

VICTORIA



NOTICES

OF

MOTION

AND

ORDERS

OF THE DAY

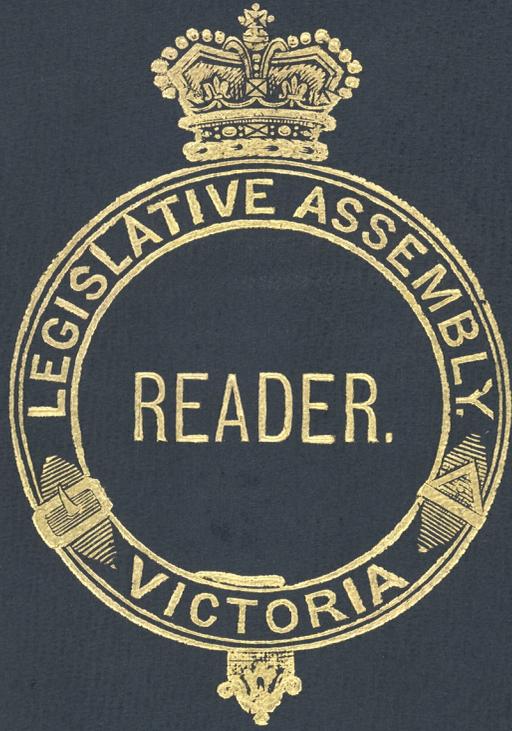
LEGISLATIVE

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SESSION

1899-1900

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 1.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH JUNE, 1899.

Questions.

1. MR. ZOX: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if, in view of the numerous deaths which have occurred in houses licensed for the care of children, he will cause a much stricter supervision to be exercised over these houses.
2. MR. GRAHAM: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if, in view of the fact that agriculture is one of the two leading industries in the colony, he will cause a representative of that industry to be appointed on the Royal Commission on Technical Education about to enter upon an exhaustive inquiry on the subject of technical education.
3. MR. HAMILTON: To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if he will abolish the present rate of commission allowed for selling stamps, and substitute therefor the rate that applied before 1892, viz., 3s. 4d. for every £5 worth of stamps sold.

ORDER OF THE DAY (to take precedence):—

1. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH—MOTION FOR—*Resumption of debate.*

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BROMLEY: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend *The Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company's Act 1883.*
2. MR. DEAKIN: To move, That in the opinion of this House the State system of education should provide for elementary unsectarian religious instruction by the inclusion of a short prayer, a short hymn, and the reading of selected passages of Scripture.
3. MR. ZOX: To move, That in the opinion of this House the rate of postage on letters throughout the colony of Victoria should be reduced to one penny.
4. MR. GRAY: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1890.*
5. MR. MALONEY: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide that the election of aldermen to the corporation of the city of Melbourne and town of Geelong shall be by election by the ratepayers of such corporations.
6. MR. HAMILTON: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Mines Act 1896.*
7. MR. DUGGAN: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Vermin Destruction Act 1890.*
8. MR. GURR: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for the incorporation of the Mechanics' Institute at Geelong and for other purposes.
9. MR. T. SMITH: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Local Government Acts with regard to valuations.
10. MR. COOK: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to prohibit indecent advertisements.
11. MR. MCCOLL: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the sale of the show-yards at Kerang.
12. MR. BROMLEY: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to hackney carriages in the metropolitan district.
13. MR. BAILES: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Local Government Act 1890.*
14. MR. MALONEY: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the deposit of moneys by candidates at elections for the Legislative Assembly and to make other provision in lieu thereof.
15. MR. GRAY: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for the incorporation and management of the Prahran Mechanics' Institute.

16. MR. COOK : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to abolish compulsory vaccination.
17. MR. STERRY : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the traffic of traction engines.
18. MR. KENNEDY : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Local Government Act 1890*.
19. MR. BAILES : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Land Act 1898*.
20. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the establishment and management of a national park at Griffith's Island, near Port Fairy.
21. MR. MCGREGOR : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Local Government Act 1890*.
22. MR. MALONEY : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the deposit of moneys by candidates for municipal elections and to make other provisions in lieu thereof.
23. MR. GURR : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill relating to the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland at Geelong.
24. MR. BEAZLEY : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Friendly Societies Act 1890*.
25. MR. AUSTIN : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Vermin Destruction Act 1890*.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. PETITION OF JAMES KIRBY—To be considered.
2. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION ENABLING ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH JULY.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. T. SMITH : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The total number of permanent officers and employes in the Railway Department.
 2. The number in each class or grade in each branch.
 3. Their present rates of pay.
 4. Their present classification.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 27TH JUNE 1899.

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

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 1.
Australasian Federation Enabling Bill—[47].

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 2.

THURSDAY, 29TH JUNE, 1899.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PETITION OF JAMES KIRBY—To be considered.
2. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION ENABLING ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 4TH JULY.

Questions.

1. MR. HIGGINS: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if he has any objection—
 - (a) To lay on the Table of the House the papers relating to the recommendation made by the local land board at Omeo last March for the forfeiture of land in the name of Mildmay and occupied by Hamilton.
 - (b) To explain why the recommendation has not been carried into effect.
2. MR. METHVEN: To ask the Right Honorable the Premier is it the intention of the Government during the present Session to introduce a Bill to amend *The Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company's Act 1883*.
3. MR. GRAVES: To ask the Right Honorable the Premier, as His Excellency the Governor, Baron Brassey, has not transmitted to this Assembly a copy of the Royal Instructions to the Governor—the last one available for reference in this Assembly being the one dated 25th August, 1892, to the Earl of Hopetoun—can a knowledge of the present existing instructions be made available for reference.
4. MR. A. HARRIS: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General whether he will take early steps to cure the defects in the criminal law which at present create difficulties in proving by means of "recent possession" the thefts of cattle, more particularly in isolated and rugged country.
5. MR. METHVEN: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if it is a fact that the court-house keeper at North Melbourne (Mrs. Todd) was forcibly ejected from the premises while doing her work on Friday, the 23rd of June last, by the clerk of the court and police; and, if so, what was the reason for such ejection.
6. MR. A. HARRIS: To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if he will this Session take steps to amend the *Railway Lands Acquisition Act*, with a view to prevent the delay in constructing the new railways which have been authorized by Parliament.
7. MR. TOUTCHER: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if, in view of the necessity for technical training in the important industry of viticulture, he will cause a representative of that industry to be added to the number of those already appointed on the Royal Commission on Technical Education.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DEAKIN: To move, That in the opinion of this House the State system of education should provide for elementary unsectarian religious instruction by the inclusion of a short prayer, a short hymn, and the reading of selected passages of Scripture.
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3. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 28TH JUNE, 1899.

- Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 2.
Indecent Publications Bill—[32].
Prahran Mechanics' Institute Bill—[37].
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Bill—[38].
Non-compulsory Vaccination Bill—[52].
Seventh General Report of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways. No. 24.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 3.

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8. **MR. MALONEY:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. If in view of the alleged injurious effects caused to the boys employed on the "Lightning Painter" now being used at the railway workshops at Newport he will appoint independent medical experts to investigate.
 2. How many of those employed on the machine since its introduction have been dismissed or removed for refusing to work.
9. **MR. HIGGINS:** To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if the Government has any intention of bringing in a Bill to repeal or amend Act 1387 so as to enable English solicitors to be admitted to practise in Victoria, and thereby enable Victorian solicitors to be admitted to practise in England.
10. **MR. TOUTCHER:** To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether the Anomalies Board has dealt with the question of shorter hours, annual leave, and anomalies other than pay for the warders in the Asylums for Insane; if not, will he give effect to the promise he made during consideration of last year's Estimates in regard to these matters.

ORDER OF THE DAY (to take precedence):—

1. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION ENABLING ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.

(220 copies.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. SIR GEORGE TURNER: To move, That Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week during the present Session be the days on which this House shall meet for the despatch of business, and that Four o'clock be the hour of meeting on each day; and that no fresh business, except the postponement of business on the Notice-paper, be called on after Half-past Ten o'clock.
2. SIR GEORGE TURNER: To move, That on Tuesday and Thursday in each week during the present Session Government business shall take precedence of all other business.
3. SIR GEORGE TURNER: To move, That on Wednesday in each week during the present Session Government business shall take precedence of all other business until Half-past Eight o'clock; after that hour business shall be called on in the following order, viz.:—

On one Wednesday—

General Business:

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

Private Bill Business:

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

On the alternate Wednesday—

Private Bill Business.

