

VICTORIA NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SESSION 1881

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 9TH AUGUST 1881.

Questions.

1. **MR. HARRIS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture by whose authority a large amount of Government property, in the shape of plants and trees were given away to private individuals, within the last two or three weeks, from the Macedon State Nursery; and whether the Minister will take the necessary steps to prevent any further gratuitous distribution.
2. **MR. HALL** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he will give permission to allow exhibits for agricultural shows to be carried free on the State railways; and also that judges for such exhibits be allowed to travel at half rates.
3. **MR. BARR** : To ask the Honorable the Premier if he will place a sum on the Estimates to carry out the recommendation of the Select Committee upon the Alma Consols claims against the Government.
4. **MR. MCCOLL** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs what steps he has taken to remove the obstruction to the navigation of the Little Murray River at Pental Island.
5. **MR. BARR** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways when the alterations at Maryborough Railway Station will be started.
6. **MR. QUICK** : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General whether his attention has been called to a case of roll-stuffing which came before the Bacchus Marsh Revision Court on 16th July, in which a person named J. E. Crook, owner of an 80-acre lucerne paddock, caused the names of eighteen non-occupiers to be entered upon the ratepayers' roll of the shire of Bacchus Marsh as occupiers of the said paddock; and, if so, what powers are possessed by him for the prevention of such cases, and what course the Government intend pursuing in order to protect the electoral privileges of the people.
7. **MR. MACGREGOR** : To ask if the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction will take immediate steps to divide the exhibitions given to State school scholars equally between the boys and the girls, so that the girls may have an opportunity of pursuing their studies at the University as well as the boys.
8. **MR. MIRAMS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction when he will be prepared to lay on the Table the Report of the Education Department for the year ending 31st December 1880, and the balance-sheet of the Department for the year ending 30th June 1881.
9. **MR. QUICK** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether it is true that nearly 300 passenger carriage lamps were manufactured for the Hobson's Bay Railway by Patterson and Co., of Little Collins street, according to the terms of a private contract, without tenders being called, whilst similar lamps were being supplied to the Victorian Railways by Mr. Faul, of Sandhurst, a successful tenderer, at a price much lower than that paid to Patterson and Co.
 - (2.) If it be true that Mr. Faul, the successful tenderer for lamps for the Victorian Railways, was asked to give an estimate of the cost of the Hobson's Bay lamps.
 - (3.) Is it the practice to give large quantities of work to private firms without publicly advertising for tenders.
10. **MR. MASON** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways when he purposes proceeding with the survey of the railway line from Morwell to Mirboo.
11. **MR. QUICK** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines whether he intends causing the owners of the Crown claim, Reedy Creek, to be prosecuted for breach of the mining regulation, in not protecting their shaft, whereby a young man named James Gorman, of Sandhurst, fell down the said shaft and was killed.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION (Unopposed) :—

1. **MR. TOOHEY** : To move, That there be laid on the Table of this House all papers and correspondence in connection with the selection of Francis Walmsley, of Dunkeld.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. DEAKIN** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, there should be a limitation to the length of time during which a Member may speak to any question before the Chair at each stage of debate, and on every occasion of discussion.
2. **MR. LAURENS** : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to further amend *The Electoral Act 1865*.
3. **MR. LONGMORE** : To move, That no subsidy be paid to any municipality, except on condition that at least one-fourth of the mileage of the roads at present closed within such municipality shall have been opened, and an undertaking entered into by such municipality to keep open for traffic such roads in future.
4. **MR. MCCOLL** : To move, That the control of all the waters of this colony remain vested in the hands of the State as at present, and shall in no case be parted with to any city, town, or shire council, or other corporate body or individual whatever, until a Royal Commission shall have sat to collect evidence, and Parliament shall have passed an Act for legalizing and regulating the conservation, distribution, and sale of water for agricultural, pastoral, mining, traffic supply, or drainage.

5. MR. GARDINER : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate and shorten the hours of employées in shops and other business places or establishments throughout the colony.
6. MR. DEAKIN : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the maintenance of the public highways will be best ensured by the establishment of Road boards, such boards to have jurisdiction over large areas, and due powers of rating, so that the cost of making and repairing the roads may fall equitably upon all persons deriving benefit from their construction.
7. MR. VALE : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report on the state of the law as to banking, and in relation to future legislation on the subject, such Committee to consist of _____, three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers.
8. MR. MCCOLL : To move—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, no land legislation will be satisfactory except such as shall secure a system of settlement providing for the occupation of that territory remaining in the hands of the Crown which is in the North-western plains, the Snowy plains, and mountain ranges of Gippsland, Cape Otway, and the Western district.
 - (2.) That such land shall be proclaimed as leasing areas, and opened as soon as possible for settlement, at a yearly rental of One shilling per five acres, for a term of thirty-three years.
 - (3.) That the minimum blocks shall consist of five acres, and the maximum blocks of 10,000 acres.
 - (4.) That all easements and regulations now law, or that may become law, with regard to Crown lands, shall remain in full force on said leaseholds, allowing full ingress, egress, and regress for mining, irrigation, drainage, or traffic purposes.
 - (5.) That lessees shall be required to make *bonâ fide* improvements, to the attested value of Five shillings per acre, within three years, under penalty of forfeiture of lease.
 - (6.) That no forest reserve in any district coming within the operation of the leasing land law shall exceed one-tenth of the area thereof.
 - (7.) That no area of water reserve, or reservoir, shall exceed one-tenth of the district it is intended to supply.
 - (8.) That all leases of said lands shall revert to the State three times in 100 years, with a period of four months' grace, rent free, to allow of a valuation and adjustment of rent; the occupant to have right of renewal of lease at increased rent, or half compensation for improvement after valuation.
 - (9.) That the water of all rivers, creeks, lakes, and watercourses, shall belong to the State, and may be leased for irrigation, traffic, and motive power purposes; such leases to revert to the State three times in 100 years.
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- (1.) A copy of the verdict that was given in the Equity Court, *Evans v. the Queen*.
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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

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| 1. RAILWAY LOAN ACT 1878, No. 608, SECOND SCHEDULE, ITEMS 8, 9, AND 12. | } —Consideration of Report. |
| 2. RAILWAY LOAN ACTS, NOS. 531 AND 608. | |
| 3. CHINESE INFLUX RESTRICTION BILL.—Second reading. | |
| 4. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee. | |
| 5. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee. | |

WEDNESDAY, 10TH AUGUST.

General Business.

1. MR. MASON : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the Practice of the Legal Profession.
2. MAJOR W. C. SMITH : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the drainage of the Sebastopol and Ballarat Plateau and Durham Lead, and auriferous lands adjacent thereto.

PETER LALOR;
Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 28TH JULY.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council Nos. 70, 71.
Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 1.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly Nos. 102, 103.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[1]
Savings Bank Deposits in Penny Postage Stamps.—Order in Council. No. 93.
Intercolonial Meteorological Conference—Minutes of Proceedings. No. 99.
Dissolution of Parliament—Correspondence. No. 100.
Printing Committee—Third Report. D.—No. 18.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER 1881.

Questions.

1. MR. BARR : To ask the Honorable the Premier if he will place a sum on the Estimates to carry out the recommendation of the Select Committee upon the Alma Consols claims against the Government.
2. MR. O'CALLAGHAN : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands if he will carry out the promise of his predecessor to establish a Receipt and Pay Office at Donald.
3. MR. BARR : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways when the alterations at Maryborough Railway Station will be started.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. QUICK : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to vest in the mayor, councillors, and ratepayers of Sandhurst certain lands at the corner of Mitchell street and High street, known as the Bath corner.
2. MR. MCCOLL : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate a sum of £250 to survey the country between Kerang and the River Murray, with a view to test the practicability of making a canal for traffic either along the River Loddon or through the series of Lakes between Kerang and Pental Island.
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PETER LALOR,
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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 5TH AUGUST.

- Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 1.
 Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 2.

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- Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 1
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[2]
 Police Commission—Progress Report. No. 97.
 Melbourne International Exhibition, 1880—Rule. No. 98.
 Industrial Schools and Reformatory Schools—Reports. No. 101.
 Railway Loan Act 1878, No. 608—Estimate of Expenditure. A.—No. 1.
 Railway Loan Acts, Nos. 531 and 608.—Estimates of Expenditure. A.—No. 2.†
 Conference between the Two Houses—Report of the Minutes of the Proceedings. D.—No. 19.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER 1881.

Questions.

1. MR. DOW: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether he is aware that his new arrangement of the railway grain freights will operate directly in favor of increasing centralization in Melbourne, and injuriously against the interests of the up-country towns and the farmers; and whether he will take steps to have the matter rectified.
2. MR. FISHER: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways when the tender for the Kerang railway will be called for; and whether the bonus for the speedy construction to Raywood, promised by the previous Commissioner, will still be offered by the department.
3. MAJOR W. C. SMITH: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he is aware that the provisions of the Factory Act of 1873 are being systematically violated by employers keeping their employèes at work beyond the hours prescribed in the Act; and if he will cause enquiry to be made into the matter with a view to enforcing the Act.
4. MR. BARR: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if it is intended to carry out the change of passenger fares on the Suburban lines known as the all round threepenny fares.
5. MR. LAURENS: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if, when he told a deputation from the Hotham Council that he could not consider either their suggestions or objections in respect to the Coburg Railway line through Hotham, "Because tenders were called for," he was aware that sectional plans and specifications could not by any means be prepared for several weeks, and therefore that the whole question was practically exactly in the same position as if tenders had not been thus prematurely called for.
6. MR. W. MCG. CLARK: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he will re-introduce the regulation formerly in force in his department, of allowing volunteers to travel free on the suburban lines when in uniform and travelling for the purpose of attending drill.
7. MR. TOOHEY: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs if he will extend the Drawback Regulations to imported wines and spirits, ale and porter, whether bottled in the colony or otherwise, the same as all other dutiable goods when exported.
8. MR. O'CALLAGHAN: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he will expedite the completion of the railway line to Mount Wycheproof by calling for tenders at an early date.
9. MR. MASON: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if he will take steps to appoint a resident police magistrate for South Gippsland.
10. MR. MACGREGOR: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he will grant a station midway between St. Kilda and the Butts station, to meet the wants of that growing locality.
11. MR. WALSH: To ask the Honorable the Premier, if the Government have any intention during the present session of dealing with the question of the sewerage of the metropolis, either by carrying out the provisions of the Act 29 Victoria, No. 289, or by the establishment of a Metropolitan Board of Works.
12. MR. BOWMAN: To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if it is his intention to remit all duties on diamond drills, rock borers, and air compressors.
13. MR. W. MCG. CLARK: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs if he will put a stop to the highly dangerous practice of landing dynamite and other explosives from vessels in the Yarra River, and carting them through the streets of Footscray to the Powder Magazine.
14. MR. MCCOLL: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs—
 - (1.) Whether it is a fact that he has raised the salary of his son from £52 per annum to £150; if not, what is the difference in his salary since he (Mr. Graves) took office.
 - (2.) Whether he has not appointed a Mr. Haller, lately a clerk in his employment, to a position as locker in the Customs department while so many officers have yet to be reinstated.
 - (3.) Whether it is true that he has appointed a brother of Dr. Hearn to a position in the Customs department, he being over sixty years of age.
15. MR. MACGREGOR: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he intends to alter the present railway fares to suburban districts, to abolish monthly tickets, and to substitute a uniform rate of 3d. for all distances up to nine miles from Melbourne.
16. MR. W. MCG. CLARK: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if he will complete the wall partly constructed on the bank of the Stony Creek at Yarraville, to prevent the earth recently moved from the road formed there from silting up, and so obstructing the navigation of the creek.
17. MR. TOOHEY: To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if he will reduce the minimum charge for all telegrams through the colony from one shilling to sixpence.
18. MR. MASON: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General whether the Government will introduce a Bill to regulate the sale and supply of gas throughout the colony of Victoria, in accordance with the recommendations contained in the Report of the Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly on the subject during the session of 1878.
19. MR. MCKEAN: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if he will take the following resolution, passed by the Rosedale Shire Council, into consideration, viz.:—"That this Council unite with the other Shires and Boroughs in the Eastern Bailiwick for the purpose of securing the services of a second Police Magistrate."
20. MR. LONGMORE: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether the full amount of the defalcations of the late accountant of the Crown Lands department is known
21. MR. MCKEAN: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works the cause of the unnecessary delay in the preparation of plans and specifications for the removal of the sand at the Gippsland Lakes proposed new opening.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN, BART. : To move, That Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week, during the present session, be the days on which the Assembly shall meet for the despatch of business, and that four o'clock be the hour of meeting on each day.
2. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN, BART. : To move, That on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week, during the present session, the transaction of Government business shall take precedence of all other business, except that on Wednesday, Private Bills, Notices of Motion relating to Bills, and Orders of the Day, and Notices of Motion other than Government business, shall have precedence from half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past nine o'clock.
3. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN, BART. : To move, That the following Members form the Select Committee of the Assembly on Standing Orders during the present session, five to form a quorum :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Berry, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Grant, Sir J. O'Shanassy, Mr. Murray Smith, Mr. Kerferd, Sir C. MacMahon, Mr. Wrixon, Mr. James, Mr. Cooper, and the Mover.
4. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN, BART. : To move, That the following Members form the Printing Committee of the Assembly during the present session, three to form a quorum :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Harris, Mr. Zinke, Mr. Dow, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Johnstone, Mr. Laurens, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Hall, Mr. W. M. Clark.
5. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN, BART. : To move, That the following Members form the Library Committee of the Assembly during the present session, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council :—Mr. Speaker, Sir J. O'Shanassy, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Deakin, Mr. McKean.
6. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN, BART. : To move, That the following Members form the Parliament Buildings Committee of the Assembly during the present session, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Nimmo, Mr. Tucker, Mr. C. Young, Mr. Woods.
7. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN, BART. : To move, That the following Members form the Refreshment Rooms Committee of the Assembly during the present session, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council :—Mr. Fincham, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Zox, Mr. Burrowes, Mr. L. L. Smith.
8. MR. DEAKIN : To move for leave to introduce a Bill for the protection of animals.
9. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should, without delay, establish prospecting for gold by means of diamond drills, to be sent free into sparsely populated localities of likely gold-bearing character.
10. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, all appointments to, or promotions in, the teaching staff in the Education Department should be made by the Minister upon the written recommendation of a board, consisting of the Secretary, Inspector-General, and the head of the Training Institute.
11. MR. WOODS : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Electoral Act, and prevent the inclusion of the names of Chinese residents on the electoral rolls.
12. MR. RAMSAY : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to abolish pensions to persons hereafter entering the civil service.
13. MR. MCCOLL : To move, That a map of the Colony of Victoria be laid before this House, showing the sold or alienated lands of Victoria black ; and that all Crown lands as yet unselected or appropriated be shown clearly on such map ; that all such lands be applicable to come under the resolutions proposed by Mr. McColl, as notified in the Parliamentary Papers of the 20th September 1881.
14. MAJOR SMITH : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The cost of the three diamond drills first imported by the Government from America.
 - (2.) The cost of the drills being manufactured in the colony.
 - (3.) The average number of feet drilled by the bits imported as compared with the average number of feet drilled by the bits made in the colony.
 - (4.) The average cost per foot of the diamond drill, as compared with hand drilling.
 - (5.) The total number of feet drilled up to the present date, and the strata drilled through.
15. MR. MUNRO : To move, That inasmuch as the avowed object of licensing the sale of intoxicating liquors is to supply a supposed public want, without detriment to the public welfare, this House is of opinion that a legal power of restraining the issue or renewal of licenses should be placed in the hands of the persons most deeply interested and affected, namely, the inhabitants themselves, who are entitled to protection from the injurious consequences of the present system by some efficient measure of local option.
16. MR. MCCOLL : To move, That a contour survey of the Colony of Victoria be made at the 100 feet level above datum, namely, low-water mark in Hobson's Bay ; also that contour surveys at the relative heights of 200, 300, 400, and 500 feet level be made of the whole colony.
17. MR. BURROWES : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the law relating to residence areas in mining districts.
18. MR. GRAVES : To move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the law relating to the importation and examination of tea.
19. DR. MADDEN : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Married Women's Property Act.
20. MR. W. MADDEN : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to continue and amend "*The Land Act 1869*," and Acts amending the same.
21. MR. MCKEAN : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to improve the jurisdiction and procedure of the Supreme Court of the Colony of Victoria and for other purposes connected therewith.
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2. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER.

Questions.

1. MR. DEAKIN : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary what action he proposes to take to prevent a repetition of the conduct of the Returning Officer who, during the late West Bourke election, opened a ballot-box and took out one of the ballot-papers.
2. MR. WRIXON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works when he will lay on the Table the papers relating to the proposed lighthouse on Cape Nelson, which were promised early in the session.
3. MR. QUICK : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands whether he will forthwith bring in a Bill to legalize the sale of certain lands between Pall Mall roadway and Bendigo Creek, Sandhurst, in accordance with the prayer of a petition presented to this House.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BARR : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is most undesirable that any permission should be given for the deposit of silt in the Bay.

TUESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER.

Questions.

1. MR. ZOX : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if he can, by an amendment of the Postal Act, or by framing regulations provide that letters or telegrams addressed to persons at clubs, public-houses, and shipping offices, if not delivered to the persons so addressed within one month, be returned to the General Post Office, and not left in the charge of the proprietors of such places.
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 - (8.) That all leases of said lands shall revert to the State three times in 100 years, with a period of four months' grace, said free, to allow of a valuation and adjustment of rent; the occupant to have right of renewal of lease at increased rent, or half compensation for improvement after valuation.
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WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SANDHURST LAND VESTING BILL.—Second reading.
2. EMPLOYÉS IN SHOPS BILL.—Second reading.
3. LEGAL PROFESSION BILL.—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DEAKIN : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, land belongs to the living and should be at the free disposal of living owners ; that the law should recognize only one kind of property in land as in goods, and that an absolute property, and only one kind of proprietor, and that an absolute proprietor in equity as well as at law.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER 1881.

Questions.

1. MR. DEAKIN : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary what action he proposes to take to prevent a repetition of the conduct of the Returning Officer who, during the late West Bourke election, opened a ballot-box and took out one of the ballot-papers.
2. MR. WRIXON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works when he will lay on the Table the papers relating to the proposed lighthouse on Cape Nelson, which were promised early in the session.
3. MR. QUICK : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands whether he will forthwith bring in a Bill to legalize the sale of certain lands between Pall Mall roadway and Bendigo Creek, Sandhurst, in accordance with the prayer of a petition presented to this House.
4. MR. HALL : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands if any action has been taken on the petition, sent through the Beechworth Mining Board to the Lands Department, praying for an extension of the Wahgunyah Goldfields Common.
5. MR. LAURENS : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs if the recent appointment of a "runner" was made pursuant to any law or regulation now in force ; if so, what law or regulation.
6. MR. HALL : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways when he will call for tenders for the line from Benalla towards Yarrowonga ; and if there is any truth in the report that only one-half of the proposed line is to be proceeded with ; if so, what is the nature of the delay in constructing the full length.
7. MR. MCKEAN : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways when tenders will be called for the formation of the railway from Traralgon to Heyfield.
8. MR. HALL : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will state who authorized the police, within the last few days, to prevent street preaching ; and upon what grounds this order has been issued, and the nature of such order.
9. MR. ORKNEY : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways when he intends to replace the present wooden bridge at the railway station, Flinders street, by an iron bridge ; and if, meanwhile, he will cause a careful examination of the present structure, by experts outside the Department, as to its stability and safety.
10. MR. HALL : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if he will take steps to appoint a second police magistrate for the North-Eastern district.
11. MR. LONGMORE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether the full amount of the defalcations of the late accountant of the Crown Lands department is known.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

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TUESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER.

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5. CHINESE INFLUX RESTRICTION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
6. RESIDENCE AREAS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. IMPORTATION AND EXAMINATION OF TEA BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. McCOLL : To move, That the control of all the waters of this colony remain vested in the hands of the State as at present, and shall in no case be parted with to any city, town, or shire council, or other corporate body or individual whatever, until a Royal Commission shall have sat to collect evidence, and Parliament shall have passed an Act for legalizing and regulating the conservation, distribution, and sale of water for agricultural, pastoral, mining, traffic supply, or drainage.
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 - (2.) That such land shall be proclaimed as leasing areas, and opened as soon as possible for settlement, at a yearly rental of One shilling per five acres, for a term of thirty-three years.
 - (3.) That the minimum blocks shall consist of five acres, and the maximum blocks of 10,000 acres.
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 - (2.) The number of leases that have been transferred to a Mr. Cormack since the decision of *Evans v the Queen*.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(From four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past nine o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SANDHURST LAND VESTING BILL—Second reading.
2. EMPLOYÉS IN SHOPS BILL—Second reading.
3. LEGAL PROFESSION BILL—Second reading.
4. PENSIONS ABOLITION BILL—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other farm produce should be reduced to 1d. per ton per mile for the first 150 miles from the sea-board, and $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per ton per mile for distances beyond.
2. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should, without delay, establish prospecting for gold by means of diamond drills, to be sent free into sparsely populated localities of likely gold-bearing character.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. LAND ACTS AMENDMENT—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—To be considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DEAKIN : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, land belongs to the living and should be at the free disposal of living owners ; that the law should recognize only one kind of property in land as in goods, and that an absolute property, and only one kind of proprietor, and that an absolute proprietor in equity as well as at law.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(From four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past nine o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. PROTECTION OF ANIMALS BILL—Second reading.
2. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT—APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS IN—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*

That, in the opinion of this House, all appointments to, or promotions in, the teaching staff in the Education Department should be made by the Minister upon the written recommendation of a board, consisting of the Secretary, Inspector-General, and the head of the Training Institute.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

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Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 3.

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Explosives—Progress Report. No. 8.

Mining Surveyors and Registrars—Reports for Quarter ended 30th June 1881. No. 9.

Friendly Societies—Third Annual Report of the proceedings of the Government Statist, for the

Year 1880. No. 10.

Ballarat Drainage of Mines Bill.—[15]

Chinese Influx Restriction Bill.—New clause to be proposed by Major W. C. Smith. (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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TUESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER 1881.

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NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That there be laid before this House—
 - (1.) A copy of the inspector's registers for the North Fitzroy school during the time it was under the care of Mr. Henry Jones ;
 - (2.) A copy of Mr. Bolam's report upon Mr. Jones' qualifications as an organizer ;
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Government Business.

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WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(From four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past nine o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILL:—

1. DR. MADDEN: To move for leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the Criminal Law and Practice Statute.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SANDHURST LAND VESTING BILL.—Second reading.
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Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LAND ACTS AMENDMENT—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—To be considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER.

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WEDNESDAY, 5TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

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 Penal Establishments and Gaols—Report, 1880. No. 13.
 Melbourne Harbor Trust—Accounts of Commissioners for Quarter ended 30th June 1881. No. 14.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER 1881.

Questions.

1. MR. MCKEAN : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if he will make rules and regulations to return to the senders of the letters, where their name is stamped on the letters, any letter that cannot be delivered to the person to whom it is addressed, without its lying for a month in the Dead-Letter Office.
2. MR. VALE : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary what course the Government intend taking to secure the winding up of any business in connection with the Melbourne International Exhibition Commissioners after the 30th September 1881, when the trustees take possession of the building.
3. MR. DAVIES : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he will consider the advisability of erecting a rolling mill in connection with his department, for the purpose of converting old rails into new ones, instead of selling them, as at present, for a nominal price.
4. MR. CARTER : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether it be true, as reported in the press, that he has instructed the police to disregard the bye-laws of the City of Melbourne with regard to street processions and obstructions of the footpaths.
5. MR. GARDINER : To ask the Honorable the Premier if he will add to the present proposed Tariff Commission the President or a delegate from the Associated Trades Hall Committee.
6. MR. DAVIES : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he will consider the desirability of constructing a short line of railway from Lal Lal station to Lal Lal racecourse.
7. MR. MUNRO : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if there is any regulation or custom in the Railway department which authorizes the officers to refuse to answer letters or give information when requested so to do; if not, who is the officer to whom correspondence is to be addressed or application made on the business of the department.
8. MR. LONGMORE : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works whether any application to be permitted to sell certain roads has been received from the Mount Rouse Shire Council; and, if so, what he intends to do under the circumstances.
9. MR. PEARSON : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General whether there is any chance that the excessive rate of postage on letters to France will be reduced.
10. MR. DAVIES : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if he has any objection to open a Savings Bank at the Yendon Post Office.
11. MR. R. MURRAY SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if upon further consideration he will postpone the date on which he proposes to accept tenders for the supply of 20,000 tons of steel rails.
12. MR. RICHARDSON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he has received the evidence taken by the Coroner in the inquiry into the cause of the late accident at Jolimont, with the finding of the jury; and what action he proposes to take relative thereto.

General Business.

(From four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past nine o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO PRIVATE BILLS :—

1. MR. R. MURRAY SMITH : To move, That the Standing Orders relating to the introduction and passing of Private Bills be suspended with a view of introducing a Bill intituled "*A Bill to make valid the grant of an annuity by the Victoria Racing Club to the widow and children of the late Robert Cooper Bagot and for other purposes;*" and that leave be given to introduce such Bill, and that it be now read a first time.
2. MR. R. MURRAY SMITH : To move, That all fees that may be incurred by the promoters of the "*Bill to make valid the grant of an annuity by the Victoria Racing Club to the widow and children of the late Robert Cooper Bagot, and for other purposes,*" on its passage through this House be remitted.

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILL :—

1. DR. MADDEN : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the Criminal Law and Practice Statute.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SANDHURST LAND VESTING BILL—Second reading.
2. EMPLOYÉS IN SHOPS BILL—Second reading.
3. LEGAL PROFESSION BILL—Second reading.
4. PENSIONS ABOLITION BILL—Second reading.
5. SEBASTOPOL PLATEAU DRAINAGE BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
6. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other farm produce should be reduced to 1d. per ton per mile for the first 150 miles from the sea-board, and $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per ton per mile for distances beyond.
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5. MR. MCCOLL : To move, That the control of all the waters of this colony remain vested in the hands of the State as at present, and shall in no case be parted with to any city, town, or shire council, or other corporate body or individual whatever, until a Royal Commission shall have sat to collect evidence, and Parliament shall have passed an Act for legalizing and regulating the conservation, distribution, and sale of water for agricultural, pastoral, mining, traffic supply, or drainage.
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7. MR. MCCOLL : To move—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, no land legislation will be satisfactory except such as shall secure a system of settlement providing for the occupation of that territory remaining in the hands of the Crown which is in the North-western plains, the Snowy plains, and mountain ranges of Gippsland, Cape Otway, and the Western district.
 - (2.) That such land shall be proclaimed as leasing areas, and opened as soon as possible for settlement, at a yearly rental of One shilling per five acres, for a term of thirty-three years.
 - (3.) That the minimum blocks shall consist of five acres, and the maximum blocks of 10,000 acres.
 - (4.) That all easements and regulations now law, or that may become law, with regard to Crown lands, shall remain in full force on said leaseholds, allowing full ingress, egress, and regress for mining, irrigation, drainage, or traffic purposes.
 - (5.) That lessees shall be required to make *bonâ fide* improvements, to the attested value of Five shillings per acre, within three years, under penalty of forfeiture of lease.
 - (6.) That no forest reserve in any district coming within the operation of the leasing land law shall exceed one-tenth of the area thereof.
 - (7.) That no area of water reserve, or reservoir, shall exceed one-tenth of the district it is intended to supply.
 - (8.) That all leases of said lands shall revert to the State three times in 100 years, with a period of four months' grace, rent free, to allow of a valuation and adjustment of rent ; the occupant to have right of renewal of lease at increased rent, or half compensation for improvement after valuation.
 - (9.) That the water of all rivers, creeks, lakes, and watercourses, shall belong to the State, and may be leased for irrigation, traffic, and motive power purposes ; such leases to revert to the State three times in 100 years.
 - (10.) That all metals and minerals in said lands shall remain the property of the Crown ; and the right to mine the same shall be by separate and distinct leases, reverting to the State, as per 8th clause.
8. MR. MCKEAN : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to improve the jurisdiction and procedure of the Supreme Court of the Colony of Victoria and for other purposes connected therewith.
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12. MR. BARR : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is most undesirable that any permission should be given for the deposit of silt in the Bay.
13. MR. MUNRO : To move, That the following resolution of this House, passed on the 27th day of July 1876, viz. :—“ That the Honorable Mr. McKean is guilty of a breach of the privileges of this House, and that he be therefore expelled this House,” be now read and rescinded.
14. MR. NIMMO : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that a sum of money may be placed upon the Estimates to compensate Mrs. Leggat, in accordance with the recommendation in the report of the Select Committee, appointed by this House to enquire into the allegations contained in her petition, for the wrongs sustained by her late husband, James Leggat.
15. MR. MCKEAN : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the number of police magistrates in the colony should be increased.

16. MR. WOODS : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Electoral Act, and prevent the inclusion of the names of Chinese residents on the electoral rolls.
17. DR. MADDEN : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Married Women's Property Act.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all papers and correspondence relative to the appointment and promotion of Mr. Graves, jun., in the Customs department, together with all memoranda furnished by the permanent officers on the subject.
2. SIR J. O'SHANASSY : To move, That there be laid before this House copy of the financial memorandum signed by the Under Treasurer, dated September 22nd; and also of similar financial memoranda signed by the Under Treasurer in former years.
 - (2.) The statement, given in part to the House in the Financial Statement, from the Lands Department showing progress and final payments for land.
3. MR. ORKNEY : To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of Mr. Lunt's Report upon the condition of the Railway bridge across the river Yarra, at Flinders street station.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. PUBLIC LOANS REDEMPTION BILL.—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—To be considered in Committee.
4. RAILWAY LOAN ACT 1878 EXPENDITURE BILL.—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—To be considered in Committee.
5. RAILWAY LOAN BILL.—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—To be considered in Committee.
6. WATER CONSERVATION BILL.—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—To be considered in Committee.
7. LAND ACTS AMENDMENT.—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—To be considered in Committee.
8. CHINESE INFLUX RESTRICTION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
9. RESIDENCE AREAS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. IMPORTATION AND EXAMINATION OF TEA BILL.—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DEAKIN : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, land belongs to the living and should be at the free disposal of living owners; that the law should recognize only one kind of property in land as in goods, and that an absolute property, and only one kind of proprietor, and that an absolute proprietor in equity as well as at law.

