.*

Motion made—That the following sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1918-19 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, viz.:—

XIV.—MINISTER OF RAILWAYS.

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.

DIVISION No. 88.

* * * * *

The sum of "£1,967,755."—(*Mr. Barnes.*)

Amendment proposed and question put—That this sum be reduced by £5.—(*Mr. Prendergast.*)
Committee divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Slater,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Hannan,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.
Mr. Jewell,	
Mr. Murphy,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. Bailey,
Sir Alexander Peacock,	Mr. Lemmon.

Noes, 32.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. Mackey,
Major Baird,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Everard,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Groves,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Robertson.

And so it passed in the negative.

WEDNESDAY (MORNING), 18TH DECEMBER, 1918.

No. 3—

Further amendment proposed and question put—That this sum be reduced by £4.—(*Mr. Hogan.*)
Committee divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Smith.
Mr. Hannah,	
Mr. Hannan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Cain,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Lemmon.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Deany,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Everard,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. Groves,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Robertson.

And so it passed in the negative.