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

General Business:

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

4. SIR GEORGE TURNER: To move, That the following Members form the Standing Orders Committee during the present Session:—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Graves, Mr. Higgins, Sir John McIntyre, Mr. McLean, Mr. Staughton, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. A. L. Tucker, Sir George Turner, Mr. Vale, Mr. Wheeler, and Mr. Zox; five to be the quorum.
5. SIR GEORGE TURNER: To move, That the following Members form the Library Committee of the Legislative Assembly during the present Session, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council:—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Deakin, Mr. Gavan Duffy, Mr. Maddeñ, and Mr. Shiels.
6. SIR GEORGE TURNER: To move, That the following Members form the Parliament Buildings Committee of the Legislative Assembly during the present Session, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council:—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Graham, Mr. Moule, Mr. T. Smith, and Mr. Taverner.
7. SIR GEORGE TURNER: To move, That the following Members form the Printing Committee during the present Session:—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bromley, Mr. Craven, Mr. Dyer, Mr. Gray, Mr. Grose, Mr. Hancock, Mr. Kirton, Mr. Langdon, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Outtrim, and Mr. Rawson; three to be the quorum.
8. SIR GEORGE TURNER: To move, That the following Members form the Refreshment Rooms Committee of the Legislative Assembly during the present Session, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council:—Mr. Anderson, Mr. Austin, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Murphy, and Mr. Wilkins.
9. SIR GEORGE TURNER: To move, That the following Members form the Committee of Public Accounts during the present Session:—Mr. Beazley, Mr. Carter, Mr. Deakin, Sir John McIntyre, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Mr. T. Smith, and Mr. Wheeler; three to be the quorum.
10. SIR GEORGE TURNER: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to abolish plural voting in the elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly.
11. MR. BEST: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the resumption by the Crown of certain land in the parish of Ararat.
12. MR. BEST: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Marine Act 1890*.
13. MR. BEST: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to enable the trustees of the Melbourne Sailors' Home to sell and convey certain land situate in the city of Melbourne and vested in such trustees as a site for a Sailors' Home and to acquire other land therefor and for other purposes.
14. MR. FOSTER: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Water Act 1890*.
15. MR. FOSTER: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill relating to coal mines.
16. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Railways Acts, and for other purposes.
17. MR. PEACOCK: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the Factories and Shops Acts.
18. MR. PEACOCK: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the inspection and regulation of boilers.
19. MR. PEACOCK: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to hawkers and pedlars.

- 20. MR. ISAAC A. ISAACS: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for the prevention of usury and for other purposes.
- 21. SIR GEORGE TURNER: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to remove the disqualification of women in the elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly.
- 22. SIR GEORGE TURNER: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Railway Lands Acquisition Acts.
- 23. SIR GEORGE TURNER: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for old-age pensions.
- 24. MR. DEAKIN: To move, That in the opinion of this House the State system of education should provide for elementary unsectarian religious instruction by the inclusion of a short prayer, a short hymn, and the reading of selected passages of Scripture.
- 25. MR. ZOX: To move, That in the opinion of this House the rate of postage on letters throughout the colony of Victoria should be reduced to one penny.
- 26. MR. FINK: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law of libel.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

- 1. SUPPLY—To be considered in Committee.
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- 3. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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- 20. GRIFFITH'S ISLAND NATIONAL PARK BILL—Second reading.
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- 23. GEELONG REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IRELAND BILL—Second reading.
- 24. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
- 25. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
- 26. GEELONG MARKET BUILDINGS LEASING BILL—Second reading.
- 27. { PETITION OF JAMES KIRBY } To be considered.
 { PETITION OF THOMAS BATES }

WEDNESDAY, 12TH JULY.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

- 1. MR. T. SMITH: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - 1. The total number of permanent officers and employes in the Railway Department.
 - 2. The number in each class or grade in each branch.
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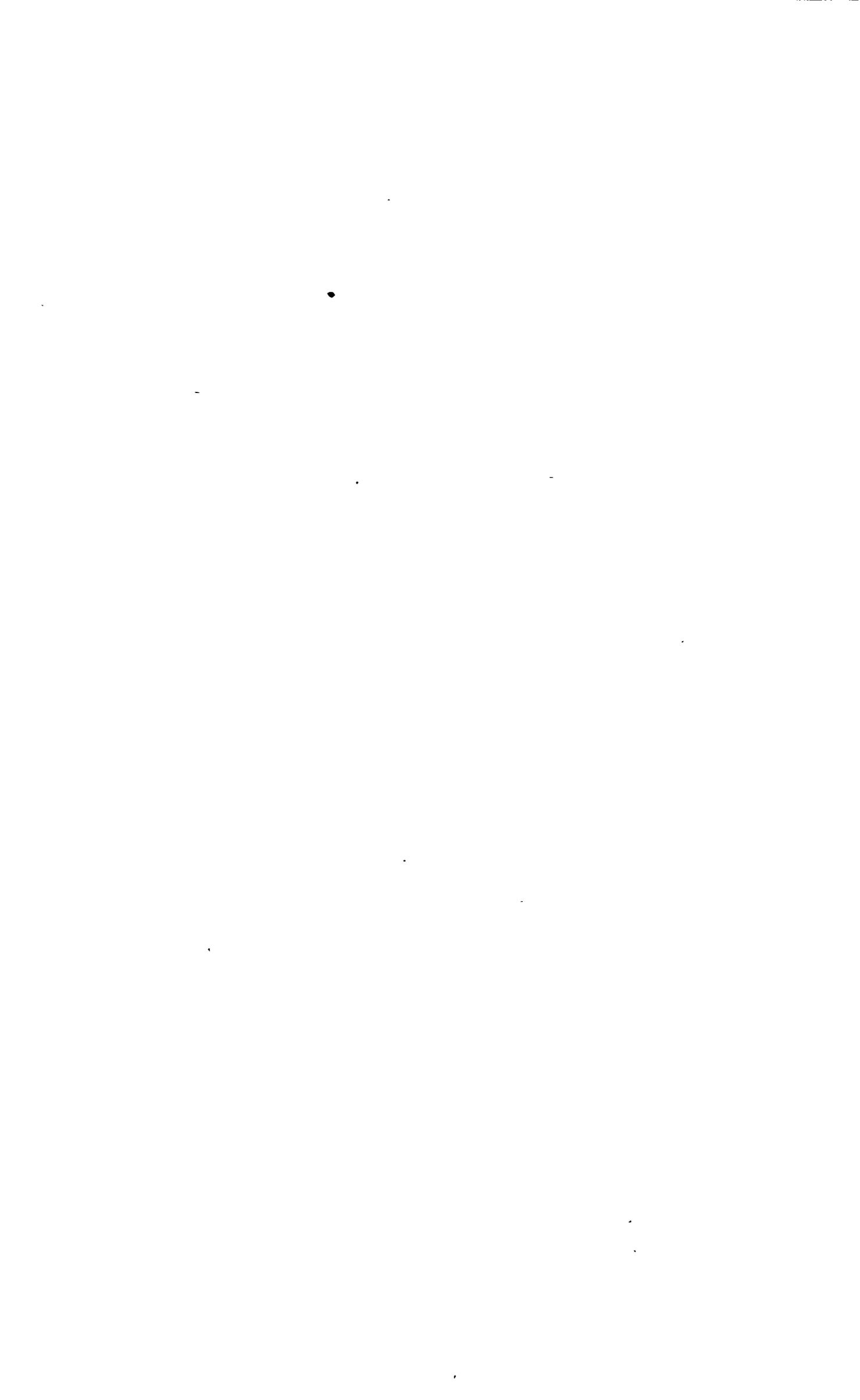
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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 29TH JULY, 1899.

- Evidence Bill—[12].
- Life Assurance Companies Bill—[25].
- Meat Supervision Bill—[28].

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- Geelong Mechanics' Institute Bill—[40].
- Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland Bill—[43].
- Local Government Bill No. 3—[54].



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 4.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH JULY, 1899.

Questions.

1. MR. MALONEY: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he has any objection to inform the House—
 1. What terms of imprisonment the following persons were sentenced to, viz., Andrew Geddes, Joseph Johnson, James Mirams, Charles Raymond Staples (of the Anglo-Australian Bank), Charles Ernest Clark (sentenced at the same time as George Nicholson Taylor), and George Nicholson Taylor.
 2. What length of time each of them actually served.
 3. Whether there is a single instance known to him of a convict over any of the "Land Boom" frauds (except George Nicholson Taylor of the Land Credit Bank) having been arrested after serving his sentence and held for non-payment of a fine.
2. MR. GRAVES: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if his Department will comply with the request of a deputation to him of residents to have some shelter accommodation erected for goods at the Moyhu Railway Station.
3. MR. VALE: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will give a preference, when the Department engages additional hands, to those whose services were dispensed with owing to the necessity of reducing the expenditure of the Railway Department.
4. MR. ZOX: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will cause greater supervision to be exercised over the sale of cyanide of potassium, as it is not included amongst the poisons in the Schedule to the *Poisons Act* 1890, although several deaths have resulted from its use.
5. MR. GROSE: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines whether he will take an early opportunity of filling the vacancies that have occurred in the Geological Branch of the Mines Department.
6. MR. MORRISSEY: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs if, in view of the fact that the Government have called into existence a number of wineries for the purpose of developing the viticultural interests of the colony, he will consider the desirability of according to wineries the same privilege as now enjoyed by vignerons, namely, the distillation of spirit for the fortification of the wines of the vignerons which the winery companies undertake to treat.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PLURAL VOTING ABOLITION BILL—Second reading.
2. ARARAT LAND RESUMPTION BILL—Second reading.
3. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. SAILORS' HOME LAND BILL—Second reading.
5. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. COAL MINES BILL—Second reading.
7. RAILWAYS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. BOILERS INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
10. HAWKERS AND PEDLERS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
12. WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL—Second reading.
13. RAILWAY LANDS ACQUISITION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
14. OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL—Second reading.
15. SUPPLY—To be considered in Committee.
16. WAYS AND MEANS—To be considered in Committee.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN STATE SCHOOLS.—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House the State system of education should provide for elementary unsectarian religious instruction by the inclusion of a short prayer, a short hymn, and the reading of selected passages of Scripture, *and on the following amendment*:—That all the words after the word "House" be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the following words:—"the question of religious instruction in State schools should be referred to a direct vote of the people."
2. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

3. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—
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27. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ZOZ: To move, That in the opinion of this House the rate of postage on letters throughout the colony of Victoria should be reduced to one penny.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH JULY.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 29TH JUNE, 1899.