TUESDAY, 4TH OCTOBER.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. W. MADDEN : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to continue and amend "*The Land Act 1869*," and Acts amending the same.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the value of the goods sold in the Exhibition building and the amount of duty paid thereon.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(From four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past nine o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. PROTECTION OF ANIMALS BILL.—Second reading.
2. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT—APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS IN—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
That, in the opinion of this House, all appointments to, or promotions in, the teaching staff in the Education Department should be made by the Minister upon the written recommendation of a board, consisting of the Secretary, Inspector-General, and the head of the Training Institute.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That inasmuch as the avowed object of licensing the sale of intoxicating liquors is to supply a supposed public want, without detriment to the public welfare, this House is of opinion that a legal power of restraining the issue or renewal of licenses should be placed in the hands of the persons most deeply interested and affected, namely, the inhabitants themselves, who are entitled to protection from the injurious consequences of the present system by some efficient measure of local option.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply—

1. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is inexpedient that the Melbourne Harbor Trust should be allowed to deposit silt in Hobson's Bay.
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In Committee on the Amending Land Bill—

3. MR. O'CALLAGHAN : To move, That married women be permitted to select land to the extent of 320 acres.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 28th September.

STANDING ORDERS—at three o'clock.

Tuesday, 4th October.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 23RD SEPTEMBER.

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

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 5.
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[6]
 Intercolonial Conference—Despatch. No. 3.
 Defences (Intercolonial Conference)—Despatch. No. 5.
 Chinese (Intercolonial Conference)—Despatch. No. 12.
 Public Loans Redemption Bill—Message. B.—No. 3.
 Railway Expenditure Bill—Message. B.—No. 4.
 Railway Loan Bill—Message. B.—No. 5.
 Water Supply—Message. B.—No. 6.
 Assent to Bills—Message. B.—No. 7.
 Land Acts Amendment Bill—Message. B.—No. 8.
 Estimates of the Revenue, &c., &c.—Message. B.—No. 9.
 Lands Vesting Bill.—[18]
 Pensions Abolition Bill.—[21] (To Members of both Houses only.)
 Victoria Racing Club Annuity Bill.—[23] *Private.*

PETER LALOR,
Speaker.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER 1881.

Questions.

1. MR. R. CLARK : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if it is his intention this Session to introduce a Bill to amend the law relating to Justices of the Peace, and to extend the Jurisdiction of Justices in civil cases.
2. MR. ZOx : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs if he will take steps to allow goods in ships arriving in Hobson's Bay, which are for immediate transshipment to New South Wales per Victorian Railways, to be exempt from wharfage rates, as are goods transhipped to New South Wales by vessel.
3. MR. JOHNSTONE : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether, in view of the numerous serious accidents that have happened to persons employed at steam and other machinery, the Government will take steps to prevent (as far as possible) a recurrence of similar accidents by a system of registration and periodical inspection of all machinery.
4. MR. O'CALLAGHAN : To ask the Honorable the Premier if it is the intention of the Government to remove the duty from cornsacks before next harvest.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
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TUESDAY, 4TH OCTOBER.

Question.

- 1 MR. RAMSAY : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways what steps he intends to take to construct the Alphington Railway.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. REES : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The cost per annum of supplying water to the employés on the Ballarat line of Railway, between Batesford and Elaine.
 - (2.) The cost of erecting engine and pumping gear, and constructing reservoir at Lethbridge.
 - (3.) The cost of maintaining and working same.
 - (4.) Is there at all times a sufficient supply for the engines at the abovenamed place.

Government Business.

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General Business.

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3. MR. McKEAN : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the number of police magistrates in the colony should be increased.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH OCTOBER.

Question.

1. MR. LANGDON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines—
 - (1.) How many diamond drills are now owned by the Government, and where and for what purpose engaged.
 - (2.) How many more such drills have the Government ordered, and in what manner is it proposed to allot and work them.
 - (3.) Does the Government contemplate ordering a still further supply.

General Business.

(From four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past nine o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO PRIVATE BILL :—

1. MAJOR W. C. SMITH : To move, That the Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the drainage of the Sebastopol and Ballarat Plateau, the Durham Lead, and auriferous lands adjacent thereto,*" be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of Mr. Gillies, Mr. Hunt, Mr. R. Clark, Mr. Dow, Mr. Johnstone, Mr. Davies, and the Mover, three to form a quorum, with power to send for persons, papers, and records ; and that leave be given to parties whose interests may be affected by the said Bill to appear either in person or by counsel before such Committee.

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2. MR. ROBERTSON : To move, That, inasmuch as the avowed object of opening the closed roads of the colony is to supply a supposed public want, without detriment to the public welfare, this House is of opinion that a legal power of restraining the compulsory opening of all closed roads in any shire should be placed in the hands of the persons most deeply interested and affected, namely, the inhabitants themselves, who are entitled to protection from the injurious consequences which would flow from such compulsory opening, by some efficient measure of local option.
3. MR. LONGMORE : To move, That it is inexpedient to alienate roads, as now proposed by the Mount Rouse Shire Council, in the parishes of Nareb-Nareb and other parishes, and that such practice should be discontinued.
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WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(From four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past nine o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CRIMINAL LAW AND PRACTICE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION:—

On going into Committee of Supply—

1. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is inexpedient that the Melbourne Harbor Trust should be allowed to deposit silt in Hobson's Bay.
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On going into Committee of Supply or Ways and Means—

3. MR. QUICK : To call the attention of the Honorable the Attorney-General to the urgent necessity of making better provision for the safe and effectual administration of justice in the County Courts of the country districts by increasing the present number of County Court judges, and subdividing some of the existing County Court districts.

In Committee on the Amending Land Bill—

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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 4th October.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 29TH SEPTEMBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 4.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 6.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[7]

Electoral Act 1865 Amendment Bill.—[19] (To Members of Assembly only.)

PETER LALOR, Speaker.

10. Mr. LALOR: The House has had the honor of receiving from the Hon. the Attorney-General a copy of the report of the Select Committee on the Electoral Act 1865 Amendment Bill. The report is a very valuable one, and I think it is well worth the attention of the House. It contains a number of suggestions which I think are very reasonable and which I think will be of great benefit to the country. I think it is well worth the attention of the House, and I think it is well worth the attention of the House. I think it is well worth the attention of the House, and I think it is well worth the attention of the House.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH OCTOBER.

General Business.
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ORDER OF THE DAY:—
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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TUESDAY, 4TH OCTOBER 1881.

Questions.

1. MR. RAMSAY : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways what steps he intends to take to construct the Alphington Railway.
2. MR. VALE : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if he will introduce a short Bill to amend the law as regards the condition of insolvents whose certificates have been refused.
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4. MR. BOSISTO : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs under what circumstances the steamer *Despatch* was placed to do the service of the steamer *Victoria*.
5. MR. MASON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways when he purposes opening the Longwarry Station for passenger traffic.
6. MR. ZOX : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs if he will take steps to allow goods in ships arriving in Hobson's Bay, which are for immediate transshipment to New South Wales per Victorian Railways, to be exempt from wharfage rates, as are goods transhipped to New South Wales by vessel.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. REES : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The cost per annum of supplying water to the employés on the Ballarat line of Railway, between Batesford and Elaine.
 - (2.) The cost of erecting engine and pumping gear, and constructing reservoir at Lethbridge.
 - (3.) The cost of maintaining and working same.
 - (4.) Is there at all times a sufficient supply for the engines at the abovenamed place.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. W. MADDEN : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to continue and amend "*The Land Act 1869*," and Acts amending the same.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. PUBLIC LOANS REDEMPTION.—Resolution to be reported.
2. RAILWAY LOAN.—Resolution to be reported.
3. RAILWAY AND OTHER WORKS TEMPORARY LOAN.—Resolution to be reported.
4. WATER CONSERVATION.—Resolution to be reported.
5. LAND ACTS AMENDMENT.—Resolution to be reported.
6. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
7. CHINESE INFLUX RESTRICTION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
8. RESIDENCE AREAS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
9. IMPORTATION AND EXAMINATION OF TEA BILL.—Second reading.
10. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

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1. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the value of the goods sold in the Exhibition building and the amount of duty paid thereon.
2. MR. MCKEAN : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to improve the jurisdiction and procedure of the Supreme Court of the Colony of Victoria and for other purposes connected therewith.
3. MR. MCKEAN : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the number of police magistrates in the colony should be increased.
4. MR. DOW : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Messrs. Gooch and Bannister to a reward for discovering the Four-miles Rush Goldfield near Moonambel; such Committee to consist of Mr. McKean, Mr. Quick, Mr. R. Clark, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Mason, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover, three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, and to move from place to place.
5. MR. DEAKIN : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, land belongs to the living and should be at the free disposal of living owners ; that the law should recognize only one kind of property in land as in goods, and that an absolute property, and only one kind of proprietor, and that an absolute proprietor in equity as well as at law.

6. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the ownership of certain land and property known as the Cement Works, Stony Creek, Williamstown, and the construction of a road round the said property by State funds ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Wrixon, Mr. Francis, Mr. Nimmo, Mr. Vale, Mr. Langridge, Mr. Zox, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers, and to move from place to place, three to form a quorum.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH OCTOBER.

Questions.

1. MR. LANGDON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines—
 - (1.) How many diamond drills are now owned by the Government, and where and for what purpose engaged.
 - (2.) How many more such drills have the Government ordered, and in what manner is it proposed to allot and work them.
 - (3.) Does the Government contemplate ordering a still further supply.
2. MR. MASON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he will take early steps to provide better accommodation for the public at the following stations on the Gippsland Railway:— Longwarry, Darnum, Waterloo, Drouin, Trafalgar, Moe, and Flinn's Creek.

General Business.

(From four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past nine o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO PRIVATE BILL :—

1. MAJOR W. C. SMITH : To move, That the Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the drainage of the Sebastopol and Ballarat Plateau, the Durham Lead, and auriferous lands adjacent thereto,*" be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of Mr. Gillies, Mr. Hunt, Mr. R. Clark, Mr. Dow, Mr. Johnstone, Mr. Davies, and the Mover, three to form a quorum, with power to send for persons, papers, and records ; and that leave be given to parties whose interests may be affected by the said Bill to appear either in person or by counsel before such Committee.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. PROTECTION OF ANIMALS BILL—Second reading.
2. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT—APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS IN—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
That, in the opinion of this House, all appointments to, or promotions in, the teaching staff in the Education Department should be made by the Minister upon the written recommendation of a board, consisting of the Secretary, Inspector-General, and the head of the Training Institute.
3. EMPLOYÉS IN SHOPS BILL—Second reading.
4. PENSIONS ABOLITION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
5. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That inasmuch as the avowed object of licensing the sale of intoxicating liquors is to supply a supposed public want, without detriment to the public welfare, this House is of opinion that a legal power of restraining the issue or renewal of licenses should be placed in the hands of the persons most deeply interested and affected, namely, the inhabitants themselves, who are entitled to protection from the injurious consequences of the present system by some efficient measure of local option.
2. MR. ROBERTSON : To move, That, inasmuch as the avowed object of opening the closed roads of the colony is to supply a supposed public want, without detriment to the public welfare, this House is of opinion that a legal power of restraining the compulsory opening of all closed roads in any shire should be placed in the hands of the persons most deeply interested and affected, namely, the inhabitants themselves, who are entitled to protection from the injurious consequences which would flow from such compulsory opening, by some efficient measure of local option.
3. MR. LONGMORE : To move, That it is inexpedient to alienate roads, as now proposed by the Mount Rouse Shire Council, in the parishes of Nareb-Nareb and other parishes, and that such practice should be discontinued.
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5. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should, without delay, establish prospecting for gold by means of diamond drills, to be sent free into sparsely populated localities of likely gold-bearing character.
6. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to bring in a Bill similar to that in existence in England, dealing with the adulteration of food, embracing tea, coffee, cocoa, &c., &c.
7. MR. MCCOLL : To move, That the control of all the waters of this colony remain vested in the hands of the State as at present, and shall in no case be parted with to any city, town, or shire council, or other corporate body or individual whatever, until a Royal Commission shall have sat to collect evidence, and Parliament shall have passed an Act for legalizing and regulating the conservation, distribution, and sale of water for agricultural, pastoral, mining, traffic supply, or drainage.
8. MR. VALE : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report on the state of the law as to banking, and in relation to future legislation on the subject, such Committee to consist of _____, three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers.

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- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, no land legislation will be satisfactory except such as shall secure a system of settlement providing for the occupation of that territory remaining in the hands of the Crown which is in the North-western plains, the Snowy plains, and mountain ranges of Gippsland, Cape Otway, and the Western district.
 - (2.) That yearly land shall be proclaimed as leasing areas, and opened as soon as possible for settlement, at a yearly rental of One shilling per five acres, for a term of thirty-three years.
 - (3.) That the minimum blocks shall consist of five acres, and the maximum blocks of 10,000 acres.
 - (4.) That all easements and regulations now law, or that may become law, with regard to Crown lands, shall remain in full force on said leaseholds, allowing full ingress, egress, and regress for mining, irrigation, drainage, or traffic purposes.
 - (5.) That lessees shall be required to make *bonâ fide* improvements, to the attested value of Five shillings per acre, within three years, under penalty of forfeiture of lease.
 - (6.) That no forest reserve in any district coming within the operation of the leasing land law shall exceed one-tenth of the area thereof.
 - (7.) That no area of water reserve, or reservoir, shall exceed one-tenth of the district it is intended to supply.
 - (8.) That all leases of said lands shall revert to the State three times in 100 years, with a period of four months' grace, rent free, to allow of a valuation and adjustment of rent; the occupant to have right of renewal of lease at increased rent, or half compensation for improvement after valuation.
 - (9.) That the water of all rivers, creeks, lakes, and watercourses, shall belong to the State, and may be leased for irrigation, traffic, and motive power purposes; such leases to revert to the State three times in 100 years.
 - (10.) That all metals and minerals in said lands shall remain the property of the Crown; and the right to mine the same shall be by separate and distinct leases, reverting to the State, as per 8th clause.
10. **MR. LONGMORE :** To move, That there be laid before the House copies of all papers relating to the defalcations of the late Accountant of the Crown Lands department.
11. **MR. DEAKIN :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the maintenance of the public highways will be best ensured by the establishment of Road boards, such boards to have jurisdiction over large areas, and due powers of rating, so that the cost of making and repairing the roads may fall equitably upon all persons deriving benefit from their construction.
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- (1.) A copy of the verdict that was given in the Equity Court, *Evans v. the Queen*.
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NOTICE OF MOTION (to take precedence):—

1. **MR. WRIXON :** To move, That the resolution reported to this House by the Standing Orders Committee, viz., "No Member, unless he be a Minister of the Crown, shall be allowed, prior to eleven o'clock, to move, 'That the House do now adjourn,' unless on his rising to make such motion six other Members shall rise in their places and require the motion to be proposed. The names of such other Members shall be taken down by the Clerk, and entered on the Votes and Proceedings," be adopted as a Standing Order of the Legislative Assembly.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(From four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past nine o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CRIMINAL LAW AND PRACTICE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 13TH OCTOBER.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

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

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply—

1. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is inexpedient that the Melbourne Harbor Trust should be allowed to deposit silt in Hobson's Bay.
2. MR. LAURENS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the system now practised by the Commissioner of Railways, of calling for tenders for the construction of railways several weeks before it is by any means possible to prepare sectional plans and specifications for the guidance of intending tenderers, is a waste of public money, injurious and disappointing to contractors, tends to mislead the general public, and therefore should be discontinued.

On going into Committee of Supply or Ways and Means—

3. MR. QUICK : To call the attention of the Honorable the Attorney-General to the urgent necessity of making better provision for the safe and effectual administration of justice in the County Courts of the country districts by increasing the present number of County Court judges, and subdividing some of the existing County Court districts.

In Committee on the Amending Land Bill—

4. MR. O'CALLAGHAN : To move, That married women be permitted to select land to the extent of 320 acres.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 4th October.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 30TH SEPTEMBER.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 7.

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

Protection of Animals Bill.—[16] (To Members of Assembly only.)

Report from the Select Committee upon Standing Orders. D.—No. 1. (To Members of both Houses.)

PETER LALOR,

Speaker.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH OCTOBER 1881.

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 - (1.) How many diamond drills are now owned by the Government, and where and for what purpose engaged.
 - (2.) How many more such drills have the Government ordered, and in what manner is it proposed to allot and work them.
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4. MR. DOW : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands whether he is aware that squatting influence is being allowed to frustrate the efforts of farmers in various parts of the colony to have commons proclaimed; and whether he will take steps towards remedying the matter.
5. MR. PEARSON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he will suspend his decision about the best means of connecting Heathcote with our railway system till the arguments in favor of a line from Elphinstone to Seymour have been laid before him.
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7. MR. PEARSON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands if he has come to any decision as to the propriety of restoring the staff of the Lands Office in Castlemaine to its original strength, so as to meet the pressing wants of the district.
8. MR. HARRIS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply and Agriculture when a return in reference to the Macedon State Forest, ordered by this House last session, will be forthcoming.
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General Business.

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2. MR. R. MURRAY SMITH : To move, That the Bill intituled "*A Bill to make valid the grant of an annuity by the Victoria Racing Club to the widow and children of the late Robert Cooper Bagot, and for other purposes,*" be now read a second time.

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1. MR. MCKEAN : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to improve the jurisdiction and procedure of the Supreme Court of the Colony of Victoria and for other purposes connected therewith.

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NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. WALSH : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The probable time required to finish the lines of railway now in course of construction, and those authorized by Parliament.
 - (2.) The probable extent in miles of those proposed to be constructed under the new Bill about to be submitted.
 - (3.) The probable time that will be required for the survey of these new lines.
 - (4.) The time necessary for office work in preparing the plans, &c., for such new lines.

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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
2. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. RESORTATION AREAS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. IMPERIAL AND EXAMINATION OF TEA BILL.—Second reading.
5. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, 6TH OCTOBER.

Questions.

1. MR. MCINTYRE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if it is correct that in the year 1855 £10,000 was recommended by the Legislative Council to be paid to certain persons claiming to be the discoverers of goldfields, and that out of that sum only a little more than a moiety was then paid to the said claimants, but that subsequently, in 1861, the whole of the said claimants received the balances of the amount so recommended to them respectively with the exception of one, viz., Mr. Hargreaves. Will the Minister now do justice in the matter by causing the balance due to Mr. Hargreaves to be placed upon an Additional Estimate.
2. MR. WRIXON : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General whether he will bring in a short Bill to settle doubts that have arisen as to the true construction of the "*Duties on the Estates of Deceased Persons Statute*."
3. MR. MCINTYRE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply and Agriculture if he will direct immediate steps to be taken to connect Maldon with the Coliban water supply, so that that district may have the benefit of a water supply at the earliest possible date.
4. MR. WRIXON : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if, in consideration of the national character of the work, he will furnish professional aid to assist in the revision of the Bills for the codification of the law lately introduced into the Legislative Council.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC LOANS REDEMPTION BILL.—Second reading.
2. RAILWAY LOAN BILL.—Second reading.
3. RAILWAY AND OTHER WORKS TEMPORARY LOAN BILL.—Second reading.
4. WATER CONSERVATION BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MACGREGOR : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a uniform rate of a half-penny per mile be charged on all suburban railway lines, and that monthly tickets be continued *pro rata*.

TUESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER.

Questions.

1. MR. KERNOT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply and Agriculture —
 - (1.) Has he received any report as to the quantity of water stored which may be available for the service of the town of Geelong during the ensuing season.
 - (2.) Is it the intention of the Department to restore the by-wash at the Upper Stony Creek Reservoir to its original height, so as to get a larger storage of water for public use.
2. MR. VALE : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if he will introduce a short Bill to amend the law as regards the condition of insolvents whose certificates have been refused.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. LANGRIDGE : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount paid, and the amount to be paid, for all property purchased by the Government on the Hawthorn and Lillydale line for the first three miles from the Hawthorn railway station.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LAND ACTS CONTINUATION AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. CHINESE INFLUX RESTRICTION BILL.—Consideration of Report.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(From four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past nine o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 6TH OCTOBER 1881.

Questions.

1. MR. McINTYRE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if it is correct that in the year 1855 £10,000 was recommended by the Legislative Council to be paid to certain persons claiming to be the discoverers of goldfields, and that out of that sum only a little more than a moiety was then paid to the said claimants, but that subsequently, in 1861, the whole of the said claimants received the balances of the amount so recommended to them respectively with the said claimants of one, viz., Mr. Hargreaves. Will the Minister now do justice in the matter by causing the balance due to Mr. Hargreaves to be placed upon an Additional Estimate.
2. MR. WRIXON : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General whether he will bring in a short Bill to settle doubts that have arisen as to the true construction of the "*Duties on the Estates of Deceased Persons Statute*."
3. MR. McINTYRE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply and Agriculture if he will direct immediate steps to be taken to connect Maldon with the Coliban water supply, so that that district may have the benefit of a water supply at the earliest possible date.
4. MR. WRIXON : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if, in consideration of the national character of the work, he will furnish professional aid to assist in the revision of the Bills for the codification of the law lately introduced into the Legislative Council.
5. MR. LAURENS : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways when the long promised subway, and other improvements to the North Melbourne Station, will be carried out.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. RAILWAY LOAN BILL.—Second reading.
2. RAILWAY AND OTHER WORKS TEMPORARY LOAN BILL.—Second reading.
3. IMPORTATION AND EXAMINATION OF TEA BILL.—Second reading.
4. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. WATER CONSERVATION BILL.—Second reading.
6. RESIDENCE AREAS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. PUBLIC LOANS REDEMPTION BILL.—Second reading.
8. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
9. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MACGREGOR : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a uniform rate of a half-penny per mile be charged on all suburban railway lines, and that monthly tickets be continued *pro rata*.
2. MR. RICHARDSON : To move for leave to introduce a Bill for the management and conservation of State forests.
3. MR. O'CALLAGHAN : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all papers and correspondence relating to the case of W. Wall, now a prisoner in Her Majesty's gaol, and formerly a publican at Nhill.
4. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the ownership of certain land and property known as the Cement Works, Stony Creek, Williamstown, and the construction of a road round the said property by State funds; such Committee to consist of Mr. Wrixon, Mr. Francis, Mr. Nimmo, Mr. Vale, Mr. Langridge, Mr. Zox, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers, and to move from place to place, three to form a quorum.

TUESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER.

Questions.

1. MR. KERNOT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply and Agriculture —
(1.) Has he received any report as to the quantity of water stored which may be available for the service of the town of Geelong during the ensuing season.
(2.) Is it the intention of the Department to ensure the by-wash at the Upper Stony Creek Reservoir to its original height, so as to get a larger storage of water for public use.
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8. MR. DOW : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands whether he is aware that squatting influence is being allowed to frustrate the efforts of farmers in various parts of the colony to have commons proclaimed; and whether he will take steps towards remedying the matter.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. LANGRIDGE : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount paid, and the amount to be paid, for all property purchased by the Government on the Hawthorn and Lillydale line for the first three miles from the Hawthorn railway station.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LAND ACTS CONTINUATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. CHINESE INFLUX RESTRICTION BILL.—Consideration of Report.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER:

General Business.

(From four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past nine o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO PRIVATE BILLS:—

1. MAJOR W. C. SMITH : To move, That the Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the drainage of the Sebastopol and Ballarat Plateau, the Durham Lead, and auriferous lands adjacent thereto,*" be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of Mr. Gillies, Mr. Hunt, Mr. R. Clark, Mr. Dow, Mr. Johnstone, Mr. Davies, and the Mover, three to form a quorum, with power to send for persons, papers, and records; and that leave be given to parties whose interests may be affected by the said Bill to appear either in person or by counsel before such Committee.

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3. MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. PROTECTION OF ANIMALS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT—APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS IN—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
That, in the opinion of this House, all appointments to, or promotions in, the teaching staff in the Education Department should be made by the Minister upon the written recommendation of a board, consisting of the Secretary, Inspector-General, and the head of the Training Institute.
6. EMPLOYÉS IN SHOPS BILL.—Second reading.
7. PENSIONS ABOLITION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
8. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WRIXON : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
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 - (2.) The number of persons so presented who were convicted.
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2. MR. ROBERTSON : To move, That, inasmuch as the avowed object of opening the closed roads of the colony is to supply a supposed public want, without detriment to the public welfare, this House is of opinion that a legal power of restraining the compulsory opening of all closed roads in any shire should be placed in the hands of the persons most deeply interested and affected, namely, the inhabitants themselves, who are entitled to protection from the injurious consequences which would flow from such compulsory opening, by some efficient measure of local option.
3. MR. LONGMORE : To move, That it is inexpedient to alignate roads, as now proposed by the Mount Rouse Shire Council, in the parishes of Nareb-Nareb and other parishes, and that such practice should be discontinued.
4. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other farm produce should be reduced to 1d. per ton per mile for the first 150 miles from the sea-board, and $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per ton per mile for distances beyond.
5. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should, without delay, establish prospecting for gold by means of diamond drills, to be sent free into sparsely populated localities of likely gold-bearing character.
6. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to bring in a Bill similar to that in existence in England, dealing with the adulteration of food, embracing tea, coffee, cocoa, &c., &c.
7. MR. MCCOLL : To move, That the control of all the waters of this colony remain vested in the hands of the State as at present, and shall in no case be parted with to any city, town, or shire council, or other corporate body or individual whatever, until a Royal Commission shall have sat to collect evidence, and Parliament shall have passed an Act for legalizing and regulating the conservation, distribution, and sale of water for agricultural, pastoral, mining, traffic supply, or drainage.
8. MR. VALE : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report on the state of the law as to banking, and in relation to future legislation on the subject, such Committee to consist of _____, three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers.

9. MR. MCCOLL : To move—

- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, no land legislation will be satisfactory except such as shall secure a system of settlement providing for the occupation of that territory remaining in the hands of the Crown which is in the North-western plains, the Snowy plains, and mountain ranges of Gippsland, Cape Otway, and the Western district.
 - (2.) That such land shall be proclaimed as leasing areas, and opened as soon as possible for settlement, at a yearly rental of One shilling per five acres, for a term of thirty-three years.
 - (3.) That the minimum blocks shall consist of five acres, and the maximum blocks of 10,000 acres.
 - (4.) That all easements and regulations now law, or that may become law, with regard to Crown lands, shall remain in full force on said leaseholds, allowing full ingress, egress, and regress for mining, irrigation, drainage, or traffic purposes.
 - (5.) That lessees shall be required to make *bonâ fide* improvements, to the attested value of Five shillings per acre, within three years, under penalty of forfeiture of lease.
 - (6.) That no forest reserve in any district coming within the operation of the leasing land law shall exceed one-tenth of the area thereof.
 - (7.) That no area of water reserve, or reservoir, shall exceed one-tenth of the district it is intended to supply.
 - (8.) That all leases of said lands shall revert to the State three times in 100 years; with a period of four months' grace, rent free, to allow of a valuation and adjustment of rent; the occupant to have right of renewal of lease at increased rent, or half compensation for improvement after valuation.
 - (9.) That the water of all rivers, creeks, lakes, and watercourses, shall belong to the State, and may be leased for irrigation, traffic, and motive power purposes; such leases to revert to the State three times in 100 years.
 - (10.) That all metals and minerals in said lands shall remain the property of the Crown; and the right to mine the same shall be by separate and distinct leases, reverting to the State, as per 8th clause.
10. MR. LONGMORE : To move, That there be laid before the House copies of all papers relating to the defalcations of the late Accountant of the Crown Lands department.
11. MR. DEAKIN : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the maintenance of the public highways will be best ensured by the establishment of Road boards, such boards to have jurisdiction over large areas, and due powers of rating, so that the cost of making and repairing the roads may fall equitably upon all persons deriving benefit from their construction.
12. MR. MCCOLL : To move, That there be laid before this House—
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 - (2.) The number of leases that have been transferred to a Mr. Cormack since the decision of *Evans v the Queen*.
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14. MR. NIMMO : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that a sum of money may be placed upon the Estimates to compensate Mrs. Leggat, in accordance with the recommendation in the report of the Select Committee, appointed by this House to enquire into the allegations contained in her petition, for the wrongs sustained by her late husband, James Leggat.
15. MR. ZOx : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the value of the goods sold in the Exhibition building and the amount of duty paid thereon.
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Government Business.

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WEDNESDAY, 19TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(From four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past nine o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILL :—

1. MR. MCKEAN : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to improve the jurisdiction and procedure of the Supreme Court of the Colony of Victoria and for other purposes connected therewith.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE—STANDING ORDER. MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.

The question is—

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10. MR. BELL : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if he will bring in a Lien Bill this session, making miners' wages to the extent of one month a first charge on the assets of an insolvent mining company.
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NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. LANGRIDGE : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount paid, and the amount to be paid, for all property purchased by the Government on the Hawthorn and Lillydale line for the first three miles from the Hawthorn railway station.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. RAILWAY LOAN BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
2. WATER CONSERVATION BILL.—Second reading.
3. RESIDENCE AREAS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. CHINESE INFLUX RESTRICTION BILL.—Consideration of Report.
5. IMPORTATION AND EXAMINATION OF TEA BILL.—Second reading.
6. LAND ACTS CONTINUATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
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WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(From four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past nine o'clock.)

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- (7.) That no area of water reserve, or reservoir, shall exceed one-tenth of the district it is intended to supply.
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THURSDAY, 13TH OCTOBER.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

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

WEDNESDAY, 19TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(From four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past nine o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILL:—

1. MR. MCKEAN: To move for leave to introduce a Bill to improve the jurisdiction and procedure of the Supreme Court of the Colony of Victoria and for other purposes connected therewith.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE—STANDING ORDER. MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.