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

Australasian Federation Enabling Bill—[47]. (To Members of Council only.)

Life Assurance Companies Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. J. M. Pratt. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 1, 2, and 3.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 4.

Weekly Report of Divisions. No. 1.

Railway Lands Acquisition Bill—[2].

Local Government Bill—[10].

The Constitution Act Amendment Bill—[14].

Woman Suffrage Bill—[15].

Usury Prevention Bill—[16].

Hawkers and Pedlers Bill—[24].

Boilers Inspection Bill—[29].

Metropolitan Hackney Carriages Bill—[30].

Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company's Bill—[39].

Kerang Agricultural Show Yards Sale Bill—[42].

Geelong Market Site Bill—[56].

Vermin Destruction Bill—[58].

Law of Libel Amendment Bill—[59].

Australasian Federation Enabling Bill—Amendments and New Clauses to be proposed by Sir George Turner. (To Members only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 5.

THURSDAY, 6TH JULY, 1899.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PLURAL VOTING ABOLITION BILL—Second reading.
2. ARARAT LAND RESUMPTION BILL—Second reading.
3. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. SAILORS' HOME LAND BILL—Second reading.
5. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. COAL MINES BILL—Second reading.
7. RAILWAYS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. BOILERS INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
10. HAWKERS AND PEDLERS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
12. WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL—Second reading.
13. RAILWAY LANDS ACQUISITION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
14. OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL—Second reading.
15. SUPPLY—To be considered in Committee.
16. WAYS AND MEANS—To be considered in Committee.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—
Second reading.
2. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG ALDERMEN ELECTION BILL—Second reading.
3. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
5. GEELONG MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
6. MUNICIPAL VALUATIONS BILL—Second reading.
7. INDECENT OR OBSCENE ADVERTISEMENTS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.
8. KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE BILL—Second reading.
9. HACKNEY CARRIAGES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
11. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS DEPOSIT ABOLITION BILL—Second reading.
12. PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—Second reading.
13. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
14. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
15. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
16. LAND ACT 1898 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
17. GRIFFITH'S ISLAND NATIONAL PARK BILL—Second reading.
18. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
19. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS DEPOSIT ABOLITION BILL—Second reading.
20. GEELONG REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IRELAND BILL—Second reading.
21. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
22. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
23. GEELONG MARKET BUILDINGS LEASING BILL—Second reading.
24. { PETITION OF JAMES KIRBY
PETITION OF THOMAS BATES
PETITION OF JOHN WOOD BEILBY } To be considered.
25. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 11TH JULY.*Questions.*

1. **MR. GURR:** To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if, in view of a recent decision of the Supreme Court that reversionary bonuses are not legally chargeable with Income Tax, all such amounts collected by the Commissioner of Taxes will be returned to those taxpayers who have been so charged from the commencement of the Act.
2. **MR. MURPHY:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will take all steps necessary to enable the trustees to carry out their duties under the Act, so that the construction of the line from Bungaree Junction to the Race-course Reserve may be commenced without delay.
3. **MR. MALONEY:** To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if, in the formulation of the Bill for the election of Members to the House of Representatives under the Commonwealth Act, he will, as far as practicable, whilst taking into consideration the question of population throughout the colony, adhere to natural and known electoral boundaries already existing.
4. **MR. HIGGINS:** To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs—
 1. Has he any objection to lay on the Table of the House the Report of the Inspector of the Marine Board of Victoria with regard to the stranding of the ship *Tinto Hill* in the Hopetoun Channel.
 2. Why has there not been a court of inquiry on the subject.
 3. Will the Commissioner undertake that the port of Geelong shall be duly represented on the Marine Board.
5. **MR. MALONEY:** To ask the Right Honorable the Premier—
 1. What is the limit of time placed on employment of the unemployed in the country on works such as the levee at the Goulburn and Murray.
 2. Why was this limit made, and when.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH JULY.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. T. SMITH:** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
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 2. The number in each class or grade in each branch.
 3. Their present rates of pay.
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WEDNESDAY, 2ND AUGUST.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. ZOX:** To move, That in the opinion of this House the rate of postage on letters throughout the colony of Victoria should be reduced to one penny.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Thursday, 6th July.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past ten o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 5TH JULY, 1899.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 3.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 5.

Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company's Bill—[39]. (To Members only.)

Local Government Bill—[48].

Constitution Act Amendment Bill—[49].

Mines Bill—[60].

Statistical Register of Colony of Victoria for Year 1897—

Part VII.—Accumulation. No. 2.

Part VIII.—Law, Crime, &c. No. 3.

Appendix to Part IV.—Population. Municipal Finances. No. 4.

Part IX.—Social Condition. No. 5.

Australasian Statistics for Year 1897. No. 7.

Statistical Register of Colony of Victoria for Year 1898.—Part I.—Blue Book. No. 10.

Thirty-third Report of Board of Visitors to Observatory, &c., from 1st July, 1898, to 28th February, 1899.
No. 12.

Agricultural Education.—Accounts of Trustees of Agricultural Colleges, &c., from 1st July to 31st
December, 1898. No. 19.

Report of Chief Inspector of Factories, &c., for Year 1898. No. 27.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 6.

TUESDAY, 11TH JULY, 1899.

Questions.

1. MR. GURR: To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if, in view of a recent decision of the Supreme Court that reversionary bonuses are not legally chargeable with Income Tax, all such amounts collected by the Commissioner of Taxes will be returned to those taxpayers who have been so charged from the commencement of the Act.
2. MR. MALONEY: To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if, in the formulation of the Bill for the election of Members to the House of Representatives under the Commonwealth Act, he will, as far as practicable, whilst taking into consideration the question of population throughout the colony, adhere to natural and known electoral boundaries already existing.
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 2. Why has there not been a court of inquiry on the subject.
 3. Will the Commissioner undertake that the port of Geelong shall be duly represented on the Marine Board.
6. MR. MALONEY: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 1. What is the total cost connected with the two abortive prosecutions of Mr. Joseph Flannagan, and who bears the cost.
 2. Upon whose initiative have these prosecutions been projected, and what means have the Crown Law authorities adopted in the matter to inform themselves prior to taking action.
 3. In the third effort of the Law authorities now pending to incriminate Mr. Flannagan will the Crown Prosecutor be instructed to produce in open court the real accuser of the prosecuted.
7. MR. HAMILTON: To ask the Right Honorable the Premier whether he does not consider it advisable to appoint a Grand Committee composed of Members of Parliament, the same as is done by the House of Commons, to examine and set in correct form the portions of Bills that relate to existing Acts of Parliament, or to purely technical matters connected with businesses, trades, or industries.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SUPPLY—To be considered in Committee.
2. WAYS AND MEANS—To be considered in Committee.
3. PLURAL VOTING ABOLITION BILL—Second reading.
4. ARARAT LAND RESUMPTION BILL—Second reading.
5. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. SAILORS' HOME LAND BILL—Second reading.
7. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. COAL MINES BILL—Second reading.
9. RAILWAYS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
10. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. BOILERS INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
12. HAWKERS AND PEDLERS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
13. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
14. WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL—Second reading.
15. RAILWAY LANDS ACQUISITION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
16. OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL—Second reading.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG ALDERMEN ELECTION BILL—Second reading.
3. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
4. HACKNEY CARRIAGES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
6. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
8. LAND ACT 1898 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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14. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
15. GEELONG MARKET BUILDINGS LEASING BILL—Second reading.
16. { PETITION OF JAMES KIRBY
PETITION OF THOMAS BATES
PETITION OF JOHN WOOD BEILBY } To be considered.
17. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH JULY.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. T. SMITH: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The total number of permanent officers and employes in the Railway Department.
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ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ZOX: To move, That in the opinion of this House the rate of postage on letters throughout the colony of Victoria should be reduced to one penny.

W. V. ROBINSON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,

Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 11th July.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 6TH JULY, 1899.

Poisons Bill—[26].

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 6.

Vermin Destruction Bill No. 2—[61].

Local Government Bill No. 2—[62].

Vermin Destruction Bill.—Amendments to be moved in Committee by Mr. Best. (To Members only.)

By Authority: ROBT. S. BRAIN, Government Printer, Melbourne.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 7.

TUESDAY, 1ST AUGUST, 1899.

Questions.

1. **MR. MCKENZIE** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether his attention has been called to the following telegram which appeared in the *Argus* newspaper of the 1st July last:—"Experiments have been made with great success at the Goulburn, Bathurst, Parramatta, and Grafton gaols of introducing a modified system of agriculture for the prisoners. The effect on the discipline has been most satisfactory, as prisoners hail with joy a change from the work-rooms to out-door work"; and, further, whether he will have inquiries made into the working of this system in New South Wales with a view to its adoption in connexion with the penal system of Victoria.
2. **MR. MCARTHUR** : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if he will state, as there appears to be considerable uncertainty on the matter, what are the exact arrangements made by the Government for the carriage of butter to London this season.
3. **MR. MCKENZIE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction whether he intends to introduce legislation during the present Session with the object of permitting accredited agents of the religious bodies to give religious instruction to the children in the State schools during school hours.
4. **MR. MCARTHUR** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if it is compulsory for head teachers of State schools to accept, if required, the positions of postmaster and registrar of births and deaths.
5. **MR. MCKENZIE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways when he intends to ask the House to refer fresh railway lines to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report.
6. **MR. HIGGINS** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs—
 1. Whether he submits to the claim of the Marine Board to treat as confidential the reports made as to the causes of marine casualties, and to withhold the reports from this House.
 2. If so, on what grounds.
7. **MR. MALONEY** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. Was the Pintsch light recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways.
 2. Does the light give satisfaction.
 3. At what date does the patent expire.
 4. Has he any objection to furnish a return showing—
 - (a) The cost of fitting each carriage with the Pintsch light.
 - (b) The cost of the maintenance (or up-keep) per annum of each carriage.
 - (c) The total cost to date of the fitting up, and all expenses incurred by the Department, in connexion with the said light.
8. **MR. McCAY** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction how many teachers now in the Education Department are affected by the opinion of the Crown Law authorities that certain trainees in training at the passing of Ramsay's Act of 1881 are debarred from pension rights.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

- 1. MR. BEST : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Moorpanyal Land Act 1897*.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

- 1. PLURAL VOTING ABOLITION BILL—Second reading.
- 2. WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL—Second reading.
- 3. BOILERS' INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
- 4. HAWKERS AND PEDLERS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
- 5. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
- 6. EVIDENCE LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
- 7. ARARAT LAND RESUMPTION BILL—Second reading.
- 8. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
- 9. SAILORS' HOME LAND BILL—Second reading.
- 10. OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL—Second reading.
- 11. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
- 12. COAL MINES BILL—Second reading.
- 13. RAILWAYS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
- 14. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
- 15. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
- 16. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

- 1. MR. MALONEY : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to reduce the amount of money to be deposited by candidates at elections for the Legislative Assembly.
- 2. MR. GRAY : To move, That in the opinion of this House provision should be made for the reduction of the property qualification of Members and electors of the Legislative Council, and the division of the provinces into single electorates.
- 3. MR. THOMSON : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the sale of certain lands set apart as a site for a mechanics' institute at Hamilton.
- 4. MR. BENNETT : To move, That in the opinion of this House it is advisable that all those railway pensioners who were discharged prior to 1895, and who are in receipt of less than £30 per annum, should have their pensions increased to that amount.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

- 1. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

- 1. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG ALDERMEN ELECTION BILL—Second reading.
- 2. HACKNEY CARRIAGES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
- 3. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
- 4. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
- 5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
- 6. LAND ACT 1898 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
- 7. GRIFFITH'S ISLAND NATIONAL PARK BILL—Second reading.
- 8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
- 9. GEELONG REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IRELAND BILL—Second reading.
- 10. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
- 11. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
- 12. GEELONG MARKET BUILDINGS LEASING BILL—Second reading.
- 13. { PETITION OF JAMES KIRBY
PETITION OF THOMAS BATES
PETITION OF JOHN WOOD BEILBY } To be considered.
- 14. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

- 1. MR. ZOX : To move, That in the opinion of this House the rate of postage on letters throughout the colony of Victoria should be reduced to one penny.
- 2. MR. T. SMITH : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - 1. The total number of permanent officers and employes in the Railway Department.
 - 2. The number in each class or grade in each branch.
 - 3. Their present rates of pay.
 - 4. Their present classification.

3. MR. T. SMITH: To move, That in the opinion of this House it is the duty of the Government to initiate upon an early date such legislation as will permit of seamen, shearers, commercial travellers, and others, who may be absent from their respective electorates upon the days Parliamentary elections are held, to record their votes at any time between nomination and polling day.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS DEPOSIT ABOLITION BILL—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION.

Contingent upon the Plural Voting Abolition Bill being committed—

1. MR. R. MURRAY SMITH: To move, That it be an instruction to the Committee to provide for the adoption of the system of proportional representation known as Hare's system.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 6TH JULY, 1899.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 4.
Local Government Bill No. 1—[10]. (To Members of Council only.)
Indecent Publications Bill—[32]. (To Members of Council only.)
Prahran Mechanics' Institute Bill—[37]. (To Members of Council only.)
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Bill—[38]. (To Members of Council only.)
Geelong Mechanics' Institute Bill—[40]. (To Members of Council only.)
Kerang Agricultural Show Yards Sale Bill—[42]. (To Members of Council only.)
Local Government Bill No. 2—[54]. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 4, 5, and 6.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 7
Land Bill—[65].

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 8.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND AUGUST, 1899.

Questions.

1. **MR. McCAY**: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction how many teachers now in the Education Department are affected by the opinion of the Crown Law authorities that certain trainees in training at the passing of Ramsay's Act of 1881 are debarred from pension rights.
2. **MR. OUTTRIM**: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 1. If his attention has been called to certain remarks made by the leader of the Ballarat Bar, on 5th July last, when congratulating Judge Johnstone on his appointment; such remarks relating to the amalgamation of the Supreme and County Courts, and the waste of judicial power and the needless expense involved in a continuation of the present system.
 2. Is he prepared at an early date to give the matter his consideration in the interest of economy and despatch of public business.
3. **MR. DUGGAN**: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will favorably consider the valuable and extra work recently done by the various electoral and deputy electoral registrars throughout the colony prior to the Referendum upon the Federation Enabling Act.
4. **MR. WATT**: To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if the Government intends this Session to give Parliament the opportunity of revising the tram fares provided for in section 26 of *The Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company's Act 1883*.
5. **MR. HIGGINS**: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether he can inform the House—
 - (a) How many electors' rights were issued on the 27th July last and during the fortnight preceding.
 - (b) What precautions were taken as to the issue of these rights.
6. **MR. KEYS**: To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if, in view of the numerous amending Local Government Bills now before Parliament, he will appoint a Select Committee to report on the numerous amendments required in the law relating to local government.
7. **MR. BOWSER**: To ask the Right Honorable the Premier—
 1. If, in the absence of teaching work at the Viticultural College, he will allow M. Dubois to deliver his series of illustrated lectures on phylloxera in the vine-growing centres of the colony.
 2. Is M. Dubois to be placed in charge of the phylloxerated district in Rutherglen, as urgently requested by two deputations of vine-growers.
 3. What arrangements are being made for experimental work with resistant stocks.

ORDER OF THE DAY (to take precedence):—

1. **PRIVILEGES OF PARLIAMENT—FREEDOM OF SPEECH.**—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House the appointment of a Royal Commission to inquire into or call in question the truth of statements made by a Member of this House in Parliament is an interference with the privileges of Parliament and is calculated to bring into contempt and imperil the undoubted privilege of freedom of speech in Parliament which belongs to this House and each Member thereof.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. BEST**: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Moorpanyal Land Act 1897* (220 copies.).

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PLURAL VOTING ABOLITION BILL—Second reading.
2. WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL—Second reading.
3. BOILERS INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
4. HAWKERS AND PEDLERS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
6. EVIDENCE LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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11. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
12. COAL MINES BILL—Second reading.
13. RAILWAYS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
14. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
15. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
16. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG ALDERMEN ELECTION BILL—Second reading.
2. HACKNEY CARRIAGES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
4. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 9TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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 2. The number in each class or grade in each branch.
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WEDNESDAY, 16TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS DEPOSIT ABOLITION BILL—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION.

Contingent upon the Plural Voting Abolition Bill being committed—

1. MR. R. MURRAY SMITH: To move, That it be an instruction to the Committee to provide for the adoption of the system of proportional representation known as Hare's system.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 5.

Vermin Destruction Bill—[58]. (To Members of Council only.)

Life Assurance Companies Bill.—Amendments and New Clause to be proposed by the Hon. Sir H. Cuthbert. Amendments and New Sub-sections to be proposed by the Hon. J. M. Davies. (To Members of Council only.)

Poisons Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. F. S. Grimwade. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. No. 7.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 8.

Twentieth Annual Report on Friendly Societies. No. 1.

Report of Victorian Railways Commissioner for Quarter ending 31st December, 1898. No. 6.

Report of Trustees of Public Library, &c., for 1898. No. 13.

Public Service Board—Report. No. 14.

Law Reform—Report, &c., of Royal Commission. No. 15.

Report of Secretary and Inspector of Department for Neglected Children, &c., for 1898. No. 18.

Thirteenth Annual Report on Trade Unions, &c., for 1898. No. 20.

Report of Inspector-General of Penal Establishments and Gaols for 1898. No. 22.

Fourth Progress Report of Royal Commission on State Forests, &c.—Wombat Forest. No. 25.

Report on the System of dealing with the Unemployed, &c., of New Zealand. No. 32.

Land Selection at Mount Macedon—Commission, Report, and Evidence. No. 33.

Progress Report from Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on Proposed Central Railway Station at Flinders-street, &c. Report No. 1.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 9.

THURSDAY, 3RD AUGUST, 1899.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BEST : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Moorpanyal Land Act 1897*.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PLURAL VOTING ABOLITION BILL—Second reading.
2. WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL—Second reading.
3. BOILERS INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
4. HAWKERS AND PEDLERS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
6. EVIDENCE LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. ARARAT LAND RESUMPTION BILL—Second reading.
8. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. SAILORS' HOME LAND BILL—Second reading.
10. OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL—Second reading.
11. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
12. COAL MINES BILL—Second reading.
13. RAILWAYS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
14. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
15. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
16. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 8TH AUGUST.

Questions.