The question is—

That the resolution reported to this House by the Standing Orders Committee, viz., "No Member, unless he be a Minister of the Crown, shall be allowed, prior to eleven o'clock, to move, 'That the House do now adjourn,' unless on his rising to make such motion six other Members shall rise in their places and require the motion to be proposed. The names of such other Members shall be taken down by the Clerk, and entered on the Votes and Proceedings. The member moving the adjournment shall state the subject that he proposes to speak to, and the debate shall be strictly confined to the subject so stated," be adopted as a Standing Order of the Legislative Assembly.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That inasmuch as the avowed object of licensing the sale of intoxicating liquors is to supply a supposed public want, without detriment to the public welfare, this House is of opinion that a legal power of restraining the issue or renewal of licenses should be placed in the hands of the persons most deeply interested and affected, namely, the inhabitants themselves, who are entitled to protection from the injurious consequences of the present system by some efficient measure of local option.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply—

1. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is inexpedient that the Melbourne Harbor Trust should be allowed to deposit silt in Hobson's Bay.
2. MR. LAURENS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the system now practised by the Commissioner of Railways, of calling for tenders for the construction of railways several weeks before it is by any means possible to prepare sectional plans and specifications for the guidance of intending tenderers, is a waste of public money, injurious and disappointing to contractors, tends to mislead the general public, and therefore should be discontinued.
3. MR. KERFERD : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the "*Passengers, Harbors, and Navigation Statute 1865*" should be amended in the following particulars :—That the provisions regarding the number and capacity of boats to be carried by ships and steamers should be based upon the maximum number of passengers and crew allowed to be carried, and not upon the tonnage of the ships or steamers ; and should require that a larger proportion of such boats should be life-boats, and fitted with the most approved patent lowering apparatus ; that more stringent provisions should be made with respect to the keeping of such boats in a position and state fit for immediate use ; that, in the case of a ship and steamers carrying more than one hundred and fifty passengers, life-rafts or other apparatus, in addition to boats, should be carried ; that the number of life-buoys to be carried on board ships and steamers should be regulated by a scale, according to the number of passengers and crew allowed to be carried by such ship and steamers ; that a clause should be inserted in the amending Bill requiring the master of every ship and steamer to provide a life-jacket for every passenger and sailor allowed to be carried, and that such life-jacket should be placed inside each berth in such ship and steamer ; and that proper provision should be made that sailing ships carrying passengers should be provided with fire-hose and distress signals.

Contingent upon the House approving of these alterations being made, That the Honorable the Chief Secretary should invite the co-operation of the colonies in the Australian group, with the view of joint action being taken by all the Australian colonies to secure uniformity of local shipping laws with respect to these proposed amendments ; and also to urge upon the Imperial Government the great necessity that exists for legislation by the Imperial Parliament upon the same subject.

On going into Committee of Supply or Ways and Means—

4. MR. QUICK : To call the attention of the Honorable the Attorney-General to the urgent necessity of making better provision for the safe and effectual administration of justice in the County Courts of the country districts by increasing the present number of County Court judges, and subdividing some of the existing County Court districts.
5. MR. ZOx : To call the attention of the Premier to the state of the charitable, industrial, reformatory, and lunatic institutions of the colony, and the alleged abuses concerning the management of the same; and to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has now arrived for Legislative action to be taken, and that the Attorney-General be directed to introduce a Bill to carry out, in addition to other matters, the following objects :—
 - (1.) Power to be given to the Government for an annual audit, by the Commissioners of Audit, of all expenditure in connection with any charitable institution in the colony that is in the receipt of Government aid.
 - (2.) To make it a punishable offence for any persons of means to receive support or assistance from any charitable institution unless such persons shall pay to such institution the expense of any support or assistance they may have received.
 - (3.) To render it absolutely compulsory that persons, when able, shall pay for the support of their relatives when receiving aid or support from any charitable institution.
 - (4.) That more efficient means be adopted to prevent children from being sent to the Industrial Schools when their parents are able to support them ; and that all parents whose children may be in such schools shall be compelled to contribute towards their support whenever possible.
 - (5.) That all persons who may be confined in the Hospitals for the Insane shall be maintained there at the expense of their relatives, when such relatives are in a position to contribute towards their support.

In Committee on the Amending Land Bill—

6. MR. O'CALLAGHAN : To move, That married women be permitted to select land to the extent of 320 acres.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 7TH OCTOBER.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 10.

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

Railway Loan Bill.—[8] (Issue completed.)

Pensions Abolition Bill.—New clause to be moved by Mr. Vale. (To Members of Assembly only.)

PETER LALOR,
Speaker.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER 1881.

Questions.

1. MR. R. CLARK : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines what action he intends taking to give effect to the resolutions passed at the annual conference of the Amalgamated Miners Association of Victoria, held at Ballarat on Friday last, relating to the following subjects :—
 - (1.) To support eight hours to engine-drivers.
 - (2.) Practical miners only to be appointed inspectors of mines.
 - (3.) The use of dynamite, lithofracteur, or any other explosives injurious to health in the mines to be prohibited.
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 - (7.) No further alienation of Crown lands.
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6. MR. WALSH : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if, in view of the probability of a short supply of water from the Yan Yean reservoir during the coming summer, he will give instructions that no further reticulation of new streets or roads be undertaken after the present month, until the increased supply of water from other than the present sources shall have been secured.
7. MR. COOPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines what amount per month has been charged for diamonds to the companies who have had diamond drills during the last three months.
8. MR. HUNT : To ask the Honorable the Premier when he purposes laying upon the Table of the House a list of names of the gentlemen he intends recommending as a Royal Commission to enquire into the working of the Education Act.
9. MR. GARDINER : To ask the Honorable the Premier, if he will bring in a Bill to reduce the present rates of postage to a penny.
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THURSDAY, 13TH OCTOBER.

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TUESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. POLICE OFFENCES BILL.—Second reading.

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(From four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past nine o'clock.)

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Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 6.
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Mining Districts Residence Areas Bill.—[17]
Police Offences Bill.—[24] From Council. (To Members of Assembly only.)
Protection of Animals Bill.—Clause 12. Amendment to be proposed by Sir Bryan O'Loughlen, Bart. To Members of Assembly only.)



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4. MR. D. M. DAVIES : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General whether, in view of the increase of population, through the revival of mining, in the district of Rokewood, he will re-open the Police Court at that place.
5. MR. WHEELER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture and Water Supply if he intends to take any action in connection with the contradictory reports furnished by the officers of his department *re* State forests.
6. MR. HUNT : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if it be true that the department over which he presides prevents the issue of a Crown grant to a selector—R. Grodear, of Yarek—because of a proposed railway in the locality, whilst Mr. Stoddart, of Miller's Ponds Station, is permitted to purchase 320 acres on same route.
7. MR. CARTER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if there are any documents in the Treasury on the subject of the relative advantages of selling debentures at a premium and at a discount ; and, if so, whether the Treasurer will have any objection to their being laid upon the Table of the Library for the perusal of Honorable Members.
8. MR. HALL : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether he will withdraw the notices prohibiting smoking at country railway stations.
9. MR. MASON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands if he is aware of the dangerous condition of the lakes in the Carlton Gardens, and if he will take steps to have railing constructed round them ; and if he will also order additional seats for the reserve in question.
10. MR. BOWMAN : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if it is a fact that a Mr. Morkham in the Post Office has been appointed to the third class over forty-three fourth class officers who were senior to him ; also, by whom the appointment was made.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

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General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GARDINER : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the number and the districts in which the new Post and Telegraph Offices are to be erected out of the vote for 1881-82.

TUESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER.

Question.

1. MR. McLEAN: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if, in view of the great losses sustained by stockowners through defective rolling-stock on the State railways, he will consider the desirability of effecting the following improvements in cattle trucks:—
 - (1.) The substitution of proper screw for chain couplings.
 - (2.) The padding of trucks by means of leather bands, about 18 inches wide, padded with straw or other suitable material, and placed, at a sufficient height to prevent cattle being bruised and injured, as at present, against the hard sides of the trucks.
 - (3.) The division of trucks into two compartments by means of flat iron rails.
 - (4.) To issue such instructions as will prevent unnecessary delay at intermediate stations, between the time of trucking and delivery of stock, and prevent unnecessary jolting in stopping and setting trains in motion.

NOTICE OF MOTION (Unopposed):—

1. MR. LEVIEN: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The acreage of vines destroyed in the Geelong district.
 - (2.) The area remaining and ordered to be destroyed.
 - (3.) The area not ordered to be destroyed.
 - (4.) The acreage destroyed in each vineyard, and the amount paid to each owner.

General Business.**ORDER OF THE DAY:—**

1. POLICE OFFENCES BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(From four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past nine o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO PRIVATE BILL:—

1. MAJOR W. C. SMITH: To move, That the Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the drainage of the Sebastopol and Ballarat Plateau, the Durham Lead, and auriferous lands adjacent thereto,*" be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of Mr. Gillies, Mr. Hunt, Mr. R. Clark, Mr. Dow, Mr. Johnstone, Mr. Davies, and the Mover, three to form a quorum, with power to send for persons, papers, and records; and that leave be given to parties whose interests may be affected by the said Bill to appear either in person or by counsel before such Committee.

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS:—

1. MR. McKEAN: To move for leave to introduce a Bill to improve the jurisdiction and procedure of the Supreme Court of the Colony of Victoria and for other purposes connected therewith.
2. MR. QUICK: To move for leave to bring in a Bill to extend Admiralty Jurisdiction to County Courts.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE—STANDING ORDER. MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.

The question is—

That the resolution reported to this House by the Standing Orders Committee, viz., "No Member, unless he be a Minister of the Crown, shall be allowed, prior to eleven o'clock, to move, 'That the House do now adjourn,' unless on his rising to make such motion six other Members shall rise in their places and require the motion to be proposed. The names of such other Members shall be taken down by the Clerk, and entered on the Votes and Proceedings. The member moving the adjournment shall state the subject that he proposes to speak to, and the debate shall be strictly confined to the subject so stated," be adopted as a Standing Order of the Legislative Assembly.

2. MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION OF FORESTS BILL.—Second reading.
3. CRIMINAL LAW AND PRACTICE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
5. PROTECTION OF ANIMALS BILL.—Consideration of Report.
6. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT—APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS IN—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*

That, in the opinion of this House, all appointments to, or promotions in, the teaching staff in the Education Department should be made by the Minister upon the written recommendation of a board, consisting of the Secretary, Inspector-General, and the head of the Training Institute.

7. EMPLOYÉS IN SHOPS BILL.—Second reading.
8. PENSIONS ABOLITION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
9. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MUNRO: To move, That inasmuch as the avowed object of licensing the sale of intoxicating liquors is to supply a supposed public want, without detriment to the public welfare, this House is of opinion that a legal power of restraining the issue or renewal of licenses should be placed in the hands of the persons most deeply interested and affected, namely, the inhabitants themselves, who are entitled to protection from the injurious consequences of the present system by some efficient measure of local option.

2. **MR. REES** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the circumstances connected with the sale of certain improved land at Cowie's Creek, forming portion of the railway reserve, and planted with wattles, without the usual valuation for improvements; and also upon the conduct of a former land officer in Geelong.
3. **MR. ROBERTSON** : To move, That, inasmuch as the avowed object of opening the closed roads of the colony is to supply a supposed public want, without detriment to the public welfare, this House is of opinion that a legal power of restraining the compulsory opening of all closed roads in any shire should be placed in the hands of the persons most deeply interested and affected, namely, the inhabitants themselves, who are entitled to protection from the injurious consequences which would flow from such compulsory opening; by some efficient measure of local option.
4. **MR. LONGMORE** : To move, That it is inexpedient to alienate roads, as now proposed by the Mount Rouse Shire Council, in the parishes of Nareb-Nareb and other parishes, and that such practice should be discontinued.
5. **MR. DOW** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other farm produce should be reduced to 1d. per ton per mile for the first 150 miles from the sea-board, and $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per ton per mile for distances beyond.
6. **MR. DOW** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should, without delay, establish prospecting for gold by means of diamond drills, to be sent free into sparsely populated localities of likely gold-bearing character.
7. **MR. BOWMAN** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to bring in a Bill similar to that in existence in England, dealing with the adulteration of food, embracing tea, coffee, cocoa, &c., &c.
8. **MR. MCCOLL** : To move, That the control of all the waters of this colony remain vested in the hands of the State as at present, and shall in no case be parted with to any city, town, or shire council, or other corporate body or individual whatever, until a Royal Commission shall have sat to collect evidence, and Parliament shall have passed an Act for legalizing and regulating the conservation, distribution, and sale of water for agricultural, pastoral, mining, traffic supply, or drainage.
9. **MR. VALE** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report on the state of the law as to banking, and in relation to future legislation on the subject, such Committee to consist of _____, three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers.
10. **MR. MCCOLL** : To move—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, no land legislation will be satisfactory except such as shall secure a system of settlement providing for the occupation of that territory remaining in the hands of the Crown which is in the North-western plains, the Snowy plains, and mountain ranges of Gippsland, Cape Otway, and the Western district.
 - (2.) That such land shall be proclaimed as leasing-areas, and opened as soon as possible for settlement, at a yearly rental of One shilling per five acres, for a term of thirty-three years.
 - (3.) That the minimum blocks shall consist of five acres, and the maximum blocks of 10,000 acres.
 - (4.) That all easements and regulations now law, or that may become law, with regard to Crown lands, shall remain in full force on said leaseholds, allowing full ingress, egress, and regress for mining, irrigation, drainage, or traffic purposes.
 - (5.) That lessees shall be required to make *bonâ fide* improvements, to the attested value of Five shillings per acre, within three years, under penalty of forfeiture of lease.
 - (6.) That no forest reserve in any district coming within the operation of the leasing land law shall exceed one-tenth of the area thereof.
 - (7.) That no area of water reserve, or reservoir, shall exceed one-tenth of the district it is intended to supply.
 - (8.) That all leases of said lands shall revert to the State three times in 100 years, with a period of four months' grace, rent free, to allow of a valuation and adjustment of rent; the occupant to have right of renewal of lease at increased rent, or half compensation for improvement after valuation.
 - (9.) That the water of all rivers, creeks, lakes, and watercourses, shall belong to the State, and may be leased for irrigation, traffic, and motive power purposes; such leases to revert to the State three times in 100 years.
 - (10.) That all metals and minerals in said lands shall remain the property of the Crown; and the right to mine the same shall be by separate and distinct leases, reverting to the State, as per 8th clause.
11. **MR. LONGMORE** : To move, That there be laid before the House copies of all papers relating to the defalcations of the late Accountant of the Crown Lands department.
12. **MR. DEAKIN** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the maintenance of the public highways will be best ensured by the establishment of Road boards, such boards to have jurisdiction over large areas, and due powers of rating, so that the cost of making and repairing the roads may fall equitably upon all persons deriving benefit from their construction.
13. **MR. MCCOLL** : To move, That there be laid before this House—
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 - (2.) The number of leases that have been transferred to a Mr. Cormack since the decision of *Evans v. the Queen*.
14. **MR. BARR** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is most undesirable that any permission should be given for the deposit of silt in the Bay.

15. **MR. NIMMO** : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency, the Governor, praying that a sum of money may be placed upon the Estimates to compensate Mrs. Leggat, in accordance with the recommendation in the report of the Select Committee, appointed by this House to enquire into the allegations contained in her petition, for the wrongs sustained by her late husband, James Leggat.
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WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(From four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past nine o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. DOW** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Messrs. Gooch and Bannister to a reward for discovering the Four-miles Rush Goldfield near Moonambel; such Committee to consist of Mr. McKean, Mr. Quick, Mr. R. Clark, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Mason, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover, three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, and to move from place to place.
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Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 6.
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Controverted Elections (Council) Bill.—[31]

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Victorian Water Supply—Loans for Water Supply. A.—No. 3.
Railway Loan Act, No. 608—Estimate of Expenditure. A.—No. 4.
Protection of Animals Bill.—[16] As reported 12th October. (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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TUESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER 1881.

Questions.

1. **MR. McLEAN**: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if, in view of the great losses sustained by stockowners through defective rolling-stock on the State railways, he will consider the desirability of effecting the following improvements in cattle trucks :—
 - (1.) The substitution of proper screw for chain couplings.
 - (2.) The padding of trucks by means of leather bands, about 18 inches wide, padded with straw or other suitable material, and placed at a sufficient height to prevent cattle being bruised and injured, as at present, against the hard sides of the trucks.
 - (3.) The division of trucks into two compartments by means of flat iron rails.
 - (4.) To issue such instructions as will prevent unnecessary delay at intermediate stations, between the time of trucking and delivery of stock, and prevent unnecessary jolting in stopping and setting trains in motion.
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4. **MR. HUNT**: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if it be true that the department over which he presides prevents the issue of a Crown grant to a selector—R. Grodear, of Yarck—because of a proposed railway in the locality, whilst Mr. Stoddart, of Miller's Ponds Station, is permitted to purchase 320 acres on same route.
5. **MR. BOWMAN**: To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if it is a fact that a Mr. Morkham in the Post Office has been appointed to the third class over forty-three fourth class officers who were senior to him; also, by whom the appointment was made.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. **MR. LEVIEN**: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
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 - (2.) The area remaining and ordered to be destroyed.
 - (3.) The area not ordered to be destroyed.
 - (4.) The acreage destroyed in each vineyard, and the amount paid to each owner.
2. **MR. WILSON**: To move, That there be laid before this House the contracts lately entered into by the Government for the manufacture of diamond drills, and all plans, drawings, specifications, and other papers connected therewith.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. RAILWAY LOAN ACT, No. 608, SECOND SCHEDULE, ITEM 10—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE UNDER.—Resolution to be reported.
2. WATER CONSERVATION BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
3. RESIDENCE AREAS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. CHINESE INFLUX RESTRICTION BILL.—Consideration of Report.
5. IMPORTATION AND EXAMINATION OF TEA BILL.—Second reading.
6. LAND ACTS CONTINUATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
8. PUBLIC LOANS REDEMPTION BILL.—Second reading.
9. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
10. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. GARDINER**: To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the number and the districts in which the new Post and Telegraph Offices are to be erected out of the vote for 1881–82.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. POLICE OFFENCES BILL.—Second reading.

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NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. WHEELER: To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all the plans, papers, and reports in connection with the blocks of land in Bullarook and Wombat State forests recently gazetted open for selection.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(From four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past nine o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DOW: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Messrs. Gooch and Bannister to a reward for discovering the Four-miles Rush Goldfield near Moonambel; such Committee to consist of Mr. McKean, Mr. Quick, Mr. R. Clark, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Mason, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover, three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, and to move from place to place.
2. MR. O'CALLAGHAN: To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all papers and correspondence relating to the case of W. Wall, now a prisoner in Her Majesty's gaol, and formerly a publican at Nhill.

THURSDAY, 27TH OCTOBER.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. RAILWAYS CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Second reading.
2. RAILWAY LOAN BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION:—

On going into Committee of Supply—

1. MR. A. T. CLARK: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is inexpedient that the Melbourne Harbor Trust should be allowed to deposit silt in Hobson's Bay.
2. MR. LAURENS: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the system now practised by the Commissioner of Railways, of calling for tenders for the construction of railways several weeks before it is by any means possible to prepare sectional plans and specifications for the guidance of intending tenderers, is a waste of public money, injurious and disappointing to contractors, tends to mislead the general public, and therefore should be discontinued.

3. **MR. KERFERD** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the "*Passengers, Harbors, and Navigation Statute 1865*" should be amended in the following particulars :—That the provisions regarding the number and capacity of boats to be carried by ships and steamers should be based upon the maximum number of passengers and crew allowed to be carried, and not upon the tonnage of the ships or steamers ; and should require that a larger proportion of such boats should be life-boats, and fitted with the most approved patent lowering apparatus ; that more stringent provisions should be made with respect to the keeping of such boats in a position and state fit for immediate use ; that, in the case of a ship and steamers carrying more than one hundred and fifty passengers, life-rafts or other apparatus, in addition to boats, should be carried ; that the number of life-buoys to be carried on board ships and steamers should be regulated by a scale, according to the number of passengers and crew allowed to be carried by such ship and steamers ; that a clause should be inserted in the amending Bill requiring the master of every ship and steamer to provide a life-jacket for every passenger and sailor allowed to be carried, and that such life-jacket should be placed inside each berth in such ship and steamer ; and that proper provision should be made that sailing ships carrying passengers should be provided with fire-hose and distress signals.

Contingent upon the House approving of these alterations being made, That the Honorable the Chief Secretary should invite the co-operation of the colonies in the Australian group, with the view of joint action being taken by all the Australian colonies to secure uniformity of local shipping laws with respect to these proposed amendments ; and also to urge upon the Imperial Government the great necessity that exists for legislation by the Imperial Parliament upon the same subject.

4. **MR. GAVAN DUFFY** : To call the attention of the Honorable the Attorney-General to a number of occasions on which Judges of the Supreme Court have had to attend to open Assize Courts at country towns where there has been no business ; and to ask him if such Courts cannot be opened without the personal attendance of the Judge.

On going into Committee of Supply or Ways and Means—

5. **MR. QUICK** : To call the attention of the Honorable the Attorney-General to the urgent necessity of making better provision for the safe and effectual administration of justice in the County Courts of the country districts by increasing the present number of County Court judges, and subdividing some of the existing County Court districts.
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 - (4.) That more efficient means be adopted to prevent children from being sent to the Industrial Schools when their parents are able to support them ; and that all parents whose children may be in such schools shall be compelled to contribute towards their support whenever possible.
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7. **MR. MASON** : To call the attention of the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands to recent appointments in connection with our public reserves ; and to ask why certain men whose services were dispensed with when the Carlton Gardens were handed over to the Exhibition Commissioners have not been re-employed, and why new men who were never in the public service before have been appointed in their stead.

In Committee on the Amending Land Bill—

8. **MR. O'CALLAGHAN** : To move, That married women be permitted to select land to the extent of 320 acres.

PETER LALOR,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 18th October.

VICTORIA RACING CLUB BILL—at eleven o'clock.
REFRESHMENT ROOMS—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 14TH OCTOBER.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

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Questions.

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3. MR. TUCKER : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works whether he is prepared to execute the works recommended by the Melbourne Water Supply Board in their last report ; and, if so, when will tenders be called for.

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2. RAILWAY LOAN BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 19th October.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 14TH OCTOBER.

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Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 14.

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

Education Commission.—A Return of the Draft of the proposed Commission to enquire into the working of the existing system of Public Instruction. C.—No. 2. (To Members of Assembly only.)

Hours of Employés Bill.—[33] (To Members of Assembly only.)

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7. **MAJOR W. C. SMITH**: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he will take into consideration the propriety of reducing the railway freight on colonial made tiles; and to point out that upon 1,350 tiles, that cost in Sandhurst £7 7s. 6d., the freight from Sandhurst to Ballarat was £4 17s. 9d., being at the rate of 5d. per ton per mile.
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 - (2.) If no special reason exists, will the Honorable the Minister increase the wages of gatekeepers on the Horsham line to the ordinary standard.
9. **MR. TUCKER**: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works whether he is prepared to execute the works recommended by the Melbourne Water Supply Board in their last report; and, if so, when will tenders be called for.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. **SIR C. MACMAHON**: To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the cost of the Police Commission, showing in detail the various items, including salary of secretary, shorthand writing, printing, travelling expenses, cost of witnesses; also a return of the salaries of officers suspended from duty, and every other expense whatsoever.
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10. **WAYS AND MEANS**.—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LONGMORE : To move, That it is inexpedient to alienate roads, as now proposed by the Mount Rouse Shire Council, in the parishes of Nareb-Nareb and other parishes, and that such practice should be discontinued.
2. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other farm produce should be reduced to 1d. per ton per mile for the first 150 miles from the sea-board, and $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per ton per mile for distances beyond.
3. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should, without delay, establish prospecting for gold by means of diamond drills, to be sent free into sparsely populated localities of likely gold-bearing character.
4. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to bring in a Bill similar to that in existence in England, dealing with the adulteration of food, embracing tea, coffee, cocoa, &c., &c.
5. MR. MCCOLL : To move, That the control of all the waters of this colony remain vested in the hands of the State as at present, and shall in no case be parted with to any city, town, or shire council, or other corporate body or individual whatever, until a Royal Commission shall have sat to collect evidence, and Parliament shall have passed an Act for legalizing and regulating the conservation, distribution, and sale of water for agricultural, pastoral, mining, traffic supply, or drainage.
6. MR. LONGMORE : To move, That there be laid before the House copies of all papers relating to the defalcations of the late Accountant of the Crown Lands department.
7. MR. DEAKIN : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the maintenance of the public highways will be best ensured by the establishment of Road boards, such boards to have jurisdiction over large areas, and due powers of rating, so that the cost of making and repairing the roads may fall equitably upon all persons deriving benefit from their construction.
8. MR. MCCOLL : To move, That there be laid before this House—
(1.) A copy of the verdict that was given in the Equity Court, *Evans v. the Queen*.
(2.) The number of leases that have been transferred to a Mr. Cormack since the decision of *Evans v. the Queen*.
9. MR. BARR : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is most undesirable that any permission should be given for the deposit of silt in the Bay.
10. MR. MACGREGOR : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a uniform rate of a half-penny per mile be charged on all suburban railway lines, and that monthly tickets be continued *pro rata*.
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1. MR. HALL : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether he will authorize the survey of the line from St. James' to Yarrowonga, as the surveyors are now in the district.
2. MR. LEVIEN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether he will cause enquiry to be made as to the cost and suitability of the locks or fastenings used upon the goods vans on the American railways, with the view of adopting them in this colony.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. LIBRARY, MUSEUMS, AND NATIONAL GALLERY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MCKEAN : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the number of police magistrates in the colony should be increased.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(From four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past nine o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. MAJOR SMITH : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Local Government Act 1874.*"
2. MR. MCKEAN : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to improve the jurisdiction and procedure of the Supreme Court of the Colony of Victoria and for other purposes connected therewith.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. ADMIRALTY JURISDICTION EXTENSION BILL.—Second reading.
2. MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION OF FORESTS BILL.—Second reading.
3. CRIMINAL LAW AND PRACTICE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
5. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT—APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS IN—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
That, in the opinion of this House, all appointments to, or promotions in, the teaching staff in the Education Department should be made by the Minister upon the written recommendation of a board, consisting of the Secretary, Inspector-General, and the head of the Training Institute.
6. PENSIONS ABOLITION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DOW : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Messrs. Gooch and Bannister to a reward for discovering the Four-miles Rush Goldfield near Moonambel; such Committee to consist of Mr. McKean, Mr. Quick, Mr. R. Clark, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Mason, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover, three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, and to move from place to place.

2. MR. O'CALLAGHAN : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all papers and correspondence relating to the case of W. Wall, now a prisoner in Her Majesty's gaol, and formerly a publican at Nhill.
3. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Mr. Hargreaves, the Goldfields discoverer; such Committee to consist of the following Members :—Mr. Longmore, Mr. Zox, Mr. Johnstone, Mr. O'Callaghan, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons, papers, and records.
4. MR. MCCOLL : To move—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, no land legislation will be satisfactory except such as shall secure a system of settlement providing for the occupation of that territory remaining in the hands of the Crown which is in the North-western plains, the Snowy plains, and mountain ranges of Gippsland, Cape Otway, and the Western district.
 - (2.) That such land shall be proclaimed as leasing areas, and opened as soon as possible for settlement at a yearly rental of One shilling per five acres, for a term of thirty-three years.
 - (3.) That the minimum blocks shall consist of five acres, and the maximum blocks of 10,000 acres.
 - (4.) That all easements and regulations now law, or that may become law, with regard to Crown lands, shall remain in full force on said leaseholds, allowing full ingress, egress, and regress for mining, irrigation, drainage, or traffic purposes.
 - (5.) That lessees shall be required to make *bonâ fide* improvements, to the attested value of Five shillings per acre, within three years, under penalty of forfeiture of lease.
 - (6.) That no forest reserve in any district coming within the operation of the leasing land law shall exceed one-tenth of the area thereof.
 - (7.) That no area of water reserve, or reservoir, shall exceed one-tenth of the district it is intended to supply.
 - (8.) That all leases of said lands shall revert to the State three times in 100 years, with a period of four months' grace, rent free, to allow of a valuation and adjustment of rent; the occupant to have right of renewal of lease at increased rent, or half compensation for improvement after valuation.
 - (9.) That the water of all rivers, creeks, lakes, and watercourses, shall belong to the State, and may be leased for irrigation, traffic, and motive power purposes; such leases to revert to the State three times in 100 years.
 - (10.) That all metals and minerals in said lands shall remain the property of the Crown; and the right to mine the same shall be by separate and distinct leases, reverting to the State, as per 8th clause.
5. MR. NIMMO : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that a sum of money may be placed upon the Estimates to compensate Mrs. Leggat, in accordance with the recommendation in the report of the Select Committee, appointed by this House to enquire into the allegations contained in her petition, for the wrongs sustained by her late husband, James Leggat.
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Government Business.

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1. RAILWAYS CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Second reading.
2. RAILWAY LOAN BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER.

(From four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past nine o'clock.)

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO PRIVATE BILL :—

1. MAJOR W. C. SMITH : To move, That the Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the drainage of the Sebastopol and Ballarat Plateau, the Durham Lead, and auriferous lands adjacent thereto,*" be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of Mr. Gillies, Mr. Hunt, Mr. R. Clark, Mr. Dow, Mr. Johnstone, Mr. Davies, and the Mover, three to form a quorum, with power to send for persons, papers, and records; and that leave be given to parties whose interests may be affected by the said Bill to appear either in person or by counsel before such Committee.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. POLICE OFFENCES BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

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Companies Statute Amendment Bill.—New Clauses to be proposed by Dr. Hearn.