1. MR. MCCAY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction how many teachers now in the Education Department are affected by the opinion of the Crown Law authorities that certain trainees in training at the passing of Ramsay's Act of 1881 are debarred from pension rights.
2. MR. OUTTRIM : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 1. If his attention has been called to certain remarks made by the leader of the Ballarat Bar, on 5th July last, when congratulating Judge Johnstone on his appointment; such remarks relating to the amalgamation of the Supreme and County Courts, and the waste of judicial power and the needless expense involved in a continuation of the present system.
 2. Is he prepared at an early date to give the matter his consideration in the interest of economy and despatch of public business.
3. MR. DUGGAN : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will favorably consider the valuable and extra work recently done by the various electoral and deputy electoral registrars throughout the colony prior to the Referendum upon the Federation Enabling Act.
4. MR. WATT : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if the Government intends this Session to give Parliament the opportunity of revising the tram fares provided for in section 26 of *The Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company's Act 1883*.
5. MR. HIGGINS : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether he can inform the House—
 - (a) How many electors' rights were issued on the 27th July last and during the fortnight preceding.
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6. MR. KEYS : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if, in view of the numerous amending Local Government Bills now before Parliament, he will appoint a Select Committee to report on the numerous amendments required in the law relating to local government.
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 1. If, in the absence of teaching work at the Viticultural College, he will allow M. Dubois to deliver his series of illustrated lectures on phylloxera in the vine-growing centres of the colony.
 2. Is M. Dubois to be placed in charge of the phylloxerated district in Rutherglen, as urgently requested by two deputations of vine-growers.
 3. What arrangements are being made for experimental work with resistant stocks.

8. MR. MALONEY : To ask the Right Honorable the Treasurer if he will give a bonus to the various electoral registrars who have been compelled to work many extra hours issuing electoral rights and certificates for the Federal Referendum.
9. MR. LEVIEN : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if he will take such steps as may be necessary to enable those who have qualified themselves under the *Defences and Discipline Act 1890* for appointment to the Non-clerical Division of the Public Service, but who have failed in probationary appointment in one Department, to retain their right of appointment on probation in another Department.
10. MR. LANGDON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether it is a fact that the officers of his Department are insisting upon introducing into all new agreements for letting certain grain sheds to farmers' associations such stringent conditions as to materially interfere with the usefulness and utility of such buildings ; if so, does he approve of the action of such officers.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ZOX : To move, That in the opinion of this House the rate of postage on letters throughout the colony of Victoria should be reduced to one penny.
2. MR. T. SMITH : To move, That in the opinion of this House it is the duty of the Government to initiate upon an early date such legislation as will permit of seamen, shearers, commercial travellers, and others, who may be absent from their respective electorates upon the days Parliamentary elections are held, to record their votes at any time between nomination and polling day.
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WEDNESDAY, 16TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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10. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. HAMILTON MECHANICS' INSTITUTE SITE BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. T. SMITH : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The total number of permanent officers and employes in the Railway Department.
 2. The number in each class or grade in each branch.
 3. Their present rates of pay.
 4. Their present classification.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
3. { PETITION OF JAMES KIRBY
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4. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS DEPOSIT REDUCTION BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS DEPOSIT ABOLITION BILL—Second reading.
2. GEELONG MARKET BUILDINGS LEASING BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
2. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION.

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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 2ND AUGUST, 1899.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 9:

Statistical Register of Colony of Victoria for 1898—

Part II.—Interchange. No. 11.

Part III.—Finance, &c. No. 16.

Part IV.—Population (exclusive of Municipal Finances). No. 17.

Bank Liabilities and Assets.—Summary of Sworn Returns for Quarter ended 30th September, 1898.
No. 35.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 10.

TUESDAY, 8TH AUGUST, 1899.

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11. MR. STAUGHTON : To ask the Right Honorable the Treasurer if he has promised any further monetary assistance to the Sugar Beet Company, Maffra.
12. MR. LANGDON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines and Water Supply whether he has taken any practical action, if so, in what direction, to divert the flood or any waters from the Loddon River into the lakes north-west of Kerang.

13. MR. MCCAY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction—

1. Is it not a fact that a number of teachers are allowed pension rights who appear in the classified list as junior to, and who entered the service of the Education Department later than, the 31 teachers who were trainees in 1881, and are refused pension rights.
2. Is it not a fact that some of those 31 teachers would now enjoy pension rights if they had failed to pass the examination for entrance to the second years' training course instead of passing it, and that some teachers who did fail actually possess those rights.
3. Did not the Education Department for years treat the 31 teachers as being entitled to pension rights; and when and how were they first notified that such rights were not recognised.
4. What steps does the Honorable the Minister propose to take to remedy the alleged existing injustice.

14. MR. ZOX : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—

1. If his attention has been called to a case in a police court in England, reported in the *Age* newspaper of 19th July last, in which the defendant denied the validity of his marriage, on the ground that the ceremony had been performed by the Rev. Mr. Kinsman, who had not been ordained by a bishop.
2. Does the Honorable the Minister consider that such marriages are invalid; and, if so, does he propose to take any steps in the matter.

15. MR. VALE : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier, as cotton has been grown at Mildura, will the Honorable the Acting Minister of Agriculture obtain a further supply of cotton seed (Upland and Indian), and endeavour to ascertain whether in other parts of the Murray Valley this plant can be grown.

16. MR. STYLES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether it is a fact that guards who work overtime are compelled to take time off in lieu of payment, while the acting guards running their trains are paid for overtime.

17. MR. LANGDON : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier whether it is the intention of the Government to give effect to the recommendation of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways in their Report of the 2nd November, 1898, in reference to the construction of a line of railway to Mildura; if so, when.

18. MR. CHIRNSIDE : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier, for the Honorable the Minister of Defence—

1. Is it true that the present military regulations debar a soldier who joins the V.P.A. or V.P.E. from rising to the position of a commissioned officer in any of the above corps or in the Permanent Staff.
2. Is it true that commissions in the V.P.A., V.P.E., or Permanent Staff can only be obtained by officers of the cadets, volunteers, and militia, and that such is denied by regulations to professional soldiers.
3. By whom are the military regulations framed.
4. If 1 and 2 are answered in the affirmative, are not the regulations framed to favour a class, and is not a corresponding injustice done to another class.

19. MR. GRAY : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if, in view of the extra work of electoral registrars in the issue of electoral rights for the Federal Referendum, he will give extra pay or a bonus to the registrars in proportion to the work done.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. SIR GEORGE TURNER : To move, That this House do agree to the following Address to the Queen, praying for the establishment of the Commonwealth of Australia :—

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY :

We, Your Majesty's loyal subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, in Parliament assembled, approach Your Majesty with assurances of loyal attachment to your Throne and Person. We humbly desire to lay before Your Majesty :—

1. That, pursuant to legislation passed by the Parliaments of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania, and Western Australia, a Convention of representatives of the colonies named met during the years 1897 and 1898 and framed a Draft Federal Constitution in the form of a Bill for enactment by the Imperial Parliament.

2. That in the beginning of the present year the Prime Ministers of the colonies named and the Prime Minister of Queensland in conference assembled amended the said Draft Federal Constitution in certain respects.

3. That subsequently Federation Enabling Acts were passed by the Parliaments of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, and Tasmania, and those Acts provided for the submission of the Federal Constitution, drafted and amended as aforesaid, to the electors of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, and Tasmania for acceptance or rejection.

4. That the electors of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, and Tasmania have accepted the said Constitution as amended; and a vote of the people of Queensland will be taken on the 2nd September next.

Section 37— That the *Victorian Australasian Federation Enabling Act* 1896, No. 1443, provides as follows:—

Section 37—

"If two colonies in addition to Victoria accept the Constitution, the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Victoria may adopt a Joint Address to the Queen praying that the Constitution may be passed into law by the Imperial Parliament upon receipt from the Parliaments of such two colonies, either of similar joint or separate Addresses from each House of such Parliaments."

Section 38—

"When such Joint Address has been agreed to pursuant to the preceding section, the same shall be transmitted to the Queen with a certified copy of the Constitution"

6. That by the *Victorian Australasian Federation Enabling Act* 1899, No. 1603, which amended Act No. 1443, called therein the Principal Act, it is provided as follows:—

"This Act shall be incorporated with the Principal Act, and, except so far as inconsistent with this Act or inapplicable thereto, the provisions of the Principal Act relating to the submission of the Constitution to the electors and its transmission to the Queen for legislative enactment by the Imperial Parliament, shall *mutatis mutandis* apply to the Constitution as proposed to be amended in the particulars appearing in the First Schedule to this Act.

"The Constitution as proposed to be amended in the particulars appearing in the First Schedule to this Act, and as set forth in the Second Schedule to this Act, shall—

(a) be submitted to the electors for the Legislative Assembly in Victoria for acceptance or rejection by direct vote, and, if accepted by a majority of the electors voting, may afterwards

(b) be transmitted by both Houses of Parliament to the Queen for legislative enactment by the Imperial Parliament."

7. In pursuance of these powers we, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, transmit to Your Majesty the said Constitution amended as aforesaid, and pray that, upon the transmission to Your Majesty of joint or separate Addresses from the Houses of Parliament of two or more of the other colonies, namely, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, and Western Australia, Your Majesty may be pleased to cause the accompanying Constitution to be submitted to the Imperial Parliament, that it may be passed into law by the Imperial Parliament for the establishment of an Australian Commonwealth composed of those colonies which unite with Victoria in a similar prayer to Your Majesty.

All of which we, the

Members of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, humbly pray Your Majesty to take into your gracious and favorable consideration.