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3. MR. FINCHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if it is the intention of the Government to continue to issue mining leases over land held under miners' rights in face of the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of *Munro v. Sutherland*.
4. MR. DOW : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines whether he will take immediate steps to forfeit mining lease No. 2185, St. Arnaud.
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NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. WALSH : To move, That there be laid before this House a list of the municipalities which have borrowed money under the provisions of the Local Government Act, but have not kept up their investments for a sinking fund, in compliance with the provisions of that Act.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*to take precedence*):—

1. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That the proposed Education Commission does not meet with the approval of this House.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. RAILWAY LOAN ACT, NO. 608, SECOND SCHEDULE, ITEM 10—ESTIMATE OF FURTHER EXPENDITURE UNDER.—To be considered in Committee.
2. 45 VICT., NO. 701—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE UNDER.—To be considered in Committee.
3. WATER CONSERVATION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
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6. IMPORTATION AND EXAMINATION OF TEA BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
7. CHINESE INFLUX RESTRICTION BILL.—Consideration of Report.
8. RESIDENCE AREAS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
9. LAND ACTS CONTINUATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. PUBLIC LOANS REDEMPTION BILL.—Second reading.
11. FORESTS MANAGEMENT.—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—To be considered in Committee.
12. LIBRARY, MUSEUMS, AND NATIONAL GALLERY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
13. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

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8. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should, without delay, establish prospecting for gold by means of diamond drills, to be sent free into sparsely populated localities of likely gold-bearing character.
9. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to bring in a Bill similar to that in existence in England, dealing with the adulteration of food, embracing tea, coffee, cocoa, &c., &c.
10. MR. MCCOLL : To move, That the control of all the waters of this colony remain vested in the hands of the State as at present, and shall in no case be parted with to any city, town, or shire council, or other corporate body or individual whatever, until a Royal Commission shall have sat to collect evidence, and Parliament shall have passed an Act for legalizing and regulating the conservation, distribution, and sale of water for agricultural, pastoral, mining, traffic supply, or drainage.
11. MR. LONGMORE : To move, That there be laid before the House copies of all papers relating to the defalcations of the late Accountant of the Crown Lands department.
12. MR. DEAKIN : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the maintenance of the public highways will be best ensured by the establishment of Road boards, such boards to have jurisdiction over large areas, and due powers of rating, so that the cost of making and repairing the roads may fall equitably upon all persons deriving benefit from their construction.
13. MR. MCCOLL : To move, That there be laid before this House—
 - (1.) A copy of the verdict that was given in the Equity Court, *Evans v. the Queen*.
 - (2.) The number of leases that have been transferred to a Mr. Cormack since the decision of *Evans v the Queen*.
14. MR. BARR : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is most undesirable that any permission should be given for the deposit of silt in the Bay.
15. MR. MACGREGOR : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a uniform rate of a half-penny per mile be charged on all suburban railway lines, and that monthly tickets be continued *pro rata*.
16. MR. GARDINER : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the number and the districts in which the new Post and Telegraph Offices are to be erected out of the vote for 1881–82.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(From four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past nine o'clock.)

Questions.

1. MR. R. CLARK : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he will appoint a board of competent gentlemen to fully enquire into the nature of the various brakes in the colony, with a view of having one permanently used on all the Victorian Railways.
2. MR. R. CLARK : To ask the Honorable the Premier if he will introduce a Bill as early as possible to legalize trades unions.

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6. PENSIONS ABOLITION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

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 - (2.) That such land shall be proclaimed as leasing areas, and opened as soon as possible for settlement at a yearly rental of One shilling per five acres, for a term of thirty-three years.
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 - (6.) That no forest reserve in any district coming within the operation of the leasing land law shall exceed one-tenth of the area thereof.
 - (7.) That no area of water reserve, or reservoir, shall exceed one-tenth of the district it is intended to supply.
 - (8.) That all leases of said lands shall revert to the State three times in 100 years, with a period of four months' grace, rent free, to allow of a valuation and adjustment of rent; the occupant to have right of renewal of lease at increased rent, or half compensation for improvement after valuation.
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THURSDAY, 27TH OCTOBER.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. RAILWAYS CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Second reading.
2. RAILWAY LOAN BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER.

(From four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past nine o'clock.)

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO PRIVATE BILL :—

1. MAJOR W. C. SMITH : To move, That the Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the drainage of the Sebastopol and Ballarat Plateau, the Durham Lead, and auriferous lands adjacent thereto,*" be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of Mr. Gillies, Mr. Hunt, Mr. R. Clark, Mr. Dow, Mr. Johnstone, Mr. Davies, and the Mover, three to form a quorum, with power to send for persons, papers, and records; and that leave be given to parties whose interests may be affected by the said Bill to appear either in person or by counsel before such Committee.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. POLICE OFFENCES BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That inasmuch as the avowed object of licensing the sale of intoxicating liquors is to supply a supposed public want, without detriment to the public welfare, this House is of opinion that a legal power of restraining the issue or renewal of licenses should be placed in the hands of the persons most deeply interested and affected, namely, the inhabitants themselves, who are entitled to protection from the injurious consequences of the present system by some efficient measure of local option.
2. MR. ROBERTSON : To move, That, inasmuch as the avowed object of opening the closed roads of the colony is to supply a supposed public want, without detriment to the public welfare, this House is of opinion that a legal power of restraining the compulsory opening of all closed roads in any shire should be placed in the hands of the persons most deeply interested and affected, namely, the inhabitants themselves, who are entitled to protection from the injurious consequences which would flow from such compulsory opening, by some efficient measure of local option.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply—

1. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is inexpedient that the Melbourne Harbor Trust should be allowed to deposit silt in Hobson's Bay.
2. MR. LAURENS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the system now practised by the Commissioner of Railways, of calling for tenders for the construction of railways several weeks before it is by any means possible to prepare sectional plans and specifications for the guidance of intending tenderers, is a waste of public money, injurious and disappointing to contractors, tends to mislead the general public, and therefore should be discontinued.

3. **MR. KERFERD** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the "*Passengers, Harbors, and Navigation Statute 1865*" should be amended in the following particulars :—That the provisions regarding the number and capacity of boats to be carried by ships and steamers should be based upon the maximum number of passengers and crew allowed to be carried, and not upon the tonnage of the ships or steamers ; and should require that a larger proportion of such boats should be life-boats, and fitted with the most approved patent lowering apparatus ; that more stringent provisions should be made with respect to the keeping of such boats in a position and state fit for immediate use ; that, in the case of a ship and steamers carrying more than one hundred and fifty passengers, life-rafts or other apparatus, in addition to boats, should be carried ; that the number of life-buoys to be carried on board ships and steamers should be regulated by a scale, according to the number of passengers and crew allowed to be carried by such ship and steamers ; that a clause should be inserted in the amending Bill requiring the master of every ship and steamer to provide a life-jacket for every passenger and sailor allowed to be carried, and that such life-jacket should be placed inside each berth in such ship and steamer ; and that proper provision should be made that sailing ships carrying passengers should be provided with fire-hose and distress signals,

Contingent upon the House approving of these alterations being made, That the Honorable the Chief Secretary should invite the co-operation of the colonies in the Australian group, with the view of joint action being taken by all the Australian colonies to secure uniformity of local shipping laws with respect to these proposed amendments ; and also to urge upon the Imperial Government the great necessity that exists for legislation by the Imperial Parliament upon the same subject.

4. **MR. GAVAN DUFFY** : To call the attention of the Honorable the Attorney-General to a number of occasions on which Judges of the Supreme Court have had to attend to open Assize Courts at country towns where there has been no business ; and to ask him if such Courts cannot be opened without the personal attendance of the Judge.

On going into Committee of Supply or Ways and Means—

5. **MR. QUICK** : To call the attention of the Honorable the Attorney-General to the urgent necessity of making better provision for the safe and effectual administration of justice in the County Courts of the country districts by increasing the present number of County Court judges, and subdividing some of the existing County Court districts.
6. **MR. ZOZ** : To call the attention of the Premier to the state of the charitable, industrial, reformatory, and lunatic institutions of the colony, and the alleged abuses concerning the management of the same ; and to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has now arrived for Legislative action to be taken, and that the Attorney-General be directed to introduce a Bill to carry out, in addition to other matters, the following objects :—
- (1.) Power to be given to the Government for an annual audit, by the Commissioners of Audit, of all expenditure in connection with any charitable institution in the colony that is in the receipt of Government aid.
 - (2.) To make it a punishable offence for any persons of means to receive support or assistance from any charitable institution unless such persons shall pay to such institution the expense of any support or assistance they may have received.
 - (3.) To render it absolutely compulsory that persons, when able, shall pay for the support of their relatives when receiving aid or support from any charitable institution.
 - (4.) That more efficient means be adopted to prevent children from being sent to the Industrial Schools when their parents are able to support them ; and that all parents whose children may be in such schools shall be compelled to contribute towards their support whenever possible.
 - (5.) That all persons who may be confined in the Hospitals for the Insane shall be maintained there at the expense of their relatives, when such relatives are in a position to contribute towards their support.
7. **MR. MASON** : To call the attention of the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands to recent appointments in connection with our public reserves ; and to ask why certain men whose services were dispensed with when the Carlton Gardens were handed over to the Exhibition Commissioners have not been re-employed, and why new men who were never in the public service before have been appointed in their stead.

In Committee on the Amending Land Bill—

8. **MR. O'CALLAGHAN** : To move, That married women be permitted to select land to the extent of 320 acres.

PETER LALOR,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 25th October.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 21st OCTOBER.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 16.

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

Railway Loan Act, No. 608.—An Estimate, &c. A.—No. 7. (To Members of Assembly only.)

Railway Loan Act, No. 608.—Estimate of Expenditure, &c. A.—No. 8. (To Members of Assembly only.)

Forests Management.—Message. B.—No. 12.

Education Commission.—A Return of the Draft of the proposed Commission. C.—No. 2. (Issue completed.)

Statement of Expenditure under Schedule D during the Year 1880–81. No. 21.

Lands Acts Continuation and Amendment Bill.—[5] (To Members of both Houses.)

Criminal Law and Practice Statute 1864 Amendment Bill.—[28] (To Members of Assembly only.)

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5. MR. JOHNSTONE : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether the Ballarat Fire Brigade has received intimation from the department that their representatives at the Sydney demonstration will receive passes along the Victorian line in going to and coming from Sydney ; and, if so, whether the same concession will be made to the Geelong and Newtown Brigades.
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General Business.

(From four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past nine o'clock.)

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1. MR. R. MURRAY SMITH : To move, That the Report from the Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly on the Bill to make valid the grant of an annuity by the Victoria Racing Club to the widow and children of the late Robert Cooper Bagot and for other purposes be now taken into consideration.

Contingent upon the above being carried,

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 - (3.) To render it absolutely compulsory that persons, when able, shall pay for the support of their relatives when receiving aid or support from any charitable institution.
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In Committee on the Amending Land Bill—

8. MR. O'CALLAGHAN : To move, That married women be permitted to select land to the extent of 320 acres.

PETER LALOR,
Speaker.

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NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. MASON : To move, That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will cause to be placed before this House copies of all correspondence which has passed during the last twelve months between himself and Commodore Wilson respecting certain alleged deserters from Her Majesty's ships whilst in Victorian waters.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN, BART. : To move, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday, the 2nd November next.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*to take precedence*) :—

1. EDUCATION COMMISSION—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That the proposed Education Commission does not meet with the approval of this House ; *to which the following amendment has been moved—* To omit all the words after the word "That," with a view to insert instead thereof "in accordance with the promise made by the Premier upon the consideration of the address to the Governor on the opening of the present session, that the draft of the Commission on the Education Act should be submitted to the consideration of the Assembly, the consideration thereof be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow in Committee of the whole House."

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1. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN, BART. : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, Mr. Justice Higinbotham should be requested to act as Chairman of the Royal Commission on Education.

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1. MR. W. MCG. CLARK : To move, That there be laid before this House a report from competent persons showing the cause of corrosion in the *Cerberus* boilers.

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NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILL :—

1. MR. JOHNSTONE : To move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider "*The Pawnbrokers Statute 1865.*"

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1. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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3. CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL.—Second reading.
4. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT—APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS IN—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*

That, in the opinion of this House, all appointments to, or promotions in, the teaching staff in the Education Department should be made by the Minister upon the written recommendation of a board, consisting of the Secretary, Inspector-General, and the head of the Training Institute.

5. PENSIONS ABOLITION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

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3. MR. DOW: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Messrs. Gooch and Bannister to a reward for discovering the Four-miles Rush Goldfield near Moonambel; such Committee to consist of Mr. McKean, Mr. Quick, Mr. R. Clark, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Mason, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover, three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, and to move from place to place.
4. MR. O'CALLAGHAN: To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all papers and correspondence relating to the case of W. Wall, now a prisoner in Her Majesty's gaol, and formerly a publican at Nhill.
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6. MR. MCCOLL: To move—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, no land legislation will be satisfactory except such as shall secure a system of settlement providing for the occupation of that territory remaining in the hands of the Crown which is in the North-western plains, the Snowy plains, and mountain ranges of Gippsland, Cape Otway, and the Western district.
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 - (5.) That lessees shall be required to make *bonâ fide* improvements, to the attested value of Five shillings per acre, within three years, under penalty of forfeiture of lease.
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10. MR. MCKEAN: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the number of police magistrates in the colony should be increased.

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13. MR. REES : To move, That the following Members of the Legislative Assembly form the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the sale of land at Cowie's Creek, viz., Mr. Langdon, Mr. Bell, Mr. Harris, Mr. Langridge, Mr. Davies, Mr. Fincham, and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; such Committee to have power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to have leave to meet on days on which the House does not sit, and to move from place to place.
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WEDNESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER,

General Business.

(From four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past nine o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILL :—

1. MR. McKEAN : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to improve the jurisdiction and procedure of the Supreme Court of the Colony of Victoria and for other purposes connected therewith.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. ADMIRALTY JURISDICTION EXTENSION BILL.—Second reading.
3. MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION OF FORESTS BILL.—Second reading.
4. CRIMINAL LAW AND PRACTICE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER 1881.

Question.

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 - (10.) That all metals and minerals in said lands shall remain the property of the Crown; and the right to mine the same shall be by separate and distinct leases, reverting to the State, as per 8th clause.
7. MR. NIMMO: To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that a sum of money may be placed upon the Estimates to compensate Mrs. Leggat, in accordance with the recommendation in the report of the Select Committee, appointed by this House to enquire into the allegations contained in her petition, for the wrongs sustained by her late husband, James Leggat.
 8. MR. ZOX: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the value of the goods sold in the Exhibition building and the amount of duty paid thereon.
 9. MR. DEAKIN: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, land belongs to the living and should be at the free disposal of living owners; that the law should recognize only one kind of property in land as in goods, and that an absolute property, and only one kind of proprietor, and that an absolute proprietor in equity as well as at law.
 10. MR. MCKEAN: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the number of police magistrates in the colony should be increased.
 11. MR. BARR: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Harbour Trust Commission should be absorbed into and its functions administered by the Public Works Department, as thereby a great saving of expenditure would be effected, and greater satisfaction would be given to the public.
 12. MR. GARDINER: To move, That the Select Committee to which the Employés in Shops Bill be referred consist of Mr. Wrixon, Mr. Deakin, Mr. Munro, Mr. Vale, Mr. Johnstone, Major W. C. Smith, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; and to have power to call for persons, papers, and records.
 13. MR. REES: To move, That the following Members of the Legislative Assembly form the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the sale of land at Cowie's Creek, viz., Mr. Langdon, Mr. Bell, Mr. Harris, Mr. Langridge, Mr. Davies, Mr. Fincham, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; such Committee to have power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to have leave to meet on days on which the House does not sit, and to move from place to place.
 14. SIR C. MACMAHON: To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the cost of the Police Commission, showing in detail the various items, including salary of secretary, shorthand writing, printing, travelling expenses, cost of witnesses; also, a return of the salaries of officers suspended from duty, and every other expense whatsoever.
 15. MR. LONGMORE: To move, That it is inexpedient to alienate roads, as now proposed by the Mount Rouse Shire Council, in the parishes of Nareb-Nareb and other parishes, and that such practice should be discontinued.
 16. MR. DOW: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other farm produce should be reduced to 1d. per ton per mile for the first 150 miles from the sea-board, and $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per ton per mile for distances beyond.
 17. MR. DOW: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should, without delay, establish prospecting for gold by means of diamond drills, to be sent free into sparsely populated localities of likely gold-bearing character.
 18. MR. BOWMAN: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to bring in a Bill similar to that in existence in England, dealing with the adulteration of food, embracing tea, coffee, cocoa, &c., &c.
 19. MR. MCCOLL: To move, That the control of all the waters of this colony remain vested in the hands of the State as at present, and shall in no case be parted with to any city, town, or shire council, or other corporate body or individual whatever, until a Royal Commission shall have sat to collect evidence, and Parliament shall have passed an Act for legalizing and regulating the conservation, distribution, and sale of water for agricultural, pastoral, mining, traffic supply, or drainage.
 20. MR. LONGMORE: To move, That there be laid before the House copies of all papers relating to the defalcations of the late Accountant of the Crown Lands department.

21. MR. DEAKIN: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the maintenance of the public highways will be best ensured by the establishment of Road boards, such boards to have jurisdiction over large areas, and due powers of rating, so that the cost of making and repairing the roads may fall equitably upon all persons deriving benefit from their construction.
22. MR. MCCOLL: To move, That there be laid before this House—
 - (1.) A copy of the verdict that was given in the Equity Court, *Evans v. the Queen*.
 - (2.) The number of leases that have been transferred to a Mr. Cormack since the decision of *Evans v the Queen*.
23. MR. BARR: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is most undesirable that any permission should be given for the deposit of silt in the Bay.
24. MR. MACGREGOR: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a uniform rate of a half-penny per mile be charged on all suburban railway lines, and that monthly tickets be continued *pro rata*.
25. MR. GARDINER: To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the number and the districts in which the new Post and Telegraph Offices are to be erected out of the vote for 1881-82.
26. MR. MCCOLL: To move, That a contour survey of the colony of Victoria be made at the 100-foot level above datum, namely, low-water mark in Hobson's Bay; also, that contour surveys at the relative heights of 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, and 800-foot level be made of the whole colony.
27. MR. W. MCG. CLARK: To move, That there be laid before this House a report from competent persons showing the cause of corrosion in the *Cerberus* boilers.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. LEVIEN: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The cost to date of the waterworks in the colony (excluding the Yan Yean), including construction, reticulation, maintenance, management, and all other expenses connected with the supply, together with interest to date at the rate of $4\frac{1}{2}$ per centum per annum.
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 - (3.) The yearly cost, including interest at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per centum on outlay and expenses of management and maintenance, and per centum on outlay.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN, BART.: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, Mr. Justice Higinbotham should be requested to act as Chairman of the Royal Commission on Education.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. RAILWAY LOAN ACT, NO. 608, SECOND SCHEDULE, ITEM 10—ESTIMATE OF FURTHER EXPENDITURE UNDER.—To be considered in Committee.
2. 45 VICT., NO. 701—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE UNDER.—To be considered in Committee.
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WEDNESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER,

General Business.

(From four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past nine o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILL:—

1. MR. MCKEAN: To move for leave to introduce a Bill to improve the jurisdiction and procedure of the Supreme Court of the Colony of Victoria and for other purposes connected therewith.

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1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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5. MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION:—

On going into Committee of Supply—

1. MR. A. T. CLARK: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is inexpedient that the Melbourne Harbor Trust should be allowed to deposit silt in Hobson's Bay.
2. MR. LAURENS: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the system now practised by the Commissioner of Railways, of calling for tenders for the construction of railways several weeks before it is by any means possible to prepare sectional plans and specifications for the guidance of intending tenderers, is a waste of public money, injurious and disappointing to contractors, tends to mislead the general public, and therefore should be discontinued.

3. MR. KERFERD : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the "*Passengers, Harbors, and Navigation Statute 1865*" should be amended in the following particulars :—That the provisions regarding the number and capacity of boats to be carried by ships and steamers should be based upon the maximum number of passengers and crew allowed to be carried, and not upon the tonnage of the ships or steamers ; and should require that a larger proportion of such boats should be life-boats, and fitted with the most approved patent lowering apparatus ; that more stringent provisions should be made with respect to the keeping of every boat in a position and state fit for immediate use ; that, in the case of a ship and steamers carrying more than one hundred and fifty passengers, life-rafts or other apparatus, in addition to boats, should be carried ; that the number of life-buoys to be carried on board ships and steamers should be regulated by a scale, according to the number of passengers and crew allowed to be carried by such ship and steamers ; that a clause should be inserted in the amending Bill requiring the master of every ship and steamer to provide a life-jacket for every passenger and sailor allowed to be carried, and that such life-jacket should be placed inside each berth in such ship and steamer ; and that proper provision should be made that sailing ships carrying passengers should be provided with fire-hose and distress signals.

Contingent upon the House approving of these alterations being made, That the Honorable the Chief Secretary should invite the co-operation of the colonies in the Australian group, with the view of joint action being taken by all the Australian colonies to secure uniformity of local shipping laws with respect to these proposed amendments ; and also to urge upon the Imperial Government the great necessity that exists for legislation by the Imperial Parliament upon the same subject.

4. MR. GAVAN DUFFY : To call the attention of the Honorable the Attorney-General to a number of occasions on which Judges of the Supreme Court have had to attend to open Assize Courts at country towns where there has been no business ; and to ask him if such Courts cannot be opened without the personal attendance of the Judge.

On going into Committee of Supply or Ways and Means—

5. MR. QUICK : To call the attention of the Honorable the Attorney-General to the urgent necessity of making better provision for the safe and effectual administration of justice in the County Courts of the country districts by increasing the present number of County Court judges, and subdividing some of the existing County Court districts.

6. MR. ZOX : To call the attention of the Premier to the state of the charitable, industrial, reformatory, and lunatic institutions of the colony, and the alleged abuses concerning the management of the same ; and to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has now arrived for Legislative action to be taken, and that the Attorney-General be directed to introduce a Bill to carry out, in addition to other matters, the following objects :—

- (1.) Power to be given to the Government for an annual audit, by the Commissioners of Audit, of all expenditure in connection with any charitable institution in the colony that is in the receipt of Government aid.
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER 1881.

Questions.

1. MR. ZOX : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works when he will be prepared to receive silt from the Harbor Trust, and to allow of its deposit in deep water, as arranged between the Government and the Trust at the Custom House on the 9th September.
2. MR. LEVIEN : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General whether the delay in issuing certificates of title cannot be remedied.
3. MR. MCCOLL : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply if the contour survey of the North Western Plains for a surface canal has been commenced ; if so, what progress has been made, with the same, and when the first section from the Goulburn north of Lake Cooper to the Loddon River will be completed.
4. MR. ZOX : To ask the Honorable the Premier when it is intended to proceed with the Harbour Trust Act Amendment Bill.

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Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BURROWES : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to facilitate the drainage of sludge and water from mines, and to provide for the compulsory taking of sites for dams and channels connected therewith.

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Question.

1. MR. GAVAN DUFFY : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if the Judges of the Supreme Court have to attend to open Assize Courts at country towns where no business has been entered for trial ; and if so, cannot such Courts be opened without the personal attendance of the Judge.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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TUESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER 1881.

Questions.

1. MR. GAVAN DUFFY: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if the Judges of the Supreme Court have to attend to open Assize Courts at country towns where no business has been entered for trial; and if so, cannot such Courts be opened without the personal attendance of the Judge.
2. MR. JOHNSTONE: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works how long it will take to complete the necessary repairs and additions to the dredge *Alligator*, recently employed at the Ship Channel, Corio Bay.

ORDER OF THE DAY (to take precedence):—

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NOTICE OF MOTION (Unopposed):—

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 - (3.) The yearly cost, including interest at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per centum on outlay and expenses of management and maintenance, and per centum on outlay.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BURROWES: To move for leave to introduce a Bill to facilitate the drainage of sludge and water from mines, and to provide for the compulsory taking of sites for dams and channels connected therewith.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. RAILWAY LOAN ACT, No. 608, SECOND SCHEDULE, ITEM 10—ESTIMATES OF FURTHER EXPENDITURE UNDER.—To be considered in Committee.
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4. WATER CONSERVATION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
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7. IMPORTATION AND EXAMINATION OF TEA BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
8. CHINESE INFLUX RESTRICTION BILL.—Consideration of Report.
9. RESIDENCE AREAS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. LAND ACTS CONTINUATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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12. FORESTS MANAGEMENT.—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—To be considered in Committee.
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General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HALL: To move, That there be laid before this House all the papers relating to the case of Dr. Cecil Jackson, late of Maryborough.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER.

Question.

1. MR. BARR: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs if he has any objection to lay on the Table of this House the official chart of soundings taken in Hobson's and Port Phillip Bays about 1864, and also the chart of the latest soundings taken in the said Bays.

General Business.

(From four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past nine o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO PRIVATE BILL :—

1. MAJOR W. C. SMITH : To move, That the Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the drainage of the Sebastopol and Ballarat Plateau, the Durham Lead, and auriferous lands adjacent thereto,*" be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of Mr. Gillies, Mr. Hunt, Mr. R. Clark, Mr. Dow, Mr. Johnstone, Mr. Davies, and the Mover, three to form a quorum, with power to send for persons, papers, and records ; and that leave be given to parties whose interests may be affected by the said Bill to appear either in person or by counsel before such Committee.

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. MR. MCKEAN : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to improve the jurisdiction and procedure of the Supreme Court of the Colony of Victoria and for other purposes connected therewith.
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1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. ADMIRALTY JURISDICTION EXTENSION BILL.—Second reading.
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5. MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
6. POLICE OFFENCES BILL.—Second reading.
7. CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL.—Second reading.
8. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT—APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS IN—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*

That, in the opinion of this House, all appointments to, or promotions in, the teaching staff in the Education Department should be made by the Minister upon the written recommendation of a board, consisting of the Secretary, Inspector-General, and the head of the Training Institute.

9. PENSIONS ABOLITION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[22]

Public Charities.—Report of Inspector for the half-year ended 30th June 1881, and rough draft of proposed Amending Bill, together with Additional Reports. No. 23.

Act No. 701.—Geelong, Coliban, and Bendigo Waterworks.—An Estimate of Expenditure, &c. A.—No. 9.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER 1881.

Questions.

1. MR. MACGREGOR : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if it is his intention to send the cases for compensation in connection with the late railway accident at Jolimont to a jury before endeavouring first to settle the claims made by arbitration.
2. MR. BARR : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs if he has any objection to lay on the Table of this House the official chart of soundings taken in Hobson's and Port Phillip Bays about 1864, and also the chart of the latest soundings taken in the said Bays.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. LEVIEN : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The cost to date of the waterworks in the colony (excluding the Yan Yean), including construction, reticulation, maintenance, management, and all other expenses connected with the supply, together with interest to date at the rate of $4\frac{1}{2}$ per centum per annum.
 - (2.) The yearly income after deducting cost of maintenance and management, and per centum on outlay.
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Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BURROWES : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to facilitate the drainage of sludge from mines, and to provide for the compulsory taking of sites for dams and channels connected therewith.
2. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN : To move, That, during the remainder of the session, Notices of Motion, General Business, take precedence of Orders of the Day, General Business, on alternate Wednesdays.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. RAILWAY LOAN ACT, No. 608, SECOND SCHEDULE, ITEM 10—ESTIMATES OF FURTHER EXPENDITURE UNDER.—To be considered in Committee.
2. 45 VICT., No. 701—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE UNDER.—To be considered in Committee.
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16. **MR. GARDINER :** To move, That the Select Committee to which the Employés in Shops Bill be referred consist of Mr. Wrixon, Mr. Deakin, Mr. Munro, Mr. Vale, Mr. Johnstone, Major W. C. Smith, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; and to have power to call for persons, papers, and records.
17. **MR. REES :** To move, That the following Members of the Legislative Assembly form the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the sale of land at Cowie's Creek, viz., Mr. Langdon, Mr. Bell, Mr. Harris, Mr. Langridge, Mr. Davies, Mr. Fincham, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; such Committee to have power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to have leave to meet on days on which the House does not sit, and to move from place to place.

18. SIR C. MACMAHON : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the cost of the Police Commission, showing in detail the various items, including salary of secretary, shorthand writing, printing, travelling expenses, cost of witnesses; also, a return of the salaries of officers suspended from duty, and every other expense whatsoever.
19. MR. LONGMORE : To move, That it is inexpedient to alienate roads, as now proposed by the Mount Rouse Shire Council, in the parishes of Nareb-Nareb and other parishes, and that such practice should be discontinued.
20. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other farm produce should be reduced to 1d. per ton per mile for the first 150 miles from the sea-board, and $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per ton per mile for distances beyond.
21. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should, without delay, establish prospecting for gold by means of diamond drills, to be sent free into sparsely populated localities of likely gold-bearing character.
22. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to bring in a Bill similar to that in existence in England, dealing with the adulteration of food, embracing tea, coffee, cocoa, &c., &c.
23. MR. MCCOLL : To move, That the control of all the waters of this colony remain vested in the hands of the State as at present, and shall in no case be parted with to any city, town, or shire council, or other corporate body or individual whatever, until a Royal Commission shall have sat to collect evidence, and Parliament shall have passed an Act for legalizing and regulating the conservation, distribution, and sale of water for agricultural, pastoral, mining, traffic supply, or drainage.
24. MR. LONGMORE : To move, That there be laid before the House copies of all papers relating to the defalcations of the late Accountant of the Crown Lands department.
25. MR. DEAKIN : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the maintenance of the public highways will be best ensured by the establishment of Road boards, such boards to have jurisdiction over large areas, and due powers of rating, so that the cost of making and repairing the roads may fall equitably upon all persons deriving benefit from their construction.
26. MR. MCCOLL : To move, That there be laid before this House—
- (1.) A copy of the verdict that was given in the Equity Court, *Evans v. the Queen*.
 - (2.) The number of leases that have been transferred to a Mr. Cormack since the decision of *Evans v. the Queen*.
27. MR. BARR : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is most undesirable that any permission should be given for the deposit of silt in the Bay.
28. MR. MACGREGOR : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a uniform rate of a half-penny per mile be charged on all suburban railway lines, and that monthly tickets be continued *pro rata*.
29. MR. GARDINER : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the number and the districts in which the new Post and Telegraph Offices are to be erected out of the vote for 1881–82.
30. MR. MCCOLL : To move, That a contour survey of the colony of Victoria be made at the 100-foot level above datum, namely, low-water mark in Hobson's Bay; also, that contour surveys at the relative heights of 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, and 800-foot level be made of the whole colony.
31. MR. W. MCG. CLARK : To move, That there be laid before this House a report from competent persons showing the cause of corrosion in the *Cerberus* boilers.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. ADMIRALTY JURISDICTION EXTENSION BILL.—Second reading.
3. MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION OF FORESTS BILL.—Second reading.
4. CRIMINAL LAW AND PRACTICE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
5. MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
6. POLICE OFFENCES BILL.—Second reading.
7. CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL.—Second reading.
8. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT—APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS IN—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
That, in the opinion of this House, all appointments to, or promotions in, the teaching staff in the Education Department should be made by the Minister upon the written recommendation of a board, consisting of the Secretary, Inspector-General, and the head of the Training Institute.
9. PENSIONS ABOLITION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(From four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past nine o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILL:—

1. MR. FRASER : To move for leave to bring in a Bill for more effectually preventing the evils arising from betting on racecourses.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

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

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WOODS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House—
 - (1.) The present system of defence adopted in Victoria is partial, inadequate, costly, and out of all proportion small, as compared with the magnitude of the interests at stake.
 - (2.) That it is the duty of every citizen to be prepared to defend the land of his birth or adoption.
 - (3.) That military drill and military service should be made compulsory on all citizens between the ages of 16 and 60.
 - (4.) That military drill and rifle practice should be taught in all schools, whether public or private, to boys between the ages of 10 and 15.
 - (5.) That competitive essays on the means and cost of carrying into effect the above resolutions be invited, accompanied with such prizes as will be likely to induce the best military authorities of Europe, America, and the colonies to compete.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply—

1. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is inexpedient that the Melbourne Harbor Trust should be allowed to deposit silt in Hobson's Bay.
2. MR. LAURENS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the system now practised by the Commissioners of Railways, of calling for tenders for the construction of railways weeks before it is by any means possible to prepare sectional plans and specifications for the guidance of intending tenderers, is a waste of public money, injurious and disappointing to contractors, tends to mislead the general public, and therefore should be discontinued.
3. MR. KERFERD : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the "*Passengers, Harbors, and Navigation Statute 1865*" should be amended in the following particulars :—That the provisions regarding the number and capacity of boats to be carried by ships and steamers should be based upon the maximum number of passengers and crew allowed to be carried, and not upon the tonnage of the ships or steamers ; and should require that a larger proportion of such boats should be life-boats, and fitted with the most approved patent lowering apparatus ; that more stringent provisions should be made with respect to the keeping of such boats in a position and state fit for immediate use ; that, in the case of a ship and steamers carrying more than one hundred and fifty passengers, life-rafts or other apparatus, in addition to boats, should be carried ; that the number of life-buoys to be carried on board ships and steamers should be regulated by a scale, according to the number of passengers and crew allowed to be carried by such ship and steamers ; that a clause should be inserted in the amending Bill requiring the master of every ship and steamer to provide a life-jacket for every passenger and sailor allowed to be carried, and that such life-jacket should be placed inside each berth in such ship and steamer ; and that proper provision should be made that sailing ships carrying passengers should be provided with fire-hose and distress signals.