2. MR. GAVAN DUFFY: To move, That it is expedient that the colony of Victoria co-operate with the United Kingdom, the Dominion of Canada, and the colonies of New South Wales, Queensland, and New Zealand in the construction and working of an electric telegraph cable across the Pacific Ocean from British Columbia to Australia, touching at British territory only.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL—Second reading.
2. BOILERS INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
3. HAWKERS AND PEDLERS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
5. EVIDENCE LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. ARARAT LAND RESUMPTION BILL—Second reading.
7. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. SAILORS' HOME LAND BILL—Second reading.
9. OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL—Second reading.
10. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. COAL MINES BILL—Second reading.
12. RAILWAYS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
13. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
14. MOORPANYAL LAND ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
15. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
16. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ZOX: To move, That in the opinion of this House the rate of postage on letters throughout the colony of Victoria should be reduced to one penny.
2. MR. T. SMITH: To move, That in the opinion of this House it is the duty of the Government to initiate upon an early date such legislation as will permit of seamen, sheavers, commercial travellers, and others, who may be absent from their respective electorates upon the days Parliamentary elections are held, to record their votes at any time between nomination and polling day.

3. MR. GRAY : To move, That in the opinion of this House provision should be made for the reduction of the property qualification of Members and electors of the Legislative Council, and the division of the provinces into single electorates.
4. MR. BENNETT : To move, That in the opinion of this House it is advisable that all those railway pensioners who were discharged prior to 1895, and who are in receipt of less than £30 per annum, should have their pensions increased to that amount.
5. MR. GRAVES : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the sale by the Government of certain reserves in the parishes of Cohuna and Gunbower and at Barr Creek at the price of £2 per acre, and to the subsequent reported sale on the 14th day of February last by public auction of the Barr Park Estate, which included the above lands, to Mr. Aitken at £48 15s. per acre; such Committee to be appointed by ballot, or by the Government, or by other such means as the House shall decide, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG ALDERMEN ELECTION BILL—Second reading.
3. HACKNEY CARRIAGES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
5. LAND ACT 1898 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. GRIFFITH'S ISLAND NATIONAL PARK BILL—Second reading.
7. GEELONG REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IRELAND BILL—Second reading.
8. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2)—Second reading.
10. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. HAMILTON MECHANICS' INSTITUTE SITE BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. T. SMITH : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The total number of permanent officers and employes in the Railway Department.
 2. The number in each class or grade in each branch.
 3. Their present rates of pay.
 4. Their present classification.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2)—Second reading.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3)—Second reading.
3. { PETITION OF JAMES KIRBY
PETITION OF THOMAS BATES
PETITION OF JOHN WOOD BELLBY } To be considered.
4. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS DEPOSIT REDUCTION BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS DEPOSIT ABOLITION BILL—Second reading.
2. GEELONG MARKET BUILDINGS LEASING BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
2. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 8th August.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at a quarter-past eleven o'clock.

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Melbourne and Geelong Aldermen Bill—[68].



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 11.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH AUGUST, 1899.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
2. BOILERS INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
3. HAWKERS AND PEDLERS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
5. EVIDENCE LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. ARARAT LAND RESUMPTION BILL—Second reading.
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THURSDAY, 10TH AUGUST.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CABLE COMMUNICATION FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA TO AUSTRALIA—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That it is expedient that the colony of Victoria co-operate with the United Kingdom, the Dominion of Canada, and the Colonies of New South Wales, Queensland, and New Zealand in the construction and working of an electric telegraph cable across the Pacific Ocean from British Columbia to Australia, touching at British territory only.
2. WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

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TUESDAY, 15TH AUGUST.

Questions.

1. **MR. KEYS :** To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if, in view of the numerous amending Local Government Bills now before Parliament, he will appoint a Select Committee to report on the numerous amendments required in the law relating to local government.
2. **MR. METHVEN :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. Is it a fact that there are several officers in the Railway Department over the statutory age (sixty) still kept on, while others have been made to retire.
 2. If so, has the Honorable the Minister any objection to give the names and reasons why their services are retained.
3. **MR. CHIRNSIDE :** To ask the Right Honorable the Premier, for the Honorable the Minister of Defence—
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 2. Is it true that commissions in the V.P.A., V.P.E., or Permanent Staff can only be obtained by officers of the cadets, volunteers, and militia, and that such is denied by regulations to professional soldiers.
 3. By whom are the military regulations framed.
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5. **MR. T. SMITH :** To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if he has any objection to state—
 1. The number of rabbits frozen in the Government Refrigerating Chambers at Melbourne during the last season.
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 3. The number of crates of rabbits stored.
 4. The duration of storage.
 5. What amount was charged for storage.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. WATER SUPPLY ADVANCES RELIEF BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG ALDERMEN ELECTION BILL—Second reading.
3. HACKNEY CARRIAGES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
5. LAND ACT 1898 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. GRIFFITH'S ISLAND NATIONAL PARK BILL—Second reading.
7. GEELONG REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IRELAND BILL—Second reading.
8. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
10. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. HAMILTON MECHANICS' INSTITUTE SITE BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. T. SMITH :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The total number of permanent officers and employes in the Railway Department.
 2. The number in each class or grade in each branch.
 3. Their present rates of pay.
 4. Their present classification.
2. **MR. ZOX :** To move, That in the opinion of this House the rate of postage on letters throughout the colony of Victoria should be reduced to one penny.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH AUGUST.

General Business. (After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
3. { PETITION OF JAMES KIRBY
PETITION OF THOMAS BATES
PETITION OF JOHN WOOD BEILBY } To be considered.
4. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS DEPOSIT REDUCTION BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business. (After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS DEPOSIT ABOLITION BILL—Second reading.
2. GEELONG MARKET BUILDINGS LEASING BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business. (After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
2. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

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Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 9th August.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 3RD AUGUST, 1899.

- Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 5.
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 10.
 The Constitution Act Amendment Bill—[14]. (To Members of Council only.)
 Life Assurance Companies Bill.—New Clause to be proposed by the Hon. Agar Wynne. (To Members of Council only.)
 Poisons Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. F. S. Grimwade. (To Members of Council only.)

- Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 8 and 9.
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 11.
 Marine Bill—[6].
 Melbourne Sailors' Home Bill—[19].
 Ararat Land Bill—[20].
 Moorpanyal Bill—[36].
 Third Progress Report of Royal Commission on State Forests, &c.—Redgum Forests of Barmah and Gunbower, &c. No. 8.
 Report of Inspector of Lunatic Asylums for Year 1898. No. 29.
 Mooropna Waterworks Trust.—Application for Additional Loan of £300. No. 30.
 Wodonga Waterworks Trust.—Application for Additional Loan for £500. No. 31.
 Royal Commission on Technical Education—Progress Report on Primary Instruction. No. 34.
 Report of Proceedings taken under Provisions of *Settlement on Lands Act 1893* during Financial Year ended 30th June, 1899. No. 40.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 12.

THURSDAY, 10TH AUGUST, 1899.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
2. CABLE COMMUNICATION FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA TO AUSTRALIA—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That it is expedient that the colony of Victoria co-operate with the United Kingdom, the Dominion of Canada, and the Colonies of New South Wales, Queensland, and New Zealand in the construction and working of an electric telegraph cable across the Pacific Ocean from British Columbia to Australia, touching at British territory only.
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General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

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TUESDAY, 15TH AUGUST.

Questions.

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Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. **WATER SUPPLY ADVANCES RELIEF BILL**—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. **MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
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4. **TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL**—Second reading.
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10. **MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 23RD AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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1. **MR. T. SMITH:** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
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WEDNESDAY, 30TH AUGUST.

General Business. (After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
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3. { PETITION OF JAMES KIRBY
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WEDNESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business. (After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS DEPOSIT ABOLITION BILL—Second reading.
2. GEELONG MARKET BUILDINGS LEASING BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business. (After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 10th August.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