Contingent upon the House approving of these alterations being made, That the Honorable the Chief Secretary should invite the co-operation of the colonies in the Australian group, with the view of joint action being taken by all the Australian colonies to secure uniformity of local shipping laws with respect to these proposed amendments ; and also to urge upon the Imperial Government the great necessity that exists for legislation by the Imperial Parliament upon the same subject.

On going into Committee of Supply or Ways and Means—

4. MR. QUICK : To call the attention of the Honorable the Attorney-General to the urgent necessity of making better provision for the safe and effectual administration of justice in the County Courts of the country districts by increasing the present number of County Court judges, and subdividing some of the existing County Court districts.
5. MR. ZOX : To call the attention of the Premier to the state of the charitable, industrial, reformatory, and lunatic institutions of the colony, and the alleged abuses concerning the management of the same; and to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has now arrived for Legislative action to be taken, and that the Attorney-General be directed to introduce a Bill to carry out, in addition to other matters, the following objects :—
 - (1.) Power to be given to the Government for an annual audit, by the Commissioners of Audit, of all expenditure in connection with any charitable institution in the colony that is in the receipt of Government aid.
 - (2.) To make it a punishable offence for any persons of means to receive support or assistance from any charitable institution unless such persons shall pay to such institution the expense of any support or assistance they may have received.
 - (3.) To render it absolutely compulsory that persons, when able, shall pay for the support of their relatives when receiving aid or support from any charitable institution.
 - (4.) That more efficient means be adopted to prevent children from being sent to the Industrial Schools when their parents are able to support them ; and that all parents whose children may be in such schools shall be compelled to contribute towards their support whenever possible.
 - (5.) That all persons who may be confined in the Hospitals for the Insane shall be maintained there at the expense of their relatives, when such relatives are in a position to contribute towards their support.

In Committee on the Amending Land Bill—

6. MR. O'CALLAGHAN : To move, That married women be permitted to select land to the extent of 320 acres.

PETER LALOR,
Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 4TH NOVEMBER.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 11.
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Civil Service Act—Appointments, &c. under. A 1.

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Yan Yean Water Supply—Cash Statement and Balance Sheet. A.—No. 6.
Railway Loan Act No. 608—An Estimate, &c. A.—No. 12.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER 1881.

Questions.

- *1. SIR C. MACMAHON: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will have any objection to place on the Table any communications he may have received from members of the police with regard to the charges against them in the report of the Police Commission.
- *2. MR. WALSH: To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if it be a fact that telegraphic communication with Gabo Island has been interrupted for several months; and if so will he communicate with the New South Wales authorities with the view of having the line repaired and telegraphic communication restored.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

- *1. MR. C. YOUNG: To move for leave to bring in a Bill to establish an Australian College of Agriculture and for other purposes.

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9. RESIDENCE AREAS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. LAND ACTS CONTINUATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
11. SLUDGE DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.
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General Business.

(From four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past nine o'clock.)

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Contingent upon the House approving of these alterations being made, That the Honorable the Chief Secretary should invite the co-operation of the colonies in the Australian group, with the view of joint action being taken by all the Australian colonies to secure uniformity of local shipping laws with respect to these proposed amendments; and also to urge upon the Imperial Government the great necessity that exists for legislation by the Imperial Parliament upon the same subject.

On going into Committee of Supply or Ways and Means—

4. MR. QUICK : To call the attention of the Honorable the Attorney-General to the urgent necessity of making better provision for the safe and effectual administration of justice in the County Courts of the country districts by increasing the present number of County Court judges, and subdividing some of the existing County Court districts.
5. MR. ZOX : To call the attention of the Premier to the state of the charitable, industrial, reformatory, and lunatic institutions of the colony, and the alleged abuses concerning the management of the same; and to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has now arrived for Legislative action to be taken, and that the Attorney-General be directed to introduce a Bill to carry out, in addition to other matters, the following objects:—
- (1.) Power to be given to the Government for an annual audit, by the Commissioners of Audit, of all expenditure in connection with any charitable institution in the colony that is in the receipt of Government aid.
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 - (3.) To render it absolutely compulsory that persons, when able, shall pay for the support of their relatives when receiving aid or support from any charitable institution.
 - (4.) That more efficient means be adopted to prevent children from being sent to the Industrial Schools when their parents are able to support them; and that all parents whose children may be in such schools shall be compelled to contribute towards their support whenever possible.
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In Committee on the Amending Land Bill—

6. MR. O'CALLAGHAN : To move, That married women be permitted to select land to the extent of 320 acres.

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Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

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WEDNESDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER 1881.

Questions.

1. MR. MCCOLL : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General what steps, if any, have been taken to suppress gambling in the shape of sweepstakes, an evil which has been increasing to an alarming extent.
2. MR. HALL : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will refer the claim for compensation of Jacob Wilson, who was compelled to leave the Greta district through the threats of the late Kelly gang, to the Board appointed to enquire into Mrs. Jones' claim for compensation for the destruction of her hotel at Glenrowan.
3. MR. FISHER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply and Mines if the Government will take immediate steps to prevent the pollution of the Loddon water, which, in the course of two months, will be unfit for use owing to the continued pumping of mineral water from a mining company's claim into the Bet Bet Creek which flows into the Loddon.
4. MR. HALL : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if his attention has been directed to a case reported in the *Age* of the 15th instant, stating that Mr. Justice Williams, at Ballarat, ordered, in the case of *Hall v. Millison*, that the defendant should pay the sum of £50 on a dishonored cheque, the result of a bet made by the defendant, such cheque having been cancelled ; and to ask if the Attorney-General would introduce a measure to render impossible the recovery of any amount arising from default of paying a bet or other gambling transaction.
5. MR. FISHER : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways when the tender for the railway line from Mitiamo to Kerang will be called for.
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7. MR. DOW : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands whether any steps have been taken in the direction of complying with the suggestion of a deputation that waited upon him some time ago, urging the desirability of recouping Captain Raymond for his rabbit destroying specific.
8. MR. O'CALLAGHAN : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if, in view of the early completion of the Dimboola Railway, and the large amount of grain likely to be forwarded from that district, the department will take immediate steps to erect goods sheds and platform accommodation at Dimboola.
9. SIR C. MACMAHON : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will have any objection to place on the Table any communications he may have received from members of the police with regard to the charges against them in the report of the Police Commission.

General Business.

(From four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past nine o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO PRIVATE BILL :—

1. MAJOR W. C. SMITH : To move, That the Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the drainage of the Sebastopol and Ballarat Plateau, the Durham Lead, and auriferous lands adjacent thereto,*" be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of Mr. Gillies, Mr. Hunt, Mr. R. Clark, Mr. Dow, Mr. Johnstone, Mr. Davies, and the Mover, three to form a quorum, with power to send for persons, papers, and records ; and that leave be given to parties whose interests may be affected by the said Bill to appear either in person or by counsel before such Committee.

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. MR. FRASER : To move for leave to bring in a Bill for more effectually preventing the evils arising from betting on racecourses.
2. MR. MCKEAN : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to improve the jurisdiction and procedure of the Supreme Court of the Colony of Victoria and for other purposes connected therewith.
3. MR. JOHNSTONE : To move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider "*The Pawnbrokers Statute 1865.*"
4. MR. MCKEAN : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the law relating to insolvents and their estates, and for the better control of official assignees, in whom such estates are vested.
5. MR. MCKEAN : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the law relating to Justices of the Peace and Courts of General and Petty Sessions.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WOODS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House—
 - (1.) The present system of defence adopted in Victoria is partial, inadequate, costly, and out of all proportion small, as compared with the magnitude of the interests at stake.
 - (2.) That it is the duty of every citizen to be prepared to defend the land of his birth or adoption.
 - (3.) That military drill and military service should be made compulsory on all citizens between the ages of 16 and 60.
 - (4.) That military drill and rifle practice should be taught in all schools, whether public or private, to boys between the ages of 10 and 15.
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8. **MR. MCCOLL** : To move—
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1. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN : To move, That so much of the Sessional Order of the Assembly as fixes four o'clock as the hour of meeting on Wednesday and Thursday in each week be read and rescinded, and that the hour of meeting on such days be two o'clock.

Contingent upon the above being carried—

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1. IMPORTATION AND EXAMINATION OF TEA BILL.—Consideration of Report.
2. WATER CONSERVATION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. SLUDGE DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.
4. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. RESIDENCE AREAS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
6. LAND ACTS CONTINUATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
7. PUBLIC LOANS REDEMPTION BILL.—Second reading.
8. FORESTS MANAGEMENT.—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—To be considered in Committee.
9. LIBRARY, MUSEUMS, AND NATIONAL GALLERY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
11. RAILWAYS CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Second reading.
12. RAILWAY LOAN BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER.

Question.

1. MR. W. MCG. CLARK : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands if he has any objection to lay on the Table of the House all papers and correspondence relating to the forfeiture of certain leases in the parish of Pompiel, held by a Mrs. Laslett.

TUESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER. •

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE BILL.—Second reading.
2. RAILWAY LOAN ACCOUNT APPLICATION (WATER SUPPLY) BILL.—Second reading.
3. SURPLUS RAILWAY LANDS SALE OR LEASING BILL.—Second reading.

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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 11TH NOVEMBER.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[25]

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER 1881.

Questions.

1. MR. W. MCG. CLARK : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands if he has any objection to lay on the Table of the House all papers and correspondence relating to the forfeiture of certain leases in the parish of Pompapiei, held by a Mrs. Laslett.
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3. MR. CARTER : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs—
 - (1.) If it is a fact that at the time of the collection of the excise duties on ale and tobacco being added to the duties of inspectors of licensed premises and liquor, the travelling allowances of these officers were reduced 50 per cent. ; and whether the present allowance is in point of fact insufficient to enable the officers to carry out their duties properly.
 - (2.) Is it the case that some of the officers have resigned, and that others are about to leave the service because their travelling allowances and salaries are not equal to their expenses ; and will the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs have the matter remedied without delay by granting sufficient allowances to the officers, and placing them, as to salary, on equal terms with the other officers under the Third Schedule in the same department, viz., the Inspectors of Distilleries, by granting them the annual increment of £25 up to £300 per annum.
4. MR. GARDINER : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands when he intends to open the avenue through the University Reserve, between Madeline street and Sydney road.
5. MR. WRIXON : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if he will place a sum of money on this year's Estimates for the Royal Victorian Volunteer Artillery Association ; or, if too late for this year, will he do so next year.
6. MR. FISHER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply and Mines if the Government will take immediate steps to prevent the pollution of the Loddon water, which, in the course of two months, will be unfit for use owing to the continued pumping of mineral water from a mining company's claim into the Bet Bet Creek which flows into the Loddon.
7. SIR C. MACMAHON : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will have any objection to place on the Table any communications he may have received from members of the police with regard to the charges against them in the report of the Police Commission.
8. MR. FISHER : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways when the tender for the railway line from Mitiamo to Kerang will be called for.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN : To move, That so much of the Sessional Order of the Assembly as fixes four o'clock as the hour of meeting on Wednesday and Thursday in each week be read and rescinded, and that the hour of meeting on such days be two o'clock.

Contingent upon the above being carried—

SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN : To move, That so much of the Sessional Order of the Assembly relating to General Business taking precedence from half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past nine o'clock on Wednesdays be read and rescinded, and that General Business take precedence on Wednesdays from two o'clock until half-past six o'clock.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.—ACT No. 701.—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE UNDER.—To be considered in Committee.
2. SLUDGE DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.
3. WATER CONSERVATION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. RESIDENCE AREAS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
5. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
6. LAND ACTS CONTINUATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
7. PUBLIC LOANS REDEMPTION BILL.—Second reading.
8. FORESTS MANAGEMENT.—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—To be considered in Committee.
9. LIBRARY, MUSEUMS, AND NATIONAL GALLERY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
11. RAILWAYS CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Second reading.
12. RAILWAY LOAN BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER.

Questions.

1. **MR. BROPHY:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines whether Messrs. Robertson and Conroy, applicants for lease, will be recouped their expenses in travelling over 400 miles from Ballarat to Benalla to attend a Warden's Court, which court was not held upon the date notified to them.
2. **MR. DAVIES:** To ask the Honorable the Premier as in many places where Free Libraries and Mechanics' Institutes exist in the same building, State papers are only accessible to members of the Mechanics' Institutes, will he either supply duplicate copies in these cases, or cause the single copy now supplied to be accessible to the public in the Free Library as well as to the members of the Mechanics' Institute.

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

1. AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE BILL.—Second reading.
2. RAILWAY LOAN ACCOUNT APPLICATION (WATER SUPPLY) BILL.—Second reading.
3. SURPLUS RAILWAY LANDS SALE OR LEASING BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(From four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past nine o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO PRIVATE BILL:—

1. **MAJOR W. C. SMITH:** To move, That the Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the drainage of the Sebastopol and Ballarat Plateau, the Durham Lead, and auriferous lands adjacent thereto,*" be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of Mr. Gillies, Mr. Hunt, Mr. R. Clark, Mr. Dow, Mr. Johnstone, Mr. Davies, and the Mover, three to form a quorum, with power to send for persons, papers, and records; and that leave be given to parties whose interests may be affected by the said Bill to appear either in person or by counsel before such Committee.

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS:—

1. **MR. QUICK:** To move for leave to bring in a Bill for the Prevention of Gambling.
2. **MR. MIRAMS:** To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Transfer of Lands Statute.
3. **MR. MCKEAN:** To move for leave to introduce a Bill to improve the jurisdiction and procedure of the Supreme Court of the Colony of Victoria and for other purposes connected therewith.
4. **MR. JOHNSTONE:** To move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider "*The Pawnbrokers Statute 1865.*"
5. **MR. MCKEAN:** To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the law relating to insolvents and their estates, and for the better control of official assignees, in whom such estates are vested.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. BETTING PREVENTION BILL.—Second reading.
3. LOCAL OPTION—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
That inasmuch as the avowed object of licensing the sale of intoxicating liquors is to supply a supposed public want, without detriment to the public welfare, this House is of opinion that a legal power of restraining the issue or renewal of licenses should be placed in the hands of the persons most deeply interested and affected, namely, the inhabitants themselves, who are entitled to protection from the injurious consequences of the present system by some efficient measure of local option.
4. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
5. ADMIRALTY JURISDICTION EXTENSION BILL.—Second reading.
6. MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION OF FORESTS BILL.—Second reading.
7. CRIMINAL LAW AND PRACTICE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
8. MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
9. CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL.—Second reading.
10. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT—APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS IN—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
That, in the opinion of this House, all appointments to, or promotions in, the teaching staff in the Education Department should be made by the Minister upon the written recommendation of a board, consisting of the Secretary, Inspector-General, and the head of the Training Institute.
11. PENSIONS ABOLITION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. MCCOLL:** To move, That the control of all the waters of this colony remain vested in the hands of the State as at present, and shall in no case be parted with to any city, town, or shire council, or other corporate body or individual whatever, until a Royal Commission shall have sat to collect evidence, and Parliament shall have passed an Act for legalizing and regulating the conservation, distribution, and sale of water for agricultural, pastoral, mining, traffic supply, or drainage.
2. **MR. MCCOLL:** To move, That there be laid before this House—
 - (1.) A copy of the verdict that was given in the Equity Court, *Evans v. the Queen.*
 - (2.) The number of leases that have been transferred to a Mr. Cormack since the decision of *Evans v. the Queen.*
3. **MR. MCCOLL:** To move, That a contour survey of the colony of Victoria be made at the 100-foot level above datum, namely, low-water mark in Hobson's Bay; also, that contour surveys at the relative heights of 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, and 800-foot level be made of the whole colony.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(From four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past nine o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. WOODS :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House—
 - (1.) The present system of defence adopted in Victoria is partial, inadequate, costly, and out of all proportion small, as compared with the magnitude of the interests at stake.
 - (2.) That it is the duty of every citizen to be prepared to defend the land of his birth or adoption.
 - (3.) That military drill and military service should be made compulsory on all citizens between the ages of 16 and 60.
 - (4.) That military drill and rifle practice should be taught in all schools, whether public or private, to boys between the ages of 10 and 15.
 - (5.) That competitive essays on the means and cost of carrying into effect the above resolutions be invited, accompanied with such prizes as will be likely to induce the best military authorities of Europe, America, and the colonies to compete.
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5. **MR. O'CALLAGHAN :** To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all papers and correspondence relating to the case of W. Wall; now a prisoner in Her Majesty's gaol, and formerly a publican at Nhill.
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7. **MR. MCCOLL :** To move—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, no land legislation will be satisfactory except such as shall secure a system of settlement providing for the occupation of that territory remaining in the hands of the Crown, which is in the North-western plains, the Snowy plains, and mountain ranges of Gippsland, Cape Otway, and the Western district.
 - (2.) That such land shall be proclaimed as leasing areas, and opened as soon as possible for settlement at a yearly rental of One shilling per five acres, for a term of thirty-three years.
 - (3.) That the minimum blocks shall consist of five acres, and the maximum blocks of 10,000 acres.
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 - (6.) That no forest reserve in any district coming within the operation of the leasing land law shall exceed one-tenth of the area thereof.
 - (7.) That no area of water reserve, or reservoir, shall exceed one-tenth of the district it is intended to supply.
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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 22nd November.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS COMMITTEE—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 17TH NOVEMBER.

Church Property Bill.—Clauses to be proposed by the Honorable H. Cuthbert. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 25.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[26]

Statistical Register—Parts III. and IV.—Vital Statistics, Etc., and Interchange. Nos. 15 and 24.

Fisheries Acts—Notice *re* intention to allow Close Season for Fish at Lake Colac and its tributaries. No. 25.

Education Department.—Estimate of Expenditure under Act 701. A.—No. 12.

Railway Loan Account Application (Water Supply) Bill.—[29]

Drainage of Sludge Bill.—[38]

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER 1881.

Questions.

1. MR. BROPHY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines whether Messrs. Robertson and Conroy, applicants for lease; will be recouped their expenses in travelling over 400 miles from Ballarat to Benalla to attend a Warden's Court, which court was not held upon the date notified to them.
2. MR. DAVIES : To ask the Honorable the Premier as in many places where Free Libraries and Mechanics' Institutes exist in the same building, State papers are only accessible to members of the Mechanics' Institutes, will he either supply duplicate copies in these cases, or cause the single copy now supplied to be accessible to the public in the Free Library as well as to the members of the Mechanics' Institute.
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5. MR. GARDINER : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands when he intends to open the avenue through the University Reserve, between Madeline street and Sydney road.
6. SIR C. MACMAHON : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will have any objection to place on the Table any communications he may have received from members of the police with regard to the charges against them in the report of the Police Commission.

Government Business.

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WEDNESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(From two o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WOODS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House—
(1.) The present system of defence adopted in Victoria is partial, inadequate, costly, and out of all proportion small, as compared with the magnitude of the interests at stake.
(2.) That it is the duty of every citizen to be prepared to defend the land of his birth or adoption.
(3.) That military drill and military service should be made compulsory on all citizens between the ages of 16 and 60.
(4.) That military drill and rifle practice should be taught in all schools, whether public or private, to boys between the ages of 10 and 15.
(5.) That competitive essays on the means and cost of carrying into effect the above resolutions be invited, accompanied with such prizes as will be likely to induce the best military authorities of Europe, America, and the colonies to compete.
2. MR. HALL : To move, That there be laid before this House all the papers relating to the case of Dr. Cecil Jackson, late of Maryborough.
3. MR. ROBERTSON : To move, That, inasmuch as the avowed object of opening the closed roads of the colony is to supply a supposed public want, without detriment to the public welfare, this House is of opinion that a legal power of restraining the compulsory opening of all closed roads in any shire should be placed in the hands of the persons most deeply interested and affected, namely, the inhabitants themselves, who are entitled to protection from the injurious consequences which would flow from such compulsory opening, by some efficient measure of local option.
4. MR. DOW : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Messrs. Gooch and Bannister to a reward for discovering the Four-miles Rush Goldfield near Moonambel ; such Committee to consist of Mr. McKean, Mr. Quick, Mr. R. Clark, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Mason, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover, three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, and to move from place to place.
5. MR. O'CALLAGHAN : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all papers and correspondence relating to the case of W. Wall, now a prisoner in Her Majesty's gaol, and formerly a publican at Nhill.
6. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Mr. Hargreaves, the Goldfields discoverer ; such Committee to consist of the following Members :—Mr. Longmore, Mr. Zox, Mr. Johnstone, Mr. O'Callaghan, and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; with power to call for persons, papers, and records.

7. MR. McCOLL : To move—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, no land legislation will be satisfactory except such as shall secure a system of settlement providing for the occupation of that territory remaining in the hands of the Crown which is in the North-western plains, the Snowy plains, and mountain ranges of Gippsland, Cape Otway, and the Western district.
 - (2.) That such land shall be proclaimed as leasing areas, and opened as soon as possible for settlement at a yearly rental of One shilling per five acres, for a term of thirty-three years.
 - (3.) That the minimum blocks shall consist of five acres, and the maximum blocks of 10,000 acres.
 - (4.) That all easements and regulations now law, or that may become law, with regard to Crown lands, shall remain in full force on said leaseholds, allowing full ingress, egress, and regress for mining, irrigation, drainage, or traffic purposes.
 - (5.) That lessees shall be required to make *bonâ fide* improvements, to the attested value of Five shillings per acre, within three years, under penalty of forfeiture of lease.
 - (6.) That no forest reserve in any district coming within the operation of the leasing land law shall exceed one-tenth of the area thereof.
 - (7.) That no area of water reserve, or reservoir, shall exceed one-tenth of the district it is intended to supply.
 - (8.) That all leases of said lands shall revert to the State three times in 100 years, with a period of four months' grace, rent free, to allow of a valuation and adjustment of rent; the occupant to have right of renewal of lease at increased rent, or half compensation for improvement after valuation.
 - (9.) That the water of all rivers, creeks, lakes, and watercourses, shall belong to the State, and may be leased for irrigation, traffic, and motive power purposes; such leases to revert to the State three times in 100 years.
 - (10.) That all metals and minerals in said lands shall remain the property of the Crown; and the right to mine the same shall be by separate and distinct leases, reverting to the State, as per 8th clause.
8. MR. NIMMO : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that a sum of money may be placed upon the Estimates to compensate Mrs. Leggat, in accordance with the recommendation in the report of the Select Committee, appointed by this House to enquire into the allegations contained in her petition, for the wrongs sustained by her late husband, James Leggat.
9. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the value of the goods sold in the Exhibition building and the amount of duty paid thereon.
10. MR. DEAKIN : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, land belongs to the living and should be at the free disposal of living owners; that the law should recognize only one kind of property in land as in goods, and that an absolute property, and only one kind of proprietor, and that an absolute proprietor in equity as well as at law.
11. MR. MCKEAN : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the number of police magistrates in the colony should be increased.
12. MR. BARR : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Harbour Trust Commission should be absorbed into and its functions administered by the Public Works Department, as thereby a great saving of expenditure would be effected, and greater satisfaction would be given to the public.
13. MR. REES : To move, That the following Members of the Legislative Assembly form the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the sale of land at Cowie's Creek, viz., Mr. Langdon, Mr. Bell, Mr. Harris, Mr. Langridge, Mr. Davies, Mr. Fincham, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; such Committee to have power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to have leave to meet on days on which the House does not sit, and to move from place to place.
14. SIR C. MACMAHON : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the cost of the Police Commission, showing in detail the various items, including salary of secretary, shorthand writing, printing, travelling expenses, cost of witnesses; also, a return of the salaries of officers suspended from duty, and every other expense whatsoever.
15. MR. LONGMORE : To move, That it is inexpedient to alienate roads, as now proposed by the Mount Rouse Shire Council, in the parishes of Nareb-Nareb and other parishes, and that such practice should be discontinued.
16. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other farm produce should be reduced to 1d. per ton per mile for the first 150 miles from the sea-board, and $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per ton per mile for distances beyond.
17. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should, without delay, establish prospecting for gold by means of diamond drills, to be sent free into sparsely populated localities of likely gold-bearing character.
18. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to bring in a Bill similar to that in existence in England, dealing with the adulteration of food, embracing tea, coffee, cocoa, &c., &c.
19. MR. LONGMORE : To move, That there be laid before the House copies of all papers relating to the defalcations of the late Accountant of the Crown Lands department.
20. MR. DEAKIN : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the maintenance of the public highways will be best ensured by the establishment of Road boards, such boards to have jurisdiction over large areas, and due powers of rating, so that the cost of making and repairing the roads may fall equitably upon all persons deriving benefit from their construction.
21. MR. BARR : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is most undesirable that any permission should be given for the deposit of silt in the Bay.

22. MR. MACGREGOR : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a uniform rate of a half-penny per mile be charged on all suburban railway lines, and that monthly tickets be continued *pro rata*.
23. MR. W. MCG. CLARK : To move, That there be laid before this House a report from competent persons showing the cause of corrosion in the *Cerberus* boilers.
24. MR. MCKEAN : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into all the circumstances relating to the issue of a Crown title, under the Land Transfer Statute, to allotments 17 and 31, section 6, parish of Guildford, county of Talbot, by which the owners have been dispossessed of their purchased estate; the said Committee to consist of Mr. Mirams, Mr. McColl, Mr. Davies, Mr. Mason, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to send for persons and papers and records.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. POLICE OFFENCES BILL.—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION:—

On going into Committee of Supply—

1. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is inexpedient that the Melbourne Harbor Trust should be allowed to deposit silt in Hobson's Bay.
2. MR. LAURENS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the system now practised by the Commissioner of Railways, of calling for tenders for the construction of railways several weeks before it is by any means possible to prepare sectional plans and specifications for the guidance of intending tenderers, is a waste of public money, injurious and disappointing to contractors, tends to mislead the general public, and therefore should be discontinued.
3. MR. KERFERD : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the "*Passengers, Harbors, and Navigation Statute 1865*" should be amended in the following particulars:—That the provisions regarding the number and capacity of boats to be carried by ships and steamers should be based upon the maximum number of passengers and crew allowed to be carried, and not upon the tonnage of the ships or steamers; and should require that a larger proportion of such boats should be life-boats, and fitted with the most approved patent lowering apparatus; that more stringent provisions should be made with respect to the keeping of such boats in a position and state fit for immediate use; that, in the case of a ship and steamers carrying more than one hundred and fifty passengers, life-rafts or other apparatus, in addition to boats, should be carried; that the number of life-buoys to be carried on board ships and steamers should be regulated by a scale, according to the number of passengers and crew allowed to be carried by such ship and steamers; that a clause should be inserted in the amending Bill requiring the master of every ship and steamer to provide a life-jacket for every passenger and sailor allowed to be carried, and that such life-jacket should be placed inside each berth in such ship and steamer; and that proper provision should be made that sailing ships carrying passengers should be provided with fire-hose and distress signals.

Contingent upon the House approving of these alterations being made, That the Honorable the Chief Secretary should invite the co-operation of the colonies in the Australian group, with the view of joint action being taken by all the Australian colonies to secure uniformity of local shipping laws with respect to these proposed amendments; and also to urge upon the Imperial Government the great necessity that exists for legislation by the Imperial Parliament upon the same subject.

4. MR. MURRAY SMITH : To move, That the Petition of Mr. George Urquhart, presented by the Honorable Member for Mandurang, Mr. H. McColl, be referred to a Select Committee of this House.

On going into Committee of Supply or Ways and Means—

4. MR. QUICK : To call the attention of the Honorable the Attorney-General to the urgent necessity of making better provision for the safe and effectual administration of justice in the County Courts of the country districts by increasing the present number of County Court judges, and subdividing some of the existing County Court districts.
5. MR. ZOx : To call the attention of the Premier to the state of the charitable, industrial, reformatory, and lunatic institutions of the colony, and the alleged abuses concerning the management of the same; and to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has now arrived for Legislative action to be taken, and that the Attorney-General be directed to introduce a Bill to carry out, in addition to other matters, the following objects:—
 - (1.) Power to be given to the Government for an annual audit, by the Commissioners of Audit, of all expenditure in connection with any charitable institution in the colony that is in the receipt of Government aid.
 - (2.) To make it a punishable offence for any persons of means to receive support or assistance from any charitable institution unless such persons shall pay to such institution the expense of any support or assistance they may have received.
 - (3.) To render it absolutely compulsory that persons, when able, shall pay for the support of their relatives when receiving aid or support from any charitable institution.
 - (4.) That more efficient means be adopted to prevent children from being sent to the Industrial Schools when their parents are able to support them; and that all parents whose children may be in such schools shall be compelled to contribute towards their support whenever possible.
 - (5.) That all persons who may be confined in the Hospitals for the Insane shall be maintained there at the expense of their relatives, when such relatives are in a position to contribute towards their support.

In Committee on the Amending Land Bill—

6. MR. O'CALLAGHAN : To move, That married women be permitted to select land to the extent of 320 acres.

On the motion to read the Land Bill a second time—

7. MR. MIRAMS : To move, *as an amendment*, To strike out all the words after "That," for the purpose of inserting the following :—

"The proposals of the Government for dealing with the country Crown lands do not meet with the approval of this House, for the following reasons :—

- (1.) Because they unwisely extend the area of selection from 320 to 640 acres.
- (2.) Because they continue a system of alienation, which has resulted in the ruinous squandering of the public estate without securing the advantages anticipated, or a return commensurate with the sacrifice made.
- (3.) Because they aim at the speedy alienation of the whole of the remaining country lands, instead of preserving them for the present and future benefit of the State and community, by a proper system of leasing."

PETER LALOR,
Speaker.

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Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 14.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 26.

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Statistical Register—Part V.—Law, Crime, Etc. No. 26.

Management and Conservation of State Forests.—[30] (To Members of Assembly only.)

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THURSDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER.

Questions.

1. MR. DOW: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways in the event of his not being able to open the St. Arnaud and Donald Railway through to Donald in time for the coming harvest, if he will endeavour to open it as far as Cope Cope.
2. MR. DOW: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether he will take steps to have shed and other accommodation erected at Cope Cope Railway Station, for the reception of the farmers' wheat, in time for the coming harvest.

TUESDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER.

Questions.

1. MR. LEVIEN: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture if it is the intention of the Government to eradicate the vines in the Geelong district, in terms of the Vine Disease Committee's Report, and also of the recommendation of Mr. Hardy, the representative of the Government of South Australia, on the subject.
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ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. POLICE OFFENCES BILL.—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION:—

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On going into Committee of Supply or Ways and Means—

4. **MR. QUICK** : To call the attention of the Honorable the Attorney-General to the urgent necessity of making better provision for the safe and effectual administration of justice in the County Courts of the country districts by increasing the present number of County Court judges, and subdividing some of the existing County Court districts.
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In Committee on the Amending Land Bill—

6. **MR. O'CALLAGHAN** : To move, That married women be permitted to select land to the extent of 320 acres.

On the motion to read the Land Bill a second time—

7. **MR. MIRAMS** : To move, *as an amendment*, To strike out all the words after "That," for the purpose of inserting the following :—
- "The proposals of the Government for dealing with the country Crown lands do not meet with the approval of this House, for the following reasons :—
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PETER LALOR,
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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 18TH NOVEMBER.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 15.
 Importation and Examination of Tea Bill.—[6] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)
 Chinese Influx Restriction Bill.—[10] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)
 Game Protection Bill.—[44] (To Members of Council only.)
 Church Property Trustees Bill—Clauses to be moved by the Hon. Sir C. Sladen. (To Members of Council only.)
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER 1881.

Questions.

1. MR. DOW : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways in the event of his not being able to open the St. Arnaud and Donald Railway through to Donald in time for the coming harvest, if he will endeavour to open it as far as Cope Cope.
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5. MR. GARDINER : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands when he intends to open the avenue through the University Reserve, between Madeline street and Sydney road.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SLUDGE DRAINAGE BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. WATER CONSERVATION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. RESIDENCE AREAS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. LAND ACTS CONTINUATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
5. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
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7. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
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9. FORESTS MANAGEMENT.—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—To be considered in Committee.
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13. AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE BILL.—Second reading.
14. RAILWAY LOAN ACCOUNT APPLICATION (WATER SUPPLY) BILL.—Second reading.
15. SURPLUS RAILWAY LANDS SALE OR LEASING BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

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TUESDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER.

Questions.

1. MR. LEVIEN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture if it is the intention of the Government to eradicate the vines in the Geelong district, in terms of the Vine Disease Committee's Report, and also of the recommendation of Mr. Hardy, the representative of the Government of South Australia, on the subject.
2. MR. GAVAN DUFFY : To ask the Honorable the Premier if the Government have any intention to alter the duty on maize.
3. MR. FISHER : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary what steps he proposes to take regarding the distribution of the Kelly reward fund.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. COMPANIES STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(From two o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS:—

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2. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT—APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS IN—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
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3. PENSIONS ABOLITION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(From two o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO PRIVATE BILL :—

1. MAJOR W. C. SMITH : To move, That the Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the drainage of the Sebastopol and Ballarat Plateau, the Durham Lead, and auriferous lands adjacent thereto,*" be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of Mr. Gillies, Mr. Hunt, Mr. R. Clark, Mr. Dow, Mr. Johnstone, Mr. Davies, and the Mover, three to form a quorum, with power to send for persons, papers, and records ; and that leave be given to parties whose interests may be affected by the said Bill to appear either in person or by counsel before such Committee.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. GAMBLING PREVENTION BILL.—Second reading.
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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 24TH NOVEMBER.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 16.
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER 1881.

Questions.

1. MR. LEVIEN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture if it is the intention of the Government to eradicate the vines in the Geelong district, in terms of the Vine Disease Committee's Report, and also of the recommendation of Mr. Hardy, the representative of the Government of South Australia, on the subject.
2. MR. GAVAN DUFFY : To ask the Honorable the Premier if the Government have any intention to alter the duty on maize.
3. MR. FISHER : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary what steps he proposes to take regarding the distribution of the Kelly reward fund.
4. MR. MCCOLL : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if it be a fact that no reply has been given to the Petitions forwarded to the Law Department on behalf of the boys, Punch and Carbis, now in Pentridge.
5. MR. LONGMORE : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether his attention has been called to a statement that four members of the Victorian police gave "Wild Wright" a good character on the occasion of a recent criminal trial in New South Wales; and, if so, what steps he intends to take in the matter.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. LANGDON : To move, That there be laid before this House, a return showing the area of land applied for in the months of July, August, September, and October, during the years 1879, 1880, and 1881; and, also, the area of land granted.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SLUDGE DRAINAGE BILL.—Consideration of Report.
2. WATER CONSERVATION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. LAND ACTS CONTINUATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
4. RESIDENCE AREAS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
5. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
6. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.—ACT No. 701.—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE UNDER.—To be further considered in Committee.
7. PUBLIC LOANS REDEMPTION BILL.—Second reading.
8. FORESTS MANAGEMENT.—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—To be considered in Committee.
9. LIBRARY, MUSEUMS, AND NATIONAL GALLERY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. RAILWAYS CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Second reading.
11. RAILWAY LOAN BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
12. AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE BILL.—Second reading.
13. RAILWAY LOAN ACCOUNT APPLICATION (WATER SUPPLY) BILL.—Second reading.
14. SURPLUS RAILWAY LANDS SALE OR LEASING BILL.—Second reading.
15. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
16. COMPANIES STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ANDERSON : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the circumstances connected with the fine imposed on Mr. W. Shuttleworth; such Committee to consist of Mr. Langdon, Mr. Officer, Mr. Davies, Mr. Rees, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.
2. MR. MCCOLL : To move, That the control of all the waters of this colony remain vested in the hands of the State as at present, and shall in no case be parted with to any city, town, or shire council, or other corporate body or individual whatever, until a Royal Commission shall have sat to collect evidence, and Parliament shall have passed an Act for legalizing and regulating the conservation, distribution, and sale of water for agricultural, pastoral, mining, traffic supply, or drainage.
3. MR. MCCOLL : To move, That a contour survey of the colony of Victoria be made at the 100-foot level above datum, namely, low-water mark in Hobson's Bay; also, that contour surveys at the relative heights of 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, and 800-foot level be made of the whole colony.
4. MR. MCCOLL : To move, That there be laid before this House—
 - (1.) A copy of the verdict that was given in the Equity Court, *Evans v. the Queen*.
 - (2.) The number of leases that have been transferred to a Mr. Cormack since the decision of *Evans v. the Queen*.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(From two o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. MR. MCKEAN : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to improve the jurisdiction and procedure of the Supreme Court of the Colony of Victoria and for other purposes connected therewith.
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3. MR. MCKEAN : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the law relating to Justices of the Peace and Courts of General and Petty Sessions.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WOODS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House—
 - (1.) The present system of defence adopted in Victoria is partial, inadequate, costly, and out of all proportion small, as compared with the magnitude of the interests at stake.
 - (2.) That it is the duty of every citizen to be prepared to defend the land of his birth or adoption.
 - (3.) That military drill and military service should be made compulsory on all citizens between the ages of 16 and 60.
 - (4.) That military drill and rifle practice should be taught in all schools, whether public or private, to boys between the ages of 10 and 15.
 - (5.) That competitive essays on the means and cost of carrying into effect the above resolutions be invited, accompanied with such prizes as will be likely to induce the best military authorities of Europe, America, and the colonies to compete.
2. MR. HALL : To move, That there be laid before this House all the papers relating to the case of Dr. Cecil Jackson, late of Maryborough.
3. MR. ROBERTSON : To move, That, inasmuch as the avowed object of opening the closed roads of the colony is to supply a supposed public want, without detriment to the public welfare, this House is of opinion that a legal power of restraining the compulsory opening of all closed roads in any shire should be placed in the hands of the persons most deeply interested and affected, namely, the inhabitants themselves, who are entitled to protection from the injurious consequences which would flow from such compulsory opening, by some efficient measure of local option.
4. MR. DOW : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Messrs. Gooch and Bannister to a reward for discovering the Four-miles Rush Goldfield near Moonambel; such Committee to consist of Mr. McKean, Mr. Quick, Mr. R. Clark, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Mason, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover, three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, and to move from place to place.
5. MR. O'CALLAGHAN : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all papers and correspondence relating to the case of W. Wall, now a prisoner in Her Majesty's gaol, and formerly a publican at Nhill.
6. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Mr. Hargreaves, the Goldfields discoverer; such Committee to consist of the following Members :—Mr. Longmore, Mr. Zox, Mr. Johnstone, Mr. O'Callaghan, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons, papers, and records.
7. MR. MCCOLL : To move—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, no land legislation will be satisfactory except such as shall secure a system of settlement providing for the occupation of that territory remaining in the hands of the Crown which is in the North-western plains, the Snowy plains, and mountain ranges of Gippsland, Cape Otway, and the Western district.
 - (2.) That such land shall be proclaimed as leasing areas, and opened as soon as possible for settlement at a yearly rental of One shilling per five acres, for a term of thirty-three years.
 - (3.) That the minimum blocks shall consist of five acres, and the maximum blocks of 10,000 acres.
 - (4.) That all easements and regulations now law, or that may become law, with regard to Crown lands, shall remain in full force on said leaseholds, allowing full ingress, egress, and regress for mining, irrigation, drainage, or traffic purposes.
 - (5.) That lessees shall be required to make *bonâ fide* improvements, to the attested value of Five shillings per acre, within three years, under penalty of forfeiture of lease.
 - (6.) That no forest reserve in any district coming within the operation of the leasing land law shall exceed one-tenth of the area thereof.
 - (7.) That no area of water reserve, or reservoir, shall exceed one-tenth of the district it is intended to supply.
 - (8.) That all leases of said lands shall revert to the State three times in 100 years, with a period of four months' grace, rent free, to allow of a valuation and adjustment of rent; the occupant to have right of renewal of lease at increased rent, or half compensation for improvement after valuation.
 - (9.) That the water of all rivers, creeks, lakes, and watercourses, shall belong to the State, and may be leased for irrigation, traffic, and motive power purposes; such leases to revert to the State three times in 100 years.
 - (10.) That all metals and minerals in said lands shall remain the property of the Crown; and the right to mine the same shall be by separate and distinct leases, reverting to the State, as per 8th clause.
8. MR. NIMMO : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that a sum of money may be placed upon the Estimates to compensate Mrs. Leggat, in accordance with the recommendation in the report of the Select Committee, appointed by this House to enquire into the allegations contained in her petition, for the wrongs sustained by her late husband, James Leggat.

9. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the value of the goods sold in the Exhibition building and the amount of duty paid thereon.
10. MR. DEAKIN : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, land belongs to the living and should be at the free disposal of living owners ; that the law should recognize only one kind of property in land as in goods, and that an absolute property, and only one kind of proprietor, and that an absolute proprietor in equity as well as at law.
11. MR. MCKEAN : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the number of police magistrates in the colony should be increased.
12. MR. BARR : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Harbour Trust Commission should be absorbed into and its functions administered by the Public Works Department, as thereby a great saving of expenditure would be effected, and greater satisfaction would be given to the public.
13. MR. REES : To move, That the following Members of the Legislative Assembly form the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the sale of land at Cowie's Creek, viz., Mr. Langdon, Mr. Bell, Mr. Harris, Mr. Langridge, Mr. Davies, Mr. Fincham, and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; such Committee to have power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to have leave to meet on days on which the House does not sit, and to move from place to place.
14. SIR C. MACMAHON : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the cost of the Police Commission, showing in detail the various items, including salary of secretary, shorthand writing, printing, travelling expenses, cost of witnesses ; also, a return of the salaries of officers suspended from duty, and every other expense whatsoever.
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18. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to bring in a Bill similar to that in existence in England, dealing with the adulteration of food, embracing tea, coffee, cocoa, &c., &c.
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1. POLICE OFFENCES BILL.—Second reading.
2. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT—APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS IN—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
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3. PENSIONS ABOLITION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(From two o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO PRIVATE BILL :—

1. MAJOR W. C. SMITH : To move, That the Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the drainage of the Sebastopol and Ballarat Plateau, the Durham Lead, and auriferous lands adjacent thereto,*" be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of Mr. Gillies, Mr. Hunt, Mr. R. Clark, Mr. Dow, Mr. Johnstone, Mr. Davies, and the Mover, three to form a quorum, with power to send for persons, papers, and records ; and that leave be given to parties whose interests may be affected by the said Bill to appear either in person or by counsel before such Committee.

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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 25TH NOVEMBER.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 17.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 16.

Electoral Act 1865 Amendment Bill.—[9] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 30.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[30]

Companies Statute 1864 Amendment Bill.—[13] (To Members of Assembly only.)

Drainage of Sludge Bill.—[38] As reported 24th November. (To Members of Assembly only.)



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER 1881.

Questions.

1. **MR. FISHER** : To ask the Honorable the Premier whether the Government will provide on the Supplementary Estimates for the erection of a building suitable for Post, Telegraph, and Land Offices on the site reserved for the same at Kerang.
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8. **MR. ORKNEY** : To ask the Honorable the Premier if the Government, with the knowledge of the possible dire effects to life and property, were a flood to take place in the River Yarra, in the altered condition of the raised river flats, without a corresponding outlet for the flood water, will treat The Harbor Trust amending Bill as a matter of urgency.
9. **MR. WRIXON** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if, referring to the case of Constable Harris convicted at the Central Criminal Court last month, he has had under consideration the conduct of certain members of the police force who, it appeared from the evidence, neglected to follow up the complaint of the injured woman, by not taking the usual steps to secure evidence, and thus nearly caused a failure of justice in the case.
10. **MR. ORKNEY** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs when the arrangement for the disposal of silt from dredgings by the Harbor Trust, proposed to be deposited on low lands abutting on the river and deep water in the Bay, will be agreed to by the Government, as the harbor works are at a stand still for want of such agreement.

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4. **MR. MIRAMS** : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend an Act intituled An Act to regulate the taxation of Attorneys' bills of costs and the practice of conveyancing, or so much thereof as is unrepealed.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. WOODS** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House—
 - (1.) The present system of defence adopted in Victoria is partial, inadequate, costly, and out of all proportion small, as compared with the magnitude of the interests at stake.
 - (2.) That it is the duty of every citizen to be prepared to defend the land of his birth or adoption.
 - (3.) That military drill and military service should be made compulsory on all citizens between the ages of 16 and 60.
 - (4.) That military drill and rifle practice should be taught in all schools, whether public or private, to boys between the ages of 10 and 15.
 - (5.) That competitive essays on the means and cost of carrying into effect the above resolutions be invited, accompanied with such prizes as will be likely to induce the best military authorities of Europe, America, and the colonies to compete.
2. **MR. HALL** : To move, That there be laid before this House all the papers relating to the case of Dr. Cecil Jackson, late of Maryborough.

3. **MR. ROBERTSON :** To move, That, inasmuch as the avowed object of opening the closed roads of the colony is to supply a supposed public want, without detriment to the public welfare, this House is of opinion that a legal power of restraining the compulsory opening of all closed roads in any shire should be placed in the hands of the persons most deeply interested and affected, namely, the inhabitants themselves, who are entitled to protection from the injurious consequences which would flow from such compulsory opening, by some efficient measure of local option.
4. **MR. DOW :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Messrs. Gooch and Bannister to a reward for discovering the Four-miles Rush Goldfield near Moonambel; such Committee to consist of Mr. McKean, Mr. Quick, Mr. R. Clark, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Mason, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover, three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, and to move from place to place.
5. **MR. O'CALLAGHAN :** To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all papers and correspondence relating to the case of W. Wall, now a prisoner in Her Majesty's gaol, and formerly a publican at Nhill.
6. **MR. MCINTYRE :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Mr. Hargreaves, the Goldfields discoverer; such Committee to consist of the following Members:—Mr. Longmore, Mr. Zox, Mr. Johnstone, Mr. O'Callaghan, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons, papers, and records.
7. **MR. MCCOLL :** To move—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, no land legislation will be satisfactory except such as shall secure a system of settlement providing for the occupation of that territory remaining in the hands of the Crown which is in the North-western plains, the Snowy plains, and mountain ranges of Gippsland, Cape O'way, and the Western district.
 - (2.) That such land shall be proclaimed as leasing areas, and opened as soon as possible for settlement at a yearly rental of One shilling per five acres, for a term of thirty-three years.
 - (3.) That the minimum blocks shall consist of five acres, and the maximum blocks of 10,000 acres.
 - (4.) That all easements and regulations now law, or that may become law, with regard to Crown lands, shall remain in full force on said leaseholds, allowing full ingress, egress, and regress for mining, irrigation, drainage, or traffic purposes.
 - (5.) That lessees shall be required to make *bonâ fide* improvements, to the attested value of Five shillings per acre, within three years, under penalty of forfeiture of lease.
 - (6.) That no forest reserve in any district coming within the operation of the leasing land law shall exceed one-tenth of the area thereof.
 - (7.) That no area of water reserve, or reservoir, shall exceed one-tenth of the district it is intended to supply.
 - (8.) That all leases of said lands shall revert to the State three times in 100 years, with a period of four months' grace, rent free, to allow of a valuation and adjustment of rent; the occupant to have right of renewal of lease at increased rent, or half compensation for improvement after valuation.
 - (9.) That the water of all rivers, creeks, lakes, and watercourses, shall belong to the State, and may be leased for irrigation, traffic, and motive power purposes; such leases to revert to the State three times in 100 years.
 - (10.) That all metals and minerals in said lands shall remain the property of the Crown; and the right to mine the same shall be by separate and distinct leases, reverting to the State, as per 8th clause.
8. **MR. NIMMO :** To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that a sum of money may be placed upon the Estimates to compensate Mrs. Leggat, in accordance with the recommendation in the report of the Select Committee, appointed by this House to enquire into the allegations contained in her petition, for the wrongs sustained by her late husband, James Leggat.
9. **MR. ZOX :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the value of the goods sold in the Exhibition building and the amount of duty paid thereon.
10. **MR. DEAKIN :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, land belongs to the living and should be at the free disposal of living owners; that the law should recognize only one kind of property in land as in goods, and that an absolute property, and only one kind of proprietor, and that an absolute proprietor in equity as well as at law.
11. **MR. MCKEAN :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the number of police magistrates in the colony should be increased.
12. **MR. BARR :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Harbour Trust Commission should be absorbed into and its functions administered by the Public Works Department, as thereby a great saving of expenditure would be effected, and greater satisfaction would be given to the public.
13. **MR. REES :** To move, That the following Members of the Legislative Assembly form the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the sale of land at Cowie's Creek, viz., Mr. Langdon, Mr. Bell, Mr. Harris, Mr. Langridge, Mr. Davies, Mr. Fincham, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; such Committee to have power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to have leave to meet on days on which the House does not sit, and to move from place to place.
14. **SIR C. MACMAHON :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the cost of the Police Commission, showing in detail the various items, including salary of secretary, shorthand writing, printing, travelling expenses, cost of witnesses; also, a return of the salaries of officers suspended from duty, and every other expense whatsoever.
15. **MR. LONGMORE :** To move, That it is inexpedient to alienate roads, as now proposed by the Mount Rouse Shire Council, in the parishes of Nareb-Nareb and other parishes, and that such practice should be discontinued.

16. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other farm produce should be reduced to 1d. per ton per mile for the first 150 miles from the sea-board, and $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per ton per mile for distances beyond.
17. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should, without delay, establish prospecting for gold by means of diamond drills, to be sent free into sparsely populated localities of likely gold-bearing character.
18. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to bring in a Bill similar to that in existence in England, dealing with the adulteration of food, embracing tea, coffee, cocoa, &c., &c.
19. MR. LONGMORE : To move, That there be laid before the House copies of all papers relating to the defalcations of the late Accountant of the Crown Lands department.
20. MR. DEAKIN : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the maintenance of the public highways will be best ensured by the establishment of Road boards, such boards to have jurisdiction over large areas, and due powers of rating, so that the cost of making and repairing the roads may fall equitably upon all persons deriving benefit from their construction.
21. MR. BARR : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is most undesirable that any permission should be given for the deposit of silt in the Bay.
22. MR. MACGREGOR : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a uniform rate of a half-penny per mile be charged on all suburban railway lines, and that monthly tickets be continued *pro rata*.
23. MR. W. MCG. CLARK : To move, That there be laid before this House a report from competent persons showing the cause of corrosion in the *Cerberus* boilers.
24. MR. MCKEAN : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into all the circumstances relating to the issue of a Crown title, under the Land Transfer Statute, to allotments 17 and 31, section 6, parish of Guildford, county of Talbot, by which the owners have been dispossessed of their purchased estate; the said Committee to consist of Mr. Mirams, Mr. McColl, Mr. Davies, Mr. Mason, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to send for persons and papers and records.
25. MR. ANDERSON : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the circumstances connected with the fine imposed on Mr. W. Shuttleworth; such Committee to consist of Mr. Langdon, Mr. Officer, Mr. Davies, Mr. Rees, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.
26. MR. MCCOLL : To move, That the control of all the waters of this colony remain vested in the hands of the State as at present, and shall in no case be parted with to any city, town, or shire council, or other corporate body or individual whatever, until a Royal Commission shall have sat to collect evidence, and Parliament shall have passed an Act for legalizing and regulating the conservation, distribution, and sale of water for agricultural, pastoral, mining, traffic supply, or drainage.
27. MR. MCCOLL : To move, That a contour survey of the colony of Victoria be made at the 100-foot level above datum, namely, low-water mark in Hobson's Bay; also, that contour surveys at the relative heights of 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, and 800-foot level be made of the whole colony.
28. MR. MCCOLL : To move, That there be laid before this House—
 (1.) A copy of the verdict that was given in the Equity Court, *Evans v. the Queen*.
 (2.) The number of leases that have been transferred to a Mr. Cormack since the decision of *Evans v. the Queen*.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. POLICE OFFENCES BILL.—Second reading.
2. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT—APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS IN—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
 That, in the opinion of this House, all appointments to, or promotions in, the teaching staff in the Education Department should be made by the Minister upon the written recommendation of a board, consisting of the Secretary, Inspector-General, and the head of the Training Institute.
3. PENSIONS ABOLITION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN : To move, That so much of the Sessional Order of the Assembly as fixes the days of meeting be read, and that the Assembly meet on Monday for the despatch of business, and that half-past seven o'clock be the hour of meeting on such day; and that Government business take precedence of all other business.
2. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN : To move, That so much of the Sessional Order of the Assembly as fixes four o'clock as the hour of meeting on Tuesday in each week be read and rescinded, and that the hour of meeting on such day be two o'clock.
3. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN : To move, That so much of the Sessional Order of the Assembly relating to General Business taking precedence on Wednesdays from two o'clock until twenty-five minutes past six o'clock, be read and rescinded, and that Government Business take precedence of all other business on each Wednesday from two o'clock.
4. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN : To move, That so much of the Sessional Order as prevents the calling on of fresh business after eleven o'clock on Wednesday be read and rescinded.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WATER CONSERVATION BILL.—Consideration of Report.
2. LAND ACTS CONTINUATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
3. RESIDENCE AREAS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.—ACT No. 701.—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE UNDER.—To be further considered in Committee.
6. PUBLIC LOANS REDEMPTION BILL.—Second reading.
7. FORESTS MANAGEMENT.—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—To be considered in Committee.
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14. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
15. COMPANIES STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 1ST DECEMBER.

Question.

1. MR. R. MURRAY SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Premier if he has any objection to lay on the Table of the House a memorial addressed by Mr. J. W. Beilby to the Executive Council.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. COOPER: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of licenses issued under the the 42nd section of the *Land Act* 1865; also the number of licenses held under the 49th section, and the area held under each.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DEAKIN : To move, That there be laid before this House the plans, specifications, and schedule of prices for materials supplied in the construction of the Lancefield Railway.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(From two o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO PRIVATE BILL :—

1. MAJOR W. C. SMITH : To move, That the Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the drainage of the Sebastopol and Ballarat Plateau, the Durham Lead, and auriferous lands adjacent thereto,*" be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of Mr. Gillies, Mr. Hunt, Mr. R. Clark, Mr. Dow, Mr. Johnstone, Mr. Davies, and the Mover, three to form a quorum, with power to send for persons, papers, and records; and that leave be given to parties whose interests may be affected by the said Bill to appear either in person or by counsel before such Committee.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. GAMBLING PREVENTION BILL.—Second reading.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. LOCAL OPTION—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
That inasmuch as the avowed object of licensing the sale of intoxicating liquors' is to supply a supposed public want, without detriment to the public welfare, this House is of opinion that a legal power of restraining the issue or renewal of licenses should be placed in the hands of the persons most deeply interested and affected, namely, the inhabitants themselves, who are entitled to protection from the injurious consequences of the present system by some efficient measure of local option.
4. ADMIRALTY JURISDICTION EXTENSION BILL.—Second reading.
5. MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION OF FORESTS BILL.—Second reading.
6. CRIMINAL LAW AND PRACTICE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
8. CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL.—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply—

1. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is inexpedient that the Melbourne Harbor Trust should be allowed to deposit silt in Hobson's Bay.
2. MR. LAURENS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the system now practised by the Commissioner of Railways, of calling for tenders for the construction of railways several weeks before it is by any means possible to prepare sectional plans and specifications for the guidance of intending tenderers, is a waste of public money, injurious and disappointing to contractors, tends to mislead the general public, and therefore should be discontinued.
3. MR. KERFERD : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the "*Passengers, Harbors, and Navigation Statute* 1865" should be amended in the following particulars :—That the provisions regarding the number and capacity of boats to be carried by ships and steamers should be based upon the maximum number of passengers and crew allowed to be carried, and not upon the tonnage of the ships or steamers; and should require that a larger proportion of such boats should be life-boats,

and fitted with the most approved patent lowering apparatus; that more stringent provisions should be made with respect to the keeping of such boats in a position and state fit for immediate use; that, in the case of a ship and steamers carrying more than one hundred and fifty passengers, life-rafts or other apparatus, in addition to boats, should be carried; that the number of life-buoys to be carried on board ships and steamers should be regulated by a scale, according to the number of passengers and crew allowed to be carried by such ship and steamers; that a clause should be inserted in the amending Bill requiring the master of every ship and steamer to provide a life-jacket for every passenger and sailor allowed to be carried, and that such life-jacket should be placed inside each berth in such ship and steamer; and that proper provision should be made that sailing ships carrying passengers should be provided with fire-hose and distress signals.

Contingent upon the House approving of these alterations being made, That the Honorable the Chief Secretary should invite the co-operation of the colonies in the Australian group, with the view of joint action being taken by all the Australian colonies to secure uniformity of local shipping laws with respect to these proposed amendments; and also to urge upon the Imperial Government the great necessity that exists for legislation by the Imperial Parliament upon the same subject.

4. **MR. MURRAY SMITH** : To move, That the Petition of Mr. George Urquhart, presented by the Honorable Member for Mandurang, Mr. H. McColl, be referred to a Select Committee of this House.

5. **MR. MCCOLL** : To move, That the Petition on Water Supply presented by the Honorable Member for Avoca, Mr. Langdon, be now taken into consideration.

On going into Committee of Supply or Ways and Means—

6. **MR. QUICK** : To call the attention of the Honorable the Attorney-General to the urgent necessity of making better provision for the safe and effectual administration of justice in the County Courts of the country districts by increasing the present number of County Court judges, and subdividing some of the existing County Court districts.

7. **MR. ZOX** : To call the attention of the Premier to the state of the charitable, industrial, reformatory, and lunatic institutions of the colony, and the alleged abuses concerning the management of the same; and to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has now arrived for Legislative action to be taken, and that the Attorney-General be directed to introduce a Bill to carry out, in addition to other matters, the following objects:—

(1.) Power to be given to the Government for an annual audit, by the Commissioners of Audit, of all expenditure in connection with any charitable institution in the colony that is in the receipt of Government aid.

(2.) To make it a punishable offence for any persons of means to receive support or assistance from any charitable institution unless such persons shall pay to such institution the expense of any support or assistance they may have received.

(3.) To render it absolutely compulsory that persons, when able, shall pay for the support of their relatives when receiving aid or support from any charitable institution.

(4.) That more efficient means be adopted to prevent children from being sent to the Industrial Schools when their parents are able to support them; and that all parents whose children may be in such schools shall be compelled to contribute towards their support whenever possible.

(5.) That all persons who may be confined in the Hospitals for the Insane shall be maintained there at the expense of their relatives, when such relatives are in a position to contribute towards their support.

In Committee on the Amending Land Bill—

8. **MR. O'CALLAGHAN** : To move, That married women be permitted to select land to the extent of 320 acres.

On the motion to read the Land Bill a second time—

9. **MR. MIRAMS** : To move, *as an amendment*, To strike out all the words after "That," for the purpose of inserting the following:—

"The proposals of the Government for dealing with the country Crown lands do not meet with the approval of this House, for the following reasons:—

(1.) Because they unwisely extend the area of selection from 320 to 640 acres.

(2.) Because they continue a system of alienation, which has resulted in the ruinous squandering of the public estate without securing the advantages anticipated, or a return commensurate with the sacrifice made.