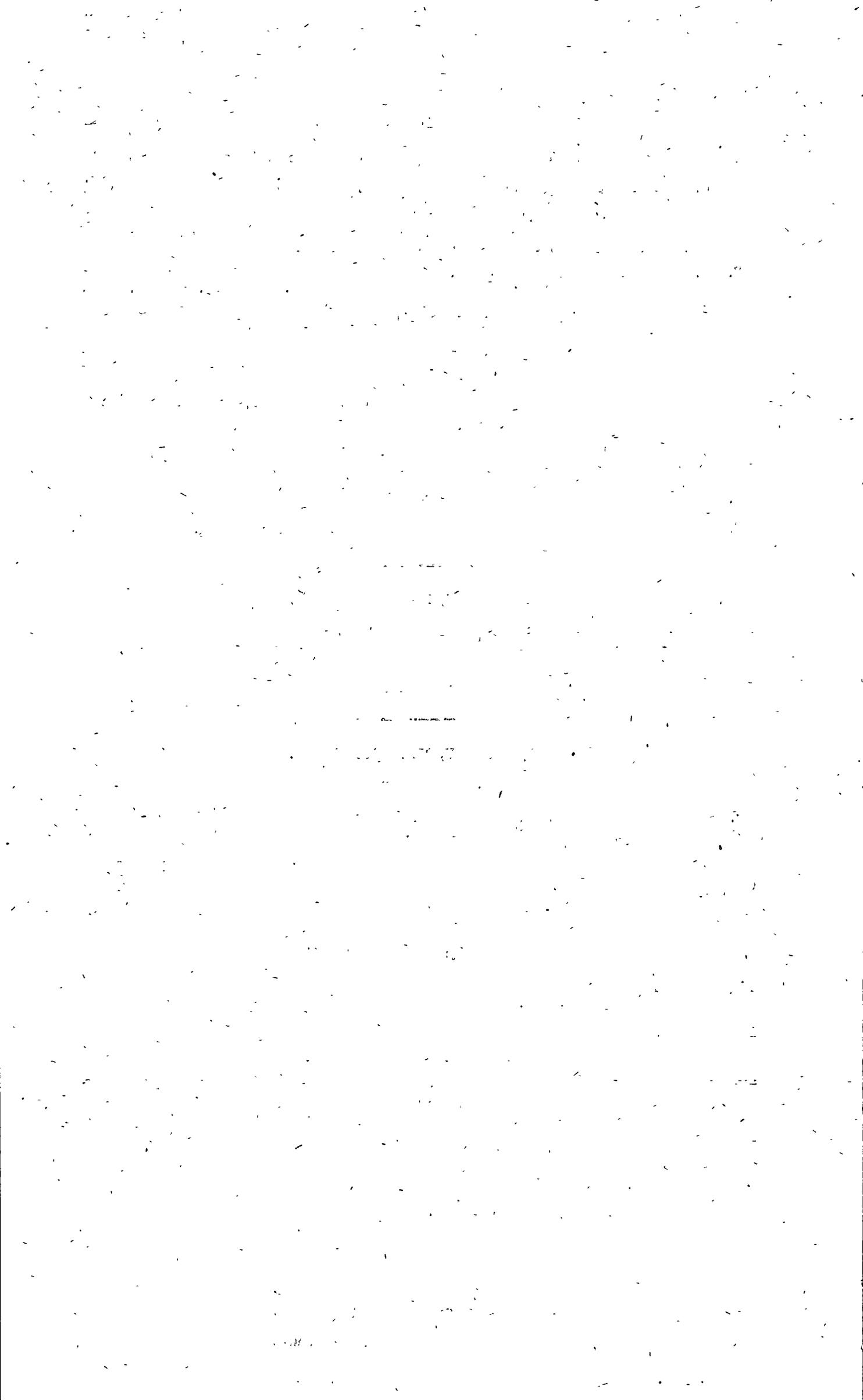
Tuesday, 15th August.

LIBRARY (JOINT)—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 9TH AUGUST, 1899.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 13.

TUESDAY, 15TH AUGUST, 1899.

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 4. The duration of storage.
 5. What amount was charged for storage.
6. **MR. GRAY** : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if it is the intention of the Public Works Department to complete the widening of the Yarra near the railway bridge, commenced by the Railway Department.
7. **MR. COOK** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 1. What are the nursing regulations respecting asylum matrons, and when were they framed.
 2. Does the recently appointed matron of the Yarra Bend Asylum hold a nursing certificate of any kind.
 3. What is the cause of the delay in filling the vacant position for matron at Sunbury, and is it proposed to pass by the senior attendants and appoint an outsider to the post.
 4. Is the certificate of nursing issued by Dr. McCreery considered a sufficient guarantee of nursing capacity.
8. **MR. GRAY** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he has any objection to state the number of persons employed in the Railway Department who receive over £250 per year, and the total amount paid to such officers in 1895 and 1898 respectively.

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 2. Total quantity sent from that station for the same period under what is known as the free abstract—A.
2. MR. BURTON: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the expenditure from loan funds in each of the years 1897–8 and 1898–9 on existing railway lines, as under, viz.:—
 1. Permanent way, including regrading.
 2. Rolling-stock—(a) Locomotives; (b) Carriages; and (c) Trucks.
 3. Buildings.
 4. Lighting.
 5. Any other expenditure.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FOSTER: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Mining Development Act 1896*.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. WATER SUPPLY ADVANCES RELIEF BILL—Second reading.
3. EVIDENCE LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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 7. The amount paid the City Corporation for that portion of the works used for freezing and storing rabbits.
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 9. Total amount paid
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WEDNESDAY, 16TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG ALDERMEN ELECTION BILL—Second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 23RD AUGUST.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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WEDNESDAY, 30TH AUGUST.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading
3. { PETITION OF JAMES KIRBY
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4. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS DEPOSIT REDUCTION BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. T. SMITH: To move, That in the opinion of this House it is the duty of the Government to initiate upon an early date such legislation as will permit of seamen, shearers, commercial travellers, and others, who may be absent from their respective electorates upon the days Parliamentary elections are held, to record their votes at any time between nomination and polling day.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS DEPOSIT ABOLITION BILL—Second reading.
2. GEELONG MARKET BUILDINGS LEASING BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
2. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. PETITION OF ANDREW ROWAN—To be considered.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 15th August.

LIBRARY (JOINT)—at three o'clock.

Wednesday, 16th August.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 10TH AUGUST, 1899.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 13.

Water Bill—[3].

Water Supply Advances Relief Bill—[21].

Statistics in connexion with the Water Supply Advances Relief Bill. (To Members only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 14.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH AUGUST, 1899.

Questions.

1. MR. BENNETT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines what is the cause of the delay in dealing with the Report of the Mines Ventilation Board.
2. MR. LANGDON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey whether he will lay on the Table of this House a full set of the county plans showing the classification, in various colours, of the Crown lands, including the Moe, Koo-wee-rup, and other swamp lands available for selection, as prepared by the Lands Department.
3. MR. KEYS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines and Water Supply if, in addition to the information which he distributed with the Bill to amend the *Water Act 1890*, he will also distribute the following information :—The names of each Irrigation, Urban, Rural, and Waterworks Trust, showing the valuation and rate made by each trust for the years 1896, 1897, and 1898.
4. MR. MALONEY : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General, in the event of a returning officer under the Local Government Act being guilty of an offence by wilfully disregarding the wish of an illiterate voter by crossing out the name of a candidate other than the one he is requested by the voter to cross out, what proceeding can be taken, and by whom.
5. MR. MCLEOD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. Are the intended reductions in grain freights by rail in the interests of farmers.
 2. If so, will the same rates on mileage basis apply to all ports of shipment, giving the farmer a free choice of Victorian ports.
6. MR. METHVEN : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if, in view of the probability of the Federal Parliament meeting in Melbourne in about twelve months, it is the intention of the Government to provide any additional accommodation to the present Parliament buildings.
7. MR. LANGDON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines and Water Supply—
 1. Have orders recently been issued by his Department to open the sluice-gates of the Kerang weir, so that the waters of the Loddon may flow more freely down that river to the Murray.
 2. Has the weir on the Sheepwash Creek been repaired, or any kind of work recently done in connexion therewith, for the purpose of diverting flood or other waters down the Washpen Creek.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS : To move, That the construction of a line of railway from Neerim South to Neerim North be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.
2. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS : To move, That the question of connecting Mildura and Yelta by means of a railway with one of the existing lines be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. HAWKERS AND PEDLERS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
4. OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL—Second reading.
5. COAL MINES BILL—Second reading.
6. RAILWAYS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. MINING DEVELOPMENT ACT 1896 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
10. WATER SUPPLY ADVANCES RELIEF BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
11. SAILORS' HOME LAND BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
12. BOILERS INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
13. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
14. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG ALDERMEN ELECTION BILL—Second reading.
3. HACKNEY CARRIAGES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
5. LAND ACT 1898 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. GRIFFITH'S ISLAND NATIONAL PARK BILL—Second reading.
7. GEELONG REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IRELAND BILL—Second reading.
8. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT-BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
10. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. HAMILTON MECHANICS' INSTITUTE SITE BILL—Second reading.
12. COUNTY COURT ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. KEYS: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report on the numerous amendments required in the law relating to local government; such Committee to consist of Mr. Cameron, Mr. Graham, Mr. Grose, Mr. Methven, Mr. McLean, Mr. White, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
2. MR. MCGREGOR: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to prevent the use of trading stamps, coupons, and other devices on the sale or exchange of property.
3. MR. MORRISSEY: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Customs and Excise Duties Act 1890*.

 WEDNESDAY, 23RD AUGUST.
General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. T. SMITH: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The total number of permanent officers and employes in the Railway Department.
 2. The number in each class or grade in each branch.
 3. Their present rates of pay.
 4. Their present classification.
2. MR. ZOx: To move, That in the opinion of this House the rate of postage on letters throughout the colony of Victoria should be reduced to one penny.
3. MR. GRAY: To move, That in the opinion of this House provision should be made for the reduction of the property qualification of Members and electors of the Legislative Council, and the division of the provinces into single electorates.
4. MR. BENNETT: To move, That in the opinion of this House it is advisable that all those railway pensioners who were discharged prior to 1895, and who are in receipt of less than £30 per annum, should have their pensions increased to that amount.
5. MR. GRAVES: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the sale by the Government of certain reserves in the parishes of Cohuna and Gunbower and at Barr Creek at the price of £2 per acre, and to the subsequent reported sale on the 14th day of February last by public auction of the Barr Park Estate, which included the above lands, to Mr. Aitken at £1 15s. per acre; such Committee to be appointed by ballot, or by the Government, or by other such means as the House shall decide, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
6. MR. METHVEN: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of Mr. William Flanagan; such Committee to consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Keys, Mr. White, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

 WEDNESDAY, 30TH AUGUST.
General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading
3. { PETITION OF JAMES KIRBY
PETITION OF THOMAS BATES
PETITION OF JOHN WOOD BEILBY } To be considered.
4. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS DEPOSIT REDUCTION BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. T. SMITH: To move, That in the opinion of this House it is the duty of the Government to initiate upon an early date such legislation as will permit of seamen, shearers, commercial travellers, and others, who may be absent from their respective electorates upon the days Parliamentary elections are held, to record their votes at any time between nomination and polling day.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS DEPOSIT ABOLITION BILL—Second reading.
2. GEELONG MARKET BUILDINGS LEASING BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
2. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. PETITION OF ANDREW ROWAN—To be considered.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 16th August.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 10TH AUGUST, 1899.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. Nos. 6 and 7.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 8.