(3.) Because they aim at the speedy alienation of the whole of the remaining country lands, instead of preserving them for the present and future benefit of the State and community, by a proper system of leasing."

PETER LALOR,

Speaker.

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Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 18.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 17.

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THURSDAY, 1ST DECEMBER 1881.

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1. MR. R. MURRAY SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Premier if he has any objection to lay on the Table of the House a memorial addressed by Mr. J. W. Beilby to the Executive Council.
2. MR. DEAKIN : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands if he will bring in a short Bill this session to amend "The Rabbit Suppression Act," making the destruction of these vermin compulsory and contemporaneous at the most suitable period of the year.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. COOPER : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of licenses issued under the the 42nd section of the *Land Act* 1865 ; also the number of licenses held under the 49th section, and the area held under each.

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1. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN : To move, That so much of the Sessional Order of the Assembly as fixes the days of meeting be read, and that the Assembly meet on Monday for the despatch of business, and that half-past seven o'clock be the hour of meeting on such day ; and that Government business take precedence of all other business.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPPLY—Resolutions to be reported.
2. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. RESIDENCE AREAS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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TUESDAY, 6TH DECEMBER.

Questions.

1. MR. MCINTYRE : To ask the Honorable the Premier if it is the intention of the Government to give effect to the resolution passed by this House on the motion of the Honorable Member for Ripon and Hampden (Mr. Longmore) relative to closed roads, and make the payment of future instalments of subsidy conditional upon a certain proportion of the said roads being thrown open by January 1882.
2. MR. WRIXON : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if, referring to the case of Constable Harris convicted at the Central Criminal Court last month, he has had under consideration the conduct of certain members of the police force who, it appeared from the evidence, neglected to promptly follow up the complaint of the injured woman, by taking the usual steps to secure evidence, and thus nearly caused a failure of justice in the case.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. GAME PROTECTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(From two o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO PRIVATE BILL :—

1. MAJOR W. C. SMITH : To move, That the Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the drainage of the Sebastopol and Ballarat Plateau, the Durham Lead, and auriferous lands adjacent thereto,*" be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of Mr. Gillies, Mr. Hunt, Mr. R. Clark, Mr. Dow, Mr. Johnstone, Mr. Davies, and the Mover, three to form a quorum, with power to send for persons, papers, and records ; and that leave be given to parties whose interests may be affected by the said Bill to appear either in person or by counsel before such Committee.

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8. CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL.—Second reading.
9. JUSTICES LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. ATTORNEYS' COSTS TAXATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
11. POLICE OFFENCES BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
12. MRS. LEGGAT—MOTION FOR ADDRESS.—To be considered in Committee.
13. POLICE MAGISTRATES—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
That, in the opinion of this House, the number of police magistrates in the colony should be increased.
14. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT—APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS IN—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
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Contingent upon the House approving of these alterations being made, That the Honorable the Chief Secretary should invite the co-operation of the colonies in the Australian group, with the view of joint action being taken by all the Australian colonies to secure uniformity of local shipping laws with respect to these proposed amendments ; and also to urge upon the Imperial Government the great necessity that exists for legislation by the Imperial Parliament upon the same subject.

4. MR. MURRAY SMITH : To move, That the Petition of Mr. George Urquhart, presented by the Honorable Member for Mandurang, Mr. H. McColl, be referred to a Select Committee of this House.
5. MR. MCCOLL : To move, That the Petition on Water Supply presented by the Honorable Member for Avoca, Mr. Langdon, be now taken into consideration.

On going into Committee of Supply or Ways and Means—

6. MR. QUICK : To call the attention of the Honorable the Attorney-General to the urgent necessity of making better provision for the safe and effectual administration of justice in the County Courts of the country districts by increasing the present number of County Court judges, and subdividing some of the existing County Court districts.
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 - (1.) Power to be given to the Government for an annual audit, by the Commissioners of Audit, of all expenditure in connection with any charitable institution in the colony that is in the receipt of Government aid.
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 - (3.) To render it absolutely compulsory that persons, when able, shall pay for the support of their relatives when receiving aid or support from any charitable institution.
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In Committee on the Amending Land Bill—

8. **MR. O'CALLAGHAN :** To move, That married women be permitted to select land to the extent of 320 acres.

On the motion to read the Land Bill a second time—

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- (2.) Because they continue a system of alienation, which has resulted, in the ruinous squandering of the public estate without securing the advantages anticipated, or a return commensurate with the sacrifice made.
- (3.) Because they aim at the speedy alienation of the whole of the remaining country lands, instead of preserving them for the present and future benefit of the State and community, by a proper system of leasing."

PETER LALOR,
Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 1ST DECEMBER.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 19.

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Statement of Changes effected in the Constitution of the Legislative Council under the Act 45 Vict. No. 702. (To Members of Council only.)

Drainage of Sludge Bill.—[38] (To Members of Council only.)

Tea Importation and Examination Bill.—[6] As reported 30th November. (To Members of Council only.)

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Mining Surveyors and Registrars—Reports of the, for quarter ended 30th September 1881. No. 29.

Petition—State School System of Education. E.—No. 2.

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TUESDAY, 6TH DECEMBER 1881.

Questions.

1. **MR. MCINTYRE** : To ask the Honorable the Premier if it is the intention of the Government to give effect to the resolution passed by this House on the motion of the Honorable Member for Ripon and Hampden (Mr. Longmore) relative to closed roads, and make the payment of future instalments of subsidy conditional upon a certain proportion of the said roads being thrown open by January 1882.
2. **MR. WRIXON** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if, referring to the case of Constable Harris convicted at the Central Criminal Court last month, he has had under consideration the conduct of certain members of the police force who, it appeared from the evidence, neglected to promptly follow up the complaint of the injured woman, by taking the usual steps to secure evidence, and thus nearly caused a failure of justice in the case.
3. **MR. WOODS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if he is satisfied with the management and working of the diamond drills ; and, if not, what steps he proposes to take in the matter.
4. **MR. R. MURRAY SMITH** : To ask the Honorable the Premier if he has any objection to lay on the Table of the House a memorial addressed by Mr. J. W. Beilby to the Executive Council.
5. **MR. DEAKIN** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands if he will bring in a short Bill this session to amend "The Rabbit Suppression Act," making the destruction of these vermin compulsory and contemporaneous at the most suitable period of the year.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. **MR. MASON** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return in connection with the supply of coal to the Railway department, from 1st January 1881 to the present date, showing :—
 - (1.) The names of the persons tendering for the supply of coal to the Railway department, from 1st January during the present year.
 - (2.) The amount of each tender, viz., rate per ton.
 - (3.) The name or names of the successful tenderers.
 - (4.) The conditions under which either of the parties to the contract was at liberty to terminate same.
 - (5.) The quantity of coal supplied since 1st January last, by the Australian and Agricultural Company, Newcastle, N.S.W., under contract.
 - (6.) The quantity or quantities (if any) supplied by other coal mining companies, or persons in the Newcastle district, N.S.W., since 1st January ; also, the name or names of the colliery or collieries.
 - (7.) The manner in which the Railway department has been supplied with coal since 1st January, 1881 ; also, for all papers, memoranda, telegrams, &c., &c., which have passed between officers of the Railway department, contractors, and other persons in connection with the coal requirements of the department, and the supply thereof ; more especially such papers, &c., as pertain to the supply of coal during the month of February last, when the supply was considerably short of the demands of the department.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN** : To move, That so much of the Sessional Order of the Assembly as fixes the days of meeting be read, and that the Assembly meet on Monday for the despatch of business, and that half-past seven o'clock be the hour of meeting on such day ; and that Government business take precedence of all other business.
2. **SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN** : To move, That so much of the Sessional Order of the Assembly as fixes four o'clock as the hour of meeting on Tuesday in each week be read and rescinded, and that the hour of meeting on such day be two o'clock.
3. **SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN** : To move, That so much of the Sessional Order of the Assembly relating to General Business taking precedence on Wednesdays from two o'clock until twenty-five minutes past six o'clock, be read and rescinded, and that Government Business take precedence of all other business on each Wednesday from two o'clock.
4. **SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN** : To move, That so much of the Sessional Order as prevents the calling on of fresh business after eleven o'clock on Wednesday be read and rescinded.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.—ACT No. 701.—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE UNDER.—Resolution to be reported.
3. RAILWAY LOAN ACCOUNT APPLICATION (WATER SUPPLY) BILL.—Second reading.
4. RESIDENCE AREAS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Consideration of Report.
5. RAILWAYS CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Second reading.
6. RAILWAY LOAN BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
7. PUBLIC LOANS REDEMPTION BILL.—Second reading.
8. FORESTS MANAGEMENT.—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—To be considered in Committee.
9. LIBRARY, MUSEUMS, AND NATIONAL GALLERY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE BILL.—Second reading.
11. SURPLUS RAILWAY LANDS SALE OR LEASING BILL.—Second reading.
12. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
13. COMPANIES STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
14. GAME PROTECTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DEAKIN : To move, That there be laid before this House the plans, specifications, and schedule of prices for materials supplied in the construction of the Lancefield Railway.
2. MR. MCKEAN : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into all the circumstances relating to the issue of a Crown-title, under the Land Transfer Statute, to allotments 17 and 31, section 6, parish of Guildford, county of Talbot, by which the owners have been dispossessed of their purchased estate; the said Committee to consist of Mr. Mirams, Mr. McColl, Mr. Davies, Mr. Mason, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to send for persons and papers and records.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(From two o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO PRIVATE BILL:—

1. MAJOR W. C. SMITH : To move, That the Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the drainage of the Sebastopol and Ballarat Plateau, the Durham Lead, and auriferous lands adjacent thereto,*" be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of Mr. Gillies, Mr. Hunt, Mr. R. Clark, Mr. Dow, Mr. Johnstone, Mr. Davies, and the Mover, three to form a quorum, with power to send for persons, papers, and records; and that leave be given to parties whose interests may be affected by the said Bill to appear either in person or by counsel before such Committee.

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILL:—

1. MR. MCKEAN : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the law relating to insolvents and their estates, and for the better control of official assignees, in whom such estates are vested.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. GAMBLING PREVENTION BILL.—Second reading.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. LOCAL OPTION—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
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4. ADMIRALTY JURISDICTION EXTENSION BILL.—Second reading.
5. MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION OF FORESTS BILL.—Second reading.
6. CRIMINAL LAW AND PRACTICE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
8. CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL.—Second reading.
9. JUSTICES LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. ATTORNEYS' COSTS TAXATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
11. POLICE OFFENCES BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
12. MRS. LEGGAT—MOTION FOR ADDRESS.—To be considered in Committee.
13. POLICE MAGISTRATES—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
That, in the opinion of this House, the number of police magistrates in the colony should be increased.
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That, in the opinion of this House, all appointments to, or promotions in, the teaching staff in the Education Department should be made by the Minister upon the written recommendation of a board, consisting of the Secretary, Inspector-General, and the head of the Training Institute.
15. PENSIONS ABOLITION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

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Statement of Changes effected in the Constitution of the Legislative Council, under the Act 45 Vict., No. 702. (Issue complete.)

Tea Importation and Examination Bill.—[6] As reported 30th November. (To Members of Council only.)

Water Conservation and Distribution Bill.—[7] (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 33.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[33]

Mining Districts Residence Areas Bill.—[17] As reported 2nd December. (To Members of Assembly only.)

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WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER 1881.

Questions.

1. MR. DAVIES : To ask the Honorable L. L. Smith whether, in view of the successful experiment made by Graham Mitchell, Esq., F.R.C.V.S., at the Model Farm, in obtaining calf lymph, and the scare that exists in the public mind in regard to communicating extraneous diseases by humanized lymph, he will induce the Government, of which he is a Member, to place a sum of money upon the Supplementary Estimates in order to obtain a fuller and further supply of animal lymph, and thus allay the fear which naturally exists in the minds of many parents.
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5. MR. MCINTYRE : To ask the Honorable the Premier if it is the intention of the Government to give effect to the resolution passed by this House on the motion of the Honorable Member for Ripon and Hampden (Mr. Longmore) relative to closed roads, and make the payment of future instalments of subsidy conditional upon a certain proportion of the said roads being thrown open by January 1882.

General Business.

(From two o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO PRIVATE BILL :—

1. MAJOR W. C. SMITH : To move, That the Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the drainage of the Sebastopol and Ballarat Plateau, the Durham Lead, and auriferous lands adjacent thereto,*" be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of Mr. Gillies, Mr. Hunt, Mr. R. Clark, Mr. Dow, Mr. Johnstone, Mr. Davies, and the Mover, three to form a quorum, with power to send for persons, papers, and records ; and that leave be given to parties whose interests may be affected by the said Bill to appear either in person or by counsel before such Committee.

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILL :—

1. MR. MCKEAN : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the law relating to insolvents and their estates, and for the better control of official assignees, in whom such estates are vested.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. GAMBLING PREVENTION BILL.—Second reading.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. LOCAL OPTION—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
That inasmuch as the avowed object of licensing the sale of intoxicating liquors is to supply a supposed public want, without detriment to the public welfare, this House is of opinion that a legal power of restraining the issue or renewal of licenses should be placed in the hands of the persons most deeply interested and affected, namely, the inhabitants themselves, who are entitled to protection from the injurious consequences of the present system by some efficient measure of local option.
4. ADMIRALTY JURISDICTION EXTENSION BILL.—Second reading.
5. MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION OF FORESTS BILL.—Second reading.
6. CRIMINAL LAW AND PRACTICE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
8. CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL.—Second reading.
9. JUSTICES LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. ATTORNEYS' COSTS TAXATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
11. POLICE OFFENCES BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
12. MRS. LEGGAT—MOTION FOR ADDRESS.—To be considered in Committee.
13. POLICE MAGISTRATES—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
That, in the opinion of this House, the number of police magistrates in the colony should be increased.
14. EDUCATION BILL—APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS IN—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
That, in the opinion of this House, all appointments to, or promotions in, the teaching staff in the Education Department should be made by the Minister upon the written recommendation of a board, consisting of the Secretary, Inspector-General, and the head of the Training Institute.
15. PENSIONS ABOLITION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HALL : To move, That there be laid before this House all the papers relating to the case of Dr. Cecil Jackson, late of Maryborough.
2. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Mr. Hargreaves, the Goldfields discoverer ; such Committee to consist of the following Members :—Mr. Longmore, Mr. Zox, Mr. Johnstone, Mr. O'Callaghan, and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; with power to call for persons, papers, and records.
3. MR. MCCOLL : To move—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, no land legislation will be satisfactory except such as shall secure a system of settlement providing for the occupation of that territory remaining in the hands of the Crown which is in the North-western plains, the Snowy plains, and mountain ranges of Gippsland, Cape Otway, and the Western district.
 - (2.) That such land shall be proclaimed as leasing areas, and opened as soon as possible for settlement at a yearly rental of One shilling per five acres, for a term of thirty-three years.
 - (3.) That the minimum blocks shall consist of five acres, and the maximum blocks of 10,000 acres.
 - (4.) That all easements and regulations now law, or that may become law, with regard to Crown lands, shall remain in full force on said leaseholds, allowing full ingress, egress, and regress for mining, irrigation, drainage, or traffic purposes.
 - (5.) That lessees shall be required to make *bonâ fide* improvements, to the attested value of Five shillings per acre, within three years, under penalty of forfeiture of lease.
 - (6.) That no forest reserve in any district coming within the operation of the leasing land law shall exceed one-tenth of the area thereof.
 - (7.) That no area of water reserve, or reservoir, shall exceed one-tenth of the district it is intended to supply.
 - (8.) That all leases of said lands shall revert to the State three times in 100 years, with a period of four months' grace, rent free, to allow of a valuation and adjustment of rent ; the occupant to have right of renewal of lease at increased rent, or half compensation for improvement after valuation.
 - (9.) That the water of all rivers, creeks, lakes, and watercourses, shall belong to the State, and may be leased for irrigation, traffic, and motive power purposes ; such leases to revert to the State three times in 100 years.
 - (10.) That all metals and minerals in said lands shall remain the property of the Crown ; and the right to mine the same shall be by separate and distinct leases, reverting to the State, as per 8th clause.
4. MR. BARR : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Harbour Trust Commission should be absorbed into and its functions administered by the Public Works Department, as thereby a great saving of expenditure would be effected, and greater satisfaction would be given to the public.
5. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to bring in a Bill similar to that in existence in England, dealing with the adulteration of food, embracing tea, coffee, cocoa, &c., &c.
6. MR. LONGMORE : To move, That there be laid before the House copies of all papers relating to the defalcations of the late Accountant of the Crown Lands department.
7. MR. BARR : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is most undesirable that any permission should be given for the deposit of silt in the Bay.
8. MR. MACGREGOR : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a uniform rate of a half-penny per mile be charged on all suburban railway lines, and that monthly tickets be continued *pro rata*.
9. MR. W. MCG. CLARK : To move, That there be laid before this House a report from competent persons showing the cause of corrosion in the *Cerberus* boilers.
10. MR. ANDERSON : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the circumstances connected with the fine imposed on Mr. W. Shuttleworth ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Langdon, Mr. Officer, Mr. Davies, Mr. Rees, and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.
11. MR. MCCOLL : To move, That the control of all the waters of this colony remain vested in the hands of the State as at present, and shall in no case be parted with to any city, town, or shire council, or other corporate body or individual whatever, until a Royal Commission shall have sat to collect evidence, and Parliament shall have passed an Act for legalizing and regulating the conservation, distribution, and sale of water for agricultural, pastoral, mining, traffic supply, or drainage.
12. MR. MCCOLL : To move, That a contour survey of the colony of Victoria be made at the 100-feet level above datum, namely, low-water mark in Hobson's Bay ; also, that contour surveys at the relative heights of 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, and 800-feet level be made of the whole colony.
13. MR. MCCOLL : To move, That there be laid before this House—
 - (1.) A copy of the verdict that was given in the Equity Court, *Evans v. the Queen*.
 - (2.) The number of leases that have been transferred to a Mr. Cormack since the decision of *Evans v. the Queen*.
14. MR. MCKEAN : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into all the circumstances relating to the issue of a Crown title, under the Land Transfer Statute, to allotments 17 and 31, section 6, parish of Guildford, county of Talbot, by which the owners have been dispossessed of their purchased estate ; the said Committee to consist of Mr. Mirams, Mr. McColl, Mr. Davies, Mr. Mason, and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; with power to send for persons and papers and records.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. DEAKIN : To move, That there be laid before this House the plans, specifications, and schedule of prices for materials supplied in the construction of the Lancefield Railway.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
2. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. EXPIRING LAWS CONTINUATION.—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—To be considered in Committee.
4. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.—ACT No. 701.—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE UNDER.—Resolution to be reported.
5. RESIDENCE AREAS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Consideration of Report.
6. RAILWAYS CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Second reading.
7. RAILWAY LOAN BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
8. PUBLIC LOANS REDEMPTION BILL.—Second reading.
9. FORESTS MANAGEMENT.—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—To be considered in Committee.
10. LIBRARY, MUSEUMS, AND NATIONAL GALLERY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
11. AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
12. SURPLUS RAILWAY LANDS SALE OR LEASING BILL.—Second reading.
13. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
14. COMPANIES STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
15. GAME PROTECTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
16. LAND ACTS CONTINUATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.

TUESDAY, 13TH DECEMBER.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN : To move, That so much of the Sessional Order of the Assembly as fixes the days of meeting be read, and that the Assembly meet on Monday for the despatch of business, and that half-past seven o'clock be the hour of meeting on such day ; and that Government business take precedence of all other business.
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4. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN : To move, That so much of the Sessional Order as prevents the calling on of fresh business after eleven o'clock on Wednesday be read and rescinded.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(From two o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WOODS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House—
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Upon the second reading of the "Land Act Continuing Bill"—

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On going into Committee on the Land Bill—

12. MR. WOODS : To move :—
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PETER LALOR,
Speaker.

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Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 20.

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Electoral Act 1965 Amendment Bill.—[9] As reported 6th December. (To Members of Council only.)

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Importation and Examination of Tea Bill.—Amendments proposed by the Hon. W. E. Hearn. (To Members of Council only.)

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Assent to Bills.—Message. B.—No. 15.

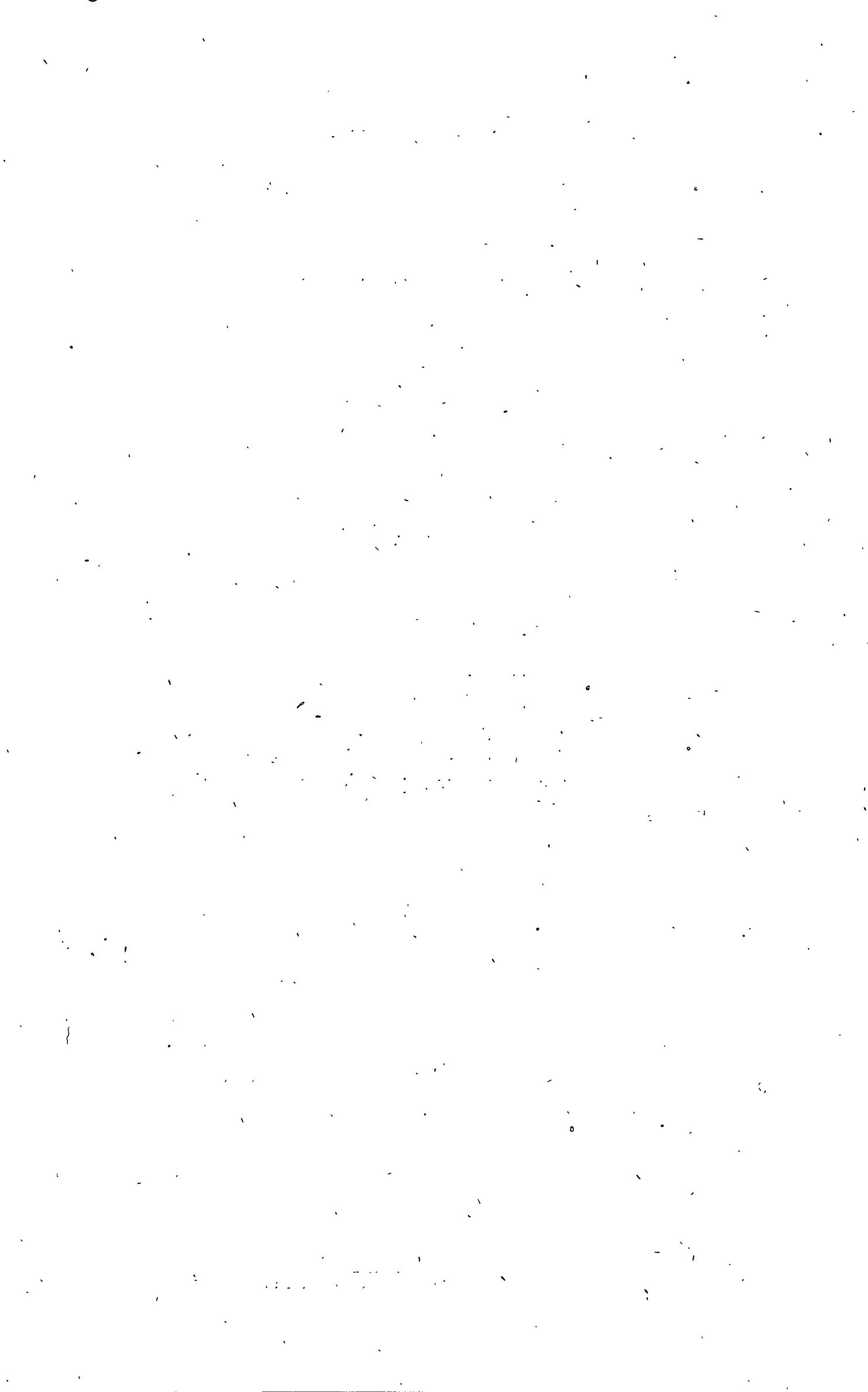
Vines Destroyed.—Return. C.—No. 3.

The Observatory.—Sixteenth Report of the Board of Visitors, together with the Annual Report of the Government Astronomer. No. 32. (To Members of both Houses only.)

College of Agriculture Bill.—[37]

Local Government Act 1874 Amendment Bill.—[39] (To Members of Assembly only.)

Gambling Prevention Bill.—[45]



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 13TH DECEMBER.

Government Business.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. COMPANIES, STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(From two o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

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- (3.) Because they aim at the speedy alienation of the whole of the remaining country lands, instead of preserving them for the present and future benefit of the State and community, by a proper system of leasing."

Upon the second reading of the "Land Act Continuing Bill"—

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On going into Committee on the Land Bill—

9. MR. WOODS : To move :—
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PETER LALOR,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 13th December.

EMPLOYEES IN SHOPS BILL—at eleven o'clock.
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 8TH DECEMBER.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 21.
Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 20.
Weekly Report of Divisions No. 1.
Report of the Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the Council Elections 1882 Bill ; together with the Proceedings of the Committee. D 2. (To Members of Council only.)
Tea Importation and Examination Bill.—[6] As reported 7th December. (To Members of Council only.)
Railway Loan Account Application (Water Supply) Bill.—[29] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)
Rabbit Suppression Act 1880 Amendment Bill.—[52] As reported 7th December. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 35.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[35]
Expiring Laws Continuation.—Message. B.—No. 17.
Weekly Report of Divisions No. 2.
Local Government Act 1874 Amendment Bill.—[39] (Issue completed.)
Melbourne Harbor Trust Act Amendment Bill.—[53] As reported from the Select Committee. (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 13TH DECEMBER 1881.

Questions.

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Government Business.

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1. MR. BURROWES : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Regulation of Mines Statute 1877.*"
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PETER LALOR,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 13th December.

EMPLOYES IN SHOPS BILL—at eleven o'clock.
 PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 9TH DECEMBER.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 22.
 Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 21.
 Council Elections 1882 Bill—Report of the Select Committee; together with Proceedings of Committee. D 2. (Issue completed.)
 Legislative Council Elections Bill.—[46] (Issue completed.)
 Rabbit Suppression Act 1880 Amendment Bill.—[52] (Issue completed.)
 Mining Districts Residence Areas Bill.—[17] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 36.
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[36]
 The Observatory—Sixteenth Report of the Board of Visitors; together with the Annual Report of the Government Astronomer. No. 32. (Issue completed.)
 Amended Estimates of Expenditure for Salaries and Wages of Customs Department, Year ending 30th June 1882. Message No. 18. B.—No. 18.
 Melbourne Harbor Trust Act Amendment Bill.—[53] In substitution of the one issued 8th December. (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH DECEMBER 1881.

Questions.

1. MR. MCINTYRE : To ask the Honorable the Premier if it is the intention of the Government to give effect to the resolution passed by this House on the motion of the Honorable Member for Ripon and Hampden (Mr. Longmore) relative to closed roads, and make the payment of future instalments of subsidy conditional upon a certain proportion of the said roads being thrown open by January 1882.
2. MR. DAVIES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if he will supply Mechanics' Institutes, and Free Libraries with copies of the Planisphere of the southern sky recently prepared in the Lands Department.
3. MR. HALL : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if it is true, as reported, that, after the end of the present month, Press railway passes are to be discontinued.
4. MR. WOODS : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if he will send a competent officer to measure and report upon the means of egress from all places of public resort, whether applied to religious purposes, to amusement, or assemblages of any sort in a building, beginning with Melbourne, and subsequently making similar reports on buildings used for like purposes in all the large centres of population in the colony.
5. MR. GAVAN DUFFY : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if his attention has been called to the necessity of altering the boundary-line of the Midland and Central Bailiwicks in the Pyalong Shire.
6. MR. R. CLARK : To ask the Honorable the Premier if the following telegram, which appeared in the *Bendigo Advertiser* of the 12th instant, was authorized by the Government :—"The Government have no intention of changing the site of new buildings, but will erect them on the centre block, as agreed on with the Council. (Signed) Robert Burrowes, Parliament House, 8th December."
7. MR. MASON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs if it be a fact that he is not enforcing the sixteenth section of the Beer Duty Act, which makes it compulsory on brewers to affix the duty-stamp on the spigot or tap-hole of every hogshead.
8. MR. RAMSAY : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether he will give effect to the following clause in the Report of the late Engineer-in-Chief of Railways, Mr. Higinbotham, describing the Indian railways :—"Outside the windows is a hood which is carried along the whole length of each side of the carriage, projecting from it about 15 inches, these hoods are a most valuable protection against the sun and might be adopted in this country with great advantage ; all travellers must have experienced the distressing effect of the sun on the glass windows of the railway carriages in summer. The curtains being inside do not keep the sun off the glass, the hood is a cheaper and much more effectual protection against the sun than any other plan which I have seen ; it can be arranged to unship in winter if it be found to make the carriages too dark ; when properly adjusted with reference to the level of the seats it does not obstruct the view."
9. MR. FINCHAM : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if the Government will place a sum of money on the Estimates to compensate Mr. Elliston for the injury and loss he sustained through being prosecuted for the robbery of gold from the Peninsular and Oriental Company's steamship *Ellora*.
10. MR. BARR : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if he will place a sum on an Additional Estimate to pay the balance of the award to the Alma Consols Company recommended by the Board appointed to inquire into the case.

General Business.

(From two o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WOODS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House—
 - (1.) The present system of defence adopted in Victoria is partial, inadequate, costly, and out of all proportion small, as compared with the magnitude of the interests at stake.
 - (2.) That it is the duty of every citizen to be prepared to defend the land of his birth or adoption.
 - (3.) That military drill and military service should be made compulsory on all citizens between the ages of 16 and 60.
 - (4.) That military drill and rifle practice should be taught in all schools, whether public or private, to boys between the ages of 10 and 15.
 - (5.) That competitive essays on the means and cost of carrying into effect the above resolutions be invited, accompanied with such prizes as will be likely to induce the best military authorities of Europe, America, and the colonies to compete.
2. MR. ROBERTSON : To move, That, inasmuch as the avowed object of opening the closed roads of the colony is to supply a supposed public want, without detriment to the public welfare, this House is of opinion that a legal power of restraining the compulsory opening of all closed roads in any shire should be placed in the hands of the persons most deeply interested and affected, namely, the inhabitants themselves, who are entitled to protection from the injurious consequences which would flow from such compulsory opening, by some efficient measure of local option.

3. **MR. REES** : To move, That the following Members of the Legislative Assembly form the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the sale of land at Cowie's Creek, viz., Mr. Langdon, Mr. Bell, Mr. Harris, Mr. Langridge, Mr. Davies, Mr. Fincham, and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; such Committee to have power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to have leave to meet on days on which the House does not sit, and to move from place to place.
4. **SIR C. MACMAHON** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the cost of the Police Commission, showing in detail the various items, including salary of secretary, shorthand writing, printing, travelling expenses, cost of witnesses ; also, a return of the salaries of officers suspended from duty, and every other expense whatsoever.
5. **MR. LONGMORE** : To move, That it is inexpedient to alienate roads, as now proposed by the Mount Rouse Shire Council, in the parishes of Nareb-Nareb and other parishes, and that such practice should be discontinued.
6. **MR. MCINTYRE** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Mr. Hargreaves, the Goldfields discoverer ; such Committee to consist of the following Members :—Mr. Longmore, Mr. Zox, Mr. Patterson, Mr. O'Callaghan, and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; with power to call for persons, papers, and records.
7. **MR. R. MURRAY SMITH** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the number of appeals made from the decisions of the County Court in Melbourne during the last five years, together with the result of such appeals.
8. **MR. BARR** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Harbour Trust Commission should be absorbed into and its functions administered by the Public Works Department, as thereby a great saving of expenditure would be effected, and greater satisfaction would be given to the public.
9. **MR. MCKEAN** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into all the circumstances relating to the issue of a Crown title, under the Land Transfer Statute, to allotments 17 and 31, section 6, parish of Guildford, county of Talbot, by which the owners have been dispossessed of their purchased estate ; the said Committee to consist of Mr. Mirams, Mr. McColl, Mr. Davies, Mr. Mason, and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.
10. **MR. MCCOLL** : To move—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, no land legislation will be satisfactory except such as shall secure a system of settlement providing for the occupation of that territory remaining in the hands of the Crown which is in the North-western plains, the Snowy plains, and mountain ranges of Gippsland, Cape Otway, and the Western district.
 - (2.) That such land shall be proclaimed as leasing areas, and opened as soon as possible for settlement at a yearly rental of One shilling per five acres, for a term of thirty-three years.
 - (3.) That the minimum blocks shall consist of five acres, and the maximum blocks of 10,000 acres.
 - (4.) That all easements and regulations now law, or that may become law, with regard to Crown lands, shall remain in full force on said leaseholds, allowing full ingress, egress, and regress for mining, irrigation, drainage, or traffic purposes.
 - (5.) That lessees shall be required to make *bonâ fide* improvements, to the attested value of Five shillings per acre, within three years, under penalty of forfeiture of lease.
 - (6.) That no forest reserve in any district coming within the operation of the leasing land law shall exceed one-tenth of the area thereof.
 - (7.) That no area of water reserve, or reservoir, shall exceed one-tenth of the district it is intended to supply.
 - (8.) That all leases of said lands shall revert to the State three times in 100 years, with a period of four months' grace, rent free, to allow of a valuation and adjustment of rent ; the occupant to have right of renewal of lease at increased rent, or half compensation for improvement after valuation.
 - (9.) That the water of all rivers, creeks, lakes, and watercourses, shall belong to the State, and may be leased for irrigation, traffic, and motive power purposes ; such leases to revert to the State three times in 100 years.
 - (10.) That all metals and minerals in said lands shall remain the property of the Crown ; and the right to mine the same shall be by separate and distinct leases, reverting to the State, as per 8th clause.
11. **MR. MCCOLL** : To move, That the control of all the waters of this colony remain vested in the hands of the State as at present, and shall in no case be parted with to any city, town, or shire council, or other corporate body or individual whatever, until a Royal Commission shall have sat to collect evidence, and Parliament shall have passed an Act for legalizing and regulating the conservation, distribution, and sale of water for agricultural, pastoral, mining, traffic supply, or drainage.
12. **MR. MCCOLL** : To move, That a contour survey of the colony of Victoria be made at the 100-foot level above datum, namely, low water mark in Hobson's Bay ; also, that contour surveys at the relative heights of 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, and 800-foot level be made of the whole colony.
13. **MR. MCCOLL** : To move, That there be laid before this House—
 - (1.) A copy of the verdict that was given in the Equity Court, *Evans v. the Queen*.
 - (2.) The number of leases that have been transferred to a Mr. Cormack since the decision of *Evans v. the Queen*.
14. **MR. HUNT** : To move, That there be laid before this House the report of James Wallace, formerly State school teacher at Yea, in reply to the finding of the Police Commission.
15. **MR. MCKEAN** : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the law relating to insolvents and their estates, and for the better control of official assignees, in whom such estates are vested.
16. **MR. ANDERSON** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the circumstances connected with the fine imposed on Mr. W. Shuttleworth ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Langdon, Mr. Officer, Mr. Davies, Mr. Rees, and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. GAMBLING PREVENTION BILL.—Second reading.
2. LOCAL OPTION—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
That inasmuch as the avowed object of licensing the sale of intoxicating liquors is to supply a supposed public want, without detriment to the public welfare, this house is of opinion that a legal power of restraining the issue or renewal of licenses should be placed in the hands of the persons most deeply interested and affected, namely, the inhabitants themselves, who are entitled to protection from the injurious consequences of the present system by some efficient measure of local option.
3. PENSIONS ABOLITION BILL.—Third reading.
4. MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION OF FORESTS BILL.—Second reading.
5. MRS. LEGGAT—MOTION FOR ADDRESS.—To be considered in Committee.
6. PROTECTION OF ANIMALS BILL.—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—To be taken into consideration.
7. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—To be taken into consideration.
8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of Schools having an average attendance of 25 and under, which are now in existence, and which have been established since the 31st December 1875.
 - (2.) The total number of children in average attendance in such schools,
 - (3.) The total cost of maintaining such schools, not including the erection of buildings.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. C. YOUNG : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Act for the eradication of the phylloxera and other vine diseases.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPPLY—Resolutions to be reported.
2. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. LAND ACTS CONTINUATION BILL.—Second reading.
4. EXPIRING LAWS CONTINUATION.—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—Resolution to be reported.
5. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
6. IMPORTATION AND EXAMINATION OF TEA BILL.—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—To be taken into consideration.
7. RAILWAYS CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Second reading.
8. RAILWAY LOAN BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
9. PUBLIC LOANS REDEMPTION BILL.—Second reading.
10. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
11. DRAINAGE OF MINES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
12. LIBRARY, MUSEUMS, AND NATIONAL GALLERY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
13. AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
14. FORESTS MANAGEMENT.—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—To be considered in Committee.
15. SURPLUS RAILWAY LANDS SALE OR LEASING BILL.—Second reading.
16. REGULATION OF MINES STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
17. RABBIT SUPPRESSION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
18. GAME PROTECTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
19. LAND ACTS CONTINUATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
20. COMPANIES STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, 15TH DECEMBER.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN : To move, That so much of the Sessional Order of the Assembly as fixes the days of meeting be read, and that the Assembly meet on Monday for the despatch of business, and that half-past seven o'clock be the hour of meeting on such day ; and that Government business take precedence of all other business.
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3. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN : To move, That so much of the Sessional Order of the Assembly relating to General Business taking precedence on Wednesdays from two o'clock until twenty-five minutes past six o'clock, be read and rescinded, and that Government Business take precedence of all other business on each Wednesday from two o'clock.
4. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN : To move, That so much of the Sessional Order as prevents the calling on of fresh business after eleven o'clock on Wednesday be read and rescinded.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST DECEMBER.

General Business.

(From two o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CRIMINAL LAW AND PRACTICE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL.—Second reading.
4. JUSTICES LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
5. ATTORNEYS' COSTS TAXATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
6. POLICE OFFENCES BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
7. POLICE MAGISTRATES—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
That, in the opinion of this House, the number of police magistrates in the colony should be increased.
8. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT—APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS IN—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
That, in the opinion of this House, all appointments to, or promotions in, the teaching staff in the Education Department should be made by the Minister upon the written recommendation of a board, consisting of the Secretary, Inspector-General, and the head of the Training Institute.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—*On going into Committee of Supply—*

1. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is inexpedient that the Melbourne Harbor Trust should be allowed to deposit silt in Hobson's Bay.
2. MR. LAURENS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the system now practised by the Commissioner of Railways, of calling for tenders for the construction of railways several weeks before it is by any means possible to prepare sectional plans and specifications for the guidance of intending tenderers, is a waste of public money, injurious and disappointing to contractors, tends to mislead the general public, and therefore should be discontinued.
3. MR. KERFERD : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the "*Passengers, Harbors, and Navigation Statute 1865*" should be amended in the following particulars :—That the provisions regarding the number and capacity of boats to be carried by ships and steamers should be based upon the maximum number of passengers and crew allowed to be carried, and not upon the tonnage of the ships or steamers; and should require that a larger proportion of such boats should be life-boats, and fitted with the most approved patent lowering apparatus; that more stringent provisions should be made with respect to the keeping of such boats in a position and state fit for immediate use; that, in the case of a ship and steamers carrying more than one hundred and fifty passengers, life-rafts or other apparatus, in addition to boats, should be carried; that the number of life-buoys to be carried on board ships and steamers should be regulated by a scale, according to the number of passengers and crew allowed to be carried by such ship and steamers; that a clause should be inserted in the amending Bill requiring the master of every ship and steamer to provide a life-jacket for every passenger and sailor allowed to be carried, and that such life-jacket should be placed inside each berth in such ship and steamer; and that proper provision should be made that sailing ships carrying passengers should be provided with fire-hose and distress signals.

Contingent upon the House approving of these alterations being made, That the Honorable the Chief Secretary should invite the co-operation of the colonies in the Australian group, with the view of joint action being taken by all the Australian colonies to secure uniformity of local shipping laws with respect to these proposed amendments; and also to urge upon the Imperial Government the great necessity that exists for legislation by the Imperial Parliament upon the same subject.

4. MR. PEARSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that no sweeping changes in the fares of the suburban railways, such as those spoken of, uniform fares irrespective of distance, be introduced while the House is in recess.

On going into Committee of Supply or Ways and Means—

5. MR. ZOX : To call the attention of the Premier to the state of the charitable, industrial, reformatory, and lunatic institutions of the colony, and the alleged abuses concerning the management of the same; and to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has now arrived for Legislative action to be taken, and that the Attorney-General be directed to introduce a Bill to carry out, in addition to other matters, the following objects :—
 - (1.) Power to be given to the Government for an annual audit, by the Commissioners of Audit, of all expenditure in connection with any charitable institution in the colony that is in the receipt of Government aid.
 - (2.) To make it a punishable offence for any persons of means to receive support or assistance from any charitable institution unless such persons shall pay to such institution the expense of any support or assistance they may have received.
 - (3.) To render it absolutely compulsory that persons, when able, shall pay for the support of their relatives when receiving aid or support from any charitable institution.
 - (4.) That more efficient means be adopted to prevent children from being sent to the Industrial Schools when their parents are able to support them; and that all parents whose children may be in such schools shall be compelled to contribute towards their support whenever possible.
 - (5.) That all persons who may be confined in the Hospitals for the Insane shall be maintained there at the expense of their relatives, when such relatives are in a position to contribute towards their support.

In Committee on the Amending Land Bill—

6. MR. O'CALLAGHAN : To move, That married women be permitted to select land to the extent of 320 acres.

On the motion to read the Land Bill a second time—

7. MR. MIRAMS : To move, *as an amendment*, To strike out all the words after "That," for the purpose of inserting the following :—

"The proposals of the Government for dealing with the country Crown lands do not meet with the approval of this House, for the following reasons :—

- (1.) Because they unwisely extend the area of selection from 320 to 640 acres.
- (2.) Because they continue a system of alienation, which has resulted in the ruinous squandering of the public estate without securing the advantages anticipated, or a return commensurate with the sacrifice made.
- (3.) Because they aim at the speedy alienation of the whole of the remaining country lands, instead of preserving them for the present and future benefit of the State and community, by a proper system of leasing."

Upon the second reading of the "Land Act Continuing Bill"—

8. MR. MIRAMS : To move, as an amendment, That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Act or Acts so continued, the total value and quantity of land alienated during the continuance of the said "Continuing Act" shall be limited as follows, that is to say :—The town land alienated by auction sales shall not exceed (£100,000) One hundred thousand pounds in value, and the country land alienated by license and lease shall not exceed (150,000) One hundred and fifty thousand acres in extent. Provided that no 110th section reserves shall be disposed of by the Government, either by sale or by license and lease, during the continuance of the Act or Acts so continued.

In Committee on the Land Acts Continuing Bill—

9. MR. MIRAMS : To move the omission of the word "December" in the third line of the first clause, and the insertion of the word "August" in its place.

On going into Committee on the Land Bill—

10. MR. WOODS : To move :—
- (1.) That a State ground rent or land tax be placed on all lands alienated from the Crown, except lands held for charitable or religious purposes.
 - (2.) Such tax to be divided into five classes, and to be based on the capital value of the land without improvements of any kind. Class A to consist of Estates, the value of which does not exceed £15,000, and to be taxed at the rate of 2s. 6d. per cent. Class B, to the value of £30,000, to be taxed at 2s. 6d. per cent. up to the Class A limit, and at 5s. beyond. Class C, to the value of £45,000, to be taxed to the A and B limits, and 7s. 6d. per cent. beyond. Class D, to the value of £60,000, to be taxed to the A, B, and C limits, and 10s. per cent. beyond. Class E, to the value of £75,000 and upwards, to be taxed to the A, B, C, and D limits, and at the rate of 12s. 6d. per cent. beyond.

In Committee on the Harbor Trust Bill—

11. MR. BARR : To move the insertion after the Clause CC. of the following new clause :—That it shall be the duty of the Harbor Trust to deposit all silt, mud, or *debris*, raised or excavated by the said Trust upon such lands as are open for reclamation, and in no case to deposit any such silt, mud, or *debris* aforesaid within the waters of the Bay or any estuary of the same.

PETER LALOR,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 14th December.

EMPLOYES IN SHOPS BILL—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 9TH DECEMBER.

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

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 22.

Retirement of the Clerk of the Council.—Report of the Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the ; together with the Proceedings of the Committee and Appendix. [Proof.] (To Members of Council only.)

Water Conservation and Distribution Bill.—[7] As reported 13th December 1881. (To Members of Council only.)

Council Elections 1882 Bill.—[46] As reported 13th December. (To Members of Council only.)

Drainage of Sludge Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by the Honorable J. A. Wallace. (To Members of Council only.)

Sludge Drainage Bill.—New Clause to be proposed by the Honorable H. Cuthbert. (To Members of Council only.)

Sludge Drainage Bill.—New Clause to be proposed by the Honorable W. Campbell. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 37.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[37]

Savings Banks—Statements and Returns for the Year ending 30th June 1881. No. 30.

Reform Act—Message. B.—No. 16.

Additional Estimates of Expenditure for the Year ending 30th June 1882. Message. B.—No. 19.

Rabbit Suppression Act 1880 Amendment Bill.—[52] From Council. (To Members of Assembly only.)

Land Acts Continuation Bill.—[54]



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 15TH DECEMBER 1881.

Question.

1. MR. FINCHAM : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs if it is the intention of the Government to continue the practice of permitting spirits to be blended in bond.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN : To move, That so much of the Sessional Order of the Assembly as fixes the days of meeting be read, and that the Assembly meet on Monday for the despatch of business, and that half-past seven o'clock be the hour of meeting on such day ; and that Government business take precedence of all other business.
2. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN : To move, That so much of the Sessional Order of the Assembly as fixes four o'clock as the hour of meeting on Tuesday in each week be read and rescinded, and that the hour of meeting on such day be two o'clock.
3. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN : To move, That so much of the Sessional Order of the Assembly relating to General Business taking precedence on Wednesdays from two o'clock until twenty-five minutes past six o'clock, be read and rescinded, and that Government Business take precedence of all other business on each Wednesday from two o'clock.
4. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN : To move, That so much of the Sessional Order as prevents the calling on of fresh business after eleven o'clock on Wednesday be read and rescinded.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WAYS AND MEANS.—Resolution to be reported.
2. EXPIRING LAWS CONTINUATION.—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—Resolution to be reported.
3. RAILWAYS CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Second reading.
4. RAILWAY LOAN BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. LAND ACTS CONTINUATION BILL.—Second reading.
6. IMPORTATION AND EXAMINATION OF TEA BILL.—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—To be taken into consideration.
7. PUBLIC LOANS REDEMPTION BILL.—Second reading.
8. WATER CONSERVATION BILL.—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—To be taken into consideration.
9. PHYLOXERA ERADICATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
11. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
12. DRAINAGE OF MINES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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Government Business.

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1. COUNCIL ELECTIONS 1882 BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST DECEMBER.

(From two o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CRIMINAL LAW AND PRACTICE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL.—Second reading.
4. JUSTICES LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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11. MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION OF FORESTS BILL.—Second reading.
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Contingent upon the House approving of these alterations being made, That the Honorable the Chief Secretary should invite the co-operation of the colonies in the Australian group, with the view of joint action being taken by all the Australian colonies to secure uniformity of local shipping laws with respect to these proposed amendments; and also to urge upon the Imperial Government the great necessity that exists for legislation by the Imperial Parliament upon the same subject.

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On going into Committee of Supply or Ways and Means—

6. MR. ZOX : To call the attention of the Premier to the state of the charitable, industrial, reformatory, and lunatic institutions of the colony, and the alleged abuses concerning the management of the same; and to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has now arrived for Legislative action to be taken, and that the Attorney-General be directed to introduce a Bill to carry out, in addition to other matters, the following objects :—
- (1.) Power to be given to the Government for an annual audit, by the Commissioners of Audit, of all expenditure in connection with any charitable institution in the colony that is in the receipt of Government aid.
 - (2.) To make it a punishable offence for any persons of means to receive support or assistance from any charitable institution unless such persons shall pay to such institution the expense of any support or assistance they may have received.
 - (3.) To render it absolutely compulsory that persons, when able, shall pay for the support of their relatives when receiving aid or support from any charitable institution.
 - (4.) That more efficient means be adopted to prevent children from being sent to the Industrial Schools when their parents are able to support them ; and that all parents whose children may be in such schools shall be compelled to contribute towards their support whenever possible.
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In Committee on the Amending Land Bill—

7. MR. O'CALLAGHAN : To move, That married women be permitted to select land to the extent of 320 acres.

On the motion to read the Land Bill a second time—

8. MR. MIRAMS : To move, as an amendment, To strike out all the words after "That," for the purpose of inserting the following :—
- "The proposals of the Government for dealing with the country Crown lands do not meet with the approval of this House, for the following reasons :—
- (1.) Because they unwisely extend the area of selection from 320 to 640 acres.
 - (2.) Because they continue a system of alienation, which has resulted in the ruinous squandering of the public estate without securing the advantages anticipated, or a return commensurate with the sacrifice made.
 - (3.) Because they aim at the speedy alienation of the whole of the remaining country lands, instead of preserving them for the present and future benefit of the State and community, by a proper system of leasing."

Upon the second reading of the "Land Act Continuing Bill"—

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In Committee on the Land Acts Continuing Bill—

10. MR. MIRAMS : To move the omission of the word "December" in the third line of the first clause, and the insertion of the word "August" in its place.

On going into Committee on the Land Bill—

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- (1.) That a State ground rent or land tax be placed on all lands alienated from the Crown, except lands held for charitable or religious purposes.
 - (2.) Such tax to be divided into five classes, and to be based on the capital value of the land without improvements of any kind. Class A to consist of Estates, the value of which does not exceed £15,000, and to be taxed at the rate of 2s. 6d. per cent. Class B, to the value of £30,000, to be taxed at 2s. 6d. per cent. up to the Class A limit, and at 5s. beyond. Class C, to the value of £45,000, to be taxed to the A and B limits, and 7s. 6d. per cent. beyond. Class D, to the value of £60,000, to be taxed to the A, B, and C limits, and 10s. per cent. beyond. Class E, to the value of £75,000 and upwards, to be taxed to the A, B, C, and D limits, and at the rate of 12s. 6d. per cent. beyond.

In Committee on the Harbor Trust Bill—

12. MR. BARR : To move the insertion after the Clause CC. of the following new clause :—That it shall be the duty of the Harbor Trust to deposit all silt, mud, or *debris*, raised or excavated by the said Trust upon such lands as are open for reclamation, and in no case to deposit any such silt, mud, or *debris* aforesaid within the waters of the Bay or any estuary of the same.

When the Appropriation Bill is in Committee—

13. MR. LONGMORE : To move, That no subsidy be paid under this Act to any Municipality, except upon condition that at least one-eighth of the mileage of the roads at present illegally closed within such Municipality shall have been opened, and an undertaking entered into by such Municipality to keep open for traffic such roads in future.

PETER LALOR,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 15th December.

EMPLOYÉS IN SHOPS BILL.—at eleven o'clock.
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS.—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 15TH DECEMBER.

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

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 23.

The General Code 1882. (To Members of Council only.)

Pensions Abolition Bill.—[21] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 38.

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

Reserves—Return. C.—No. 1.

Water Conservation Bill.—[7] Amendments made by Legislative Council. (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 20TH DECEMBER 1881

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1. MR. R. CLARK : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education if he has given instructions to the school teachers in various parts of the colony not to take children under six years of age into the State schools ; or if not, does he purpose doing so.
2. MR. WHEELER : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether he will consent to a wire being run from the Daylesford Railway Station to the Telegraph Office to connect the telegraph line at each place, and thus afford Daylesford the advantage of an alternate line, to be used in case of emergency.
3. MR. GAVAN DUFFY : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if his attention has been called to the necessity of altering the boundary-line of the Midland and Central Bailiwicks in the Pyalong Shire.
4. MR. FINCHAM : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs if it is the intention of the Government to continue the practice of permitting spirits to be blended in bond.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN : To move, That so much of the Sessional Order of the Assembly as fixes the days of meeting be read, and that the Assembly meet on Monday for the despatch of business, and that half-past seven o'clock be the hour of meeting on such day ; and that Government business take precedence of all other business.
2. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN : To move, That so much of the Sessional Order of the Assembly as fixes four o'clock as the hour of meeting on Tuesday in each week be read and rescinded, and that the hour of meeting on such day be two o'clock.
3. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN : To move, That so much of the Sessional Order of the Assembly relating to General Business taking precedence on Wednesdays from two o'clock until twenty-five minutes past six o'clock, be read and rescinded, and that Government Business take precedence of all other business on each Wednesday from two o'clock.
4. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN : To move, That so much of the Sessional Order as prevents the calling on of fresh business after eleven o'clock on Wednesday be read and rescinded.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. APPROPRIATION BILL.—Second reading.
2. LAND ACTS CONTINUATION BILL.—Second reading.
3. WATER CONSERVATION BILL.—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—To be taken into consideration.
4. PHYLOXERA ERADICATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
5. REGULATION OF MINES STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
6. COUNCIL ELECTIONS 1882 BILL.—Second reading.
7. RAILWAY LOAN BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
8. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
9. DRAINAGE OF MINES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. LIBRARY, MUSEUMS, AND NATIONAL GALLERY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
11. AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
12. FORESTS MANAGEMENT.—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—To be considered in Committee.
13. SURPLUS RAILWAY LANDS SALE OR LEASING BILL.—Second reading.
14. RAILWAYS CONSTRUCTION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
15. PUBLIC LOANS REDEMPTION BILL.—Second reading.
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14. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move the following new clause :—

Notwithstanding the provisions hereinbefore contained, no moneys appropriated by this Act for the service of the Financial Year 1881-2, shall be issued or applied out of the Consolidated Revenue after the last day of February 1882, unless Parliament shall then be sitting; and every person who in violation of this enactment shall countersign any instrument or make any order for the issue or application of any such moneys, or honor or pay any cheque or draft out of the public account shall forfeit and pay the sum of £1,000 with full costs of suit, to any person who may sue for the same, and shall for ever after be incapable of holding office in the public service of this Colony.

PETER LALOR,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 20th December.

EMPLOYÉS IN SHOPS BILL.—at eleven o'clock.
MR. W. SHUTTLEWORTH.—at twelve o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 16TH DECEMBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 24.
Weekly Report of Divisions No. 2.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 39.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[39]
Railway Construction Bill.—[36] (To Members of Assembly only.)
Regulation of Mines Statute 1877 Amendment Bill.—[56]
Phylloxera Vine Disease Act 1880 Amendment Bill.—[58]

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST DECEMBER 1881.

Questions.

1. MR. MASON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands if he will take steps, during the recess, to drain the Moe swamp.
2. MR. HUNT : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways when he will be in a position to call for tenders for the construction of the Tallarook to Yea railway.

General Business.

(From two o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

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1. CRIMINAL LAW AND PRACTICE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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13. PROTECTION OF ANIMALS BILL.—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—To be taken into consideration.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LAURENS : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the amount of wharfage rates received in each month, during the five months the late Service Ministry was in office, ending July 1880 ; and also showing the amount of such rates received during the parallel five months in 1881, when the late Berry Ministry was in office.
2. MR. BARR : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Harbour Trust Commission should be absorbed into and its functions administered by the Public Works Department, as thereby a great saving of expenditure would be effected, and greater satisfaction would be given to the public.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN : To move, in pursuance of the Act of Parliament numbered 502, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that Courts of Assize may be held at Benalla, Echuca, Horsham, Shepparton, Stawell, St. Arnaud, and Warrnambool respectively.
2. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN : To move, That so much of the Sessional Order as prevents the calling on of fresh business after eleven o'clock on Wednesday be read and rescinded.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. PHYLOXERA ERADICATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. REGULATION OF MINES STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. COUNCIL ELECTIONS 1882 BILL.—Second reading.
4. CHINESE INFLUX RESTRICTION BILL.—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—To be taken into consideration.
5. REPORT FROM THE PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS COMMITTEE.—To be considered in Committee.
6. RAILWAY LOAN BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
7. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
8. DRAINAGE OF MINES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
9. LIBRARY, MUSEUMS, AND NATIONAL GALLERY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
10. AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
11. RAILWAYS CONSTRUCTION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
12. RABBIT SUPPRESSION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
13. GAME PROTECTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
14. COMPANIES STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION :—

In Committee on the Harbor Trust Bill—

1. MR. BARR : To move the insertion after the Clause CC. of the following new clause :—That it shall be the duty of the Harbor Trust to deposit all silt, mud, or *debris*, raised or excavated by the said Trust upon such lands as are open for reclamation, and in no case to deposit any such silt, mud, or *debris* aforesaid within the waters of the Bay or any estuary of the same.

PETER LALOR,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 21st December.

MR. W. SHUTTLEWORTH—at ten o'clock.

Thursday, 22nd December.

LAND SALE, COWIE'S CREEK—at twelve o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 16TH DECEMBER.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 25.

Weekly Report of Divisions No. 3.

Chinese in Victoria.—Return. A 2.

Retirement of the Clerk of the Council.—Report of the Select Committee; together with the Proceedings of the Committee and Correspondence. D 4.

Expiring Laws Continuation Bill.—[47] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Importation and Examination of Tea Bill.—[6] Amendments made by the Legislative Council, and disagreed with by the Legislative Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Water Conservation Bill.—[7] Amendments made by the Legislative Council, and disagreed with by the Legislative Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 40.

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

Melbourne International Exhibition 1881.—Further Despatch. No. 34.

Yan Yean Water Supply.—Return. C.—No. 4.

Wattle Planting.—Return. C.—No. 5.

Railway Construction Bill.—[36] (Issue completed.)

Legislative Council Elections 1882 Bill.—[46] (To Members of Assembly only.)

Chinese Influx Restriction Bill.—[10] Amendments by the Legislative Council. (To Members of Assembly only.)

Legislative Council Elections 1882 Bill.—Amendments proposed by Sir Bryan O'Loughlen. (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 22ND DECEMBER 1881.

Questions.

1. **MR. CAMERON** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands if it is his intention to allow members of mining boards to sit on local land boards for the object of protecting the mining interest.
2. **MR. MCKEAN** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs what course he intends to adopt with reference to the remission of the duty paid by Mr. S. Fieldhouse upon certain machinery for the manufacture of paper.

NOTICE OF MOTION (Unopposed) :—

1. **MR. GILLIES** : To move: That there be laid before this House a return showing all public officers connected directly or indirectly with the receipt and disbursement of public moneys who are either under security at the present time, or whom it is considered desirable to place under security, furnishing in separate columns—

Office.	Name.	Amount of Present Security.	Proposed Amount of Security.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **PHYLOXERA ERADICATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
2. **REGULATION OF MINES STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
3. **COUNCIL ELECTIONS 1882 BILL.**—Second reading.
4. **CHINESE INFLUX RESTRICTION BILL.**—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—To be taken into consideration.
5. **REPORT FROM THE PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS COMMITTEE.**—To be considered in Committee.
6. **RAILWAY LOAN BILL.**—To be further considered in Committee.
7. **RABBIT SUPPRESSION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
8. **MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—To be further considered in Committee.
9. **DRAINAGE OF MINES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
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11. **AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE BILL.**—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
12. **RAILWAYS CONSTRUCTION BILL.**—To be further considered in Committee.
13. **GAME PROTECTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
14. **COMPANIES STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.**—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. LAURENS** : To move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the amount of wharfage rates received in each month, during the five months the late Service Ministry was in office, ending July 1880 ; and also showing the amount of such rates received during the parallel five months in 1881, when the late Berry Ministry was in office.
2. **MR. BARR** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Harbour Trust Commission should be absorbed into and its functions administered by the Public Works Department, as thereby a great saving of expenditure would be effected, and greater satisfaction would be given to the public.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. **LOCAL OPTION—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.**—*The question is—*
That inasmuch as the avowed object of licensing the sale of intoxicating liquors is to supply a supposed public want, without detriment to the public welfare, this house is of opinion that a legal power of restraining the issue or renewal of licenses should be placed in the hands of the persons most deeply interested and affected, namely, the inhabitants themselves, who are entitled to protection from the injurious consequences of the present system by some efficient measure of local option.

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 22nd December.

LAND SALE, COWIE'S CREEK—at twelve o'clock.
MR. W. SHUTTLEWORTH—at twelve o'clock.

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Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 26.
Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 25.
Education Act.—Petition. E 1.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 41.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[41]
Weekly Report of Divisions No. 3.
Victorian Railways.—Report for the year 1880. No. 20.
Protection of the Aborigines.—Seventeenth Report. No. 35.
Fisheries Acts.—Notice *re* English Trout. No. 36.
President Garfield.—Message. B.—No. 20.
Bank Liabilities and Assets. A.—No. 13.
Parliament Buildings.—Report from the Select Committee. D.—No. 3.