Poisons Bill—[26]. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 11, 12, and 13.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 14.

Traction Engine Bill—[71.]

Supplementary Estimates, 1898-9. B.—No. 6.

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for Year ending 30th June, 1900. B.—No. 7.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 15.

THURSDAY, 17TH AUGUST, 1899.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS : To move, That the construction of a line of railway from Neerim South to Neerim North be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.
2. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS : To move, That the question of connecting Mildura and Yelta by means of a railway with one of the existing lines be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. HAWKERS AND PEDLERS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
3. BOILERS INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
4. OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL—Second reading.
5. COAL MINES BILL—Second reading.
6. RAILWAYS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. MINING DEVELOPMENT ACT 1896 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
10. WATER SUPPLY ADVANCES RELIEF BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
11. SAILORS' HOME LAND BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
12. IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION BILL—Second reading.
13. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
14. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. STAUGHTON : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing separately the total amount of expenditure on the Gippsland Lakes' Entrance to date—
 1. Capital.
 2. Maintenance.
 3. Interest on capital.

TUESDAY, 22ND AUGUST.

Questions.

1. MR. JOHN A. ISAACS : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 1. Is it not a fact that State school teachers are now appointed electoral registrars.
 2. Are not most of the duties of such State school teachers as electoral registrars performed outside their ordinary duties as teachers.
 3. What is the remuneration paid to them for such duties, and what is the remuneration paid for similar duties to other registrars.
 4. Does he not think that the difference in remuneration is too great.
2. MR. GRAHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture if he will cause an analysis to be made of the various brands of Preservitas used in the colony, with a view to guide the butter factories in the purchase of this article ; also an analysis of the various brands of salt offered for curing butter.

3. **MR. BRAKE** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey—
1. What steps (if any) have been taken to notify holders of grazing areas and other leased lands, whose leases expire at the termination of the present year, that to avail themselves of all the privileges of the new Land Act they must take action before December next.
 2. Will the Honorable the Minister cause a circular to be sent to every such holder intimating that, if certain privileges under the new Land Act are desired, action must be taken before the time named.
 3. Will the Honorable the Minister instruct his officers to record names and addresses of all those who are without land and are making inquiries with a view to secure land and establish a home.
4. **MR. WATT** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if the Government has considered or adopted the recommendation embodied in the Progress Report of Technical Education Committee that the introduction of manual training and kindergarten into State schools be deferred until expert organizers be appointed.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. **WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL**—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. MCCOLL** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing, under each heading and year separately, the amounts spent on maintenance and repairs, together with any other expenditure on the Macorna Channel and Kow Swamp National Works, between the Murray and the Loddon Rivers, for the years from 1893 to 1899; also the same amounts in the same manner on the Laanecoorie Weir and any other national head-works on or connected with the Loddon River.
2. **MR. MCCOLL** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. At what amount in the £1 a rate will require to be struck and collected in each district sufficient to pay interest at 4 per cent. on the liability of each Water Supply and Irrigation Trust District as set out in column No. 5 in the Schedule to the Water Supply Advances Relief Bill 1899.
 2. The rate struck in the £1 in each of the districts named in column No. 5 of the Schedule in the Bill named for the years 1897, 1898, and 1899, and the amount collected in each year; also the amount of arrears now standing for each year.
3. **MR. MCCOLL** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing, each Trust and year separately, the amount expended on maintenance and repairs for the years 1896, 1897, and 1898 on the works of the Water Supply and Irrigation Trusts named in the 5th column of the Schedule to the Water Supply Advances Relief Bill 1899.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. T. SMITH** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The total number of permanent officers and employes in the Railway Department.
 2. The number in each class or grade in each branch.
 3. Their present rates of pay.
 4. Their present classification.
2. **MR. ZOX** : To move, That in the opinion of this House the rate of postage on letters throughout the colony of Victoria should be reduced to one penny.
3. **MR. GRAY** : To move, That in the opinion of this House provision should be made for the reduction of the property qualification of Members and electors of the Legislative Council, and the division of the provinces into single electorates.
4. **MR. BENNETT** : To move, That in the opinion of this House it is advisable that all those railway pensioners who were discharged prior to 1895, and who are in receipt of less than £30 per annum, should have their pensions increased to that amount.
5. **MR. GRAVES** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the sale by the Government of certain reserves in the parishes of Cohuna and Gunbower and at Barr Creek at the price of £2 per acre, and to the subsequent reported sale on the 14th day of February last by public auction of the Barr Park Estate, which included the above lands, to Mr. Aitken at £4 15s. per acre; such Committee to be appointed by ballot, or by the Government, or by other such means as the House shall decide, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
6. **MR. METHVEN** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of Mr. William Flanagan; such Committee to consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Keys, Mr. White, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading
3. { PETITION OF JAMES KIRBY
PETITION OF THOMAS BATES
PETITION OF JOHN WOOD BEILBY } To be considered.
4. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS DEPOSIT REDUCTION BILL—Second reading.
5. GRIFFITH'S ISLAND NATIONAL PARK BILL—Second reading.
6. ABOLITION OF COUPONS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. T. SMITH: To move, That in the opinion of this House it is the duty of the Government to initiate upon an early date such legislation as will permit of seamen, shearers, commercial travellers, and others, who may be absent from their respective electorates upon the days Parliamentary elections are held, to record their votes at any time between nomination and polling day.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS DEPOSIT ABOLITION BILL—Second reading.
2. GEELONG MARKET BUILDINGS LEASING BILL—Second reading.
3. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG ALDERMEN ELECTION BILL—Second reading.
4. HACKNEY CARRIAGES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
6. LAND ACT 1898 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. HAMILTON MECHANICS' INSTITUTE SITE BILL—Second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MORRISSEY: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Customs and Excise Duties Act 1890*.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GRAHAM: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the Petition of Angus Robertson, presented to this House last Session; such Committee to consist of Mr. Austin, Mr. Brown, Mr. McColl, Mr. Outtrim, Mr. Trenwith, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
2. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PETITION OF ANDREW ROWAN—To be considered.
2. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER.

General Business

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. COUNTY COURT ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 16TH AUGUST, 1899.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 9.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 15.

Water Supply Advances Relief Bill.—Amendments to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Outtrim. (To Members only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 16.

TUESDAY, 22ND AUGUST, 1899.

Questions.

1. **MR. JOHN A. ISAACS :** To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 1. Is it not a fact that State school teachers are now appointed electoral registrars.
 2. Are not most of the duties of such State school teachers as electoral registrars performed outside their ordinary duties as teachers.
 3. What is the remuneration paid to them for such duties; and what is the remuneration paid for similar duties to other registrars.
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2. **MR. GRAHAM :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture if he will cause an analysis to be made of the various brands of *Pieservitas* used in the colony, with a view to guide the butter factories in the purchase of this article; also an analysis of the various brands of salt offered for curing butter.
3. **MR. BRAKE :** To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey—
 1. What steps (if any) have been taken to notify holders of grazing areas and other leased lands, whose leases expire at the termination of the present year, that to avail themselves of all the privileges of the new Land Act they must take action before December next.
 2. Will the Honorable the Minister cause a circular to be sent to every such holder intimating that, if certain privileges under the new Land Act are desired, action must be taken before the time named.
 3. Will the Honorable the Minister instruct his officers to record names and addresses of all those who are without land and are making inquiries with a view to secure land and establish a home.
4. **MR. WATT :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if the Government has considered or adopted the recommendation embodied in the Progress Report of Technical Education Committee that the introduction of manual training and kindergarten into State schools be deferred until expert organizers be appointed.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. **MR. MCCOLL :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing, under each heading and year separately, the amounts spent on maintenance and repairs, together with any other expenditure on the Macorna Channel and Kow Swamp National Works, between the Murray and the Loddon Rivers, for the years from 1893 to 1899; also the same amounts in the same manner on the Laanecoorie Weir and any other national head-works on or connected with the Loddon River.
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 2. The rate struck in the £1 in each of the districts named in column No. 5 of the Schedule in the Bill named for the years 1897, 1898, and 1899, and the amount collected in each year; also the amount of arrears now standing for each year.
3. **MR. MCCOLL :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing, each Trust and year separately, the amount expended on maintenance and repairs for the years 1896, 1897, and 1898 on the works of the Water Supply and Irrigation Trusts named in the 5th column of the Schedule to the Water Supply Advances Relief Bill 1899.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. H. R. WILLIAMS :** To move, That the construction of a line of railway from Neerim South to Neerim North be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.
2. **MR. H. R. WILLIAMS :** To move, That the question of connecting Mildura and Yelta by means of a railway with one of the existing lines be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL—Second reading.
2. WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
4. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.
5. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
6. BOILERS INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
7. IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION BILL—Second reading.
8. MINING DEVELOPMENT ACT 1896 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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10. COAL MINES BILL—Second reading.
11. RAILWAYS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
12. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
13. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
14. WATER SUPPLY ADVANCES RELIEF BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. STAUGHTON : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing separately the total amount of expenditure on the Gippsland Lakes' Entrance to date—
 1. Capital.
 2. Maintenance.
 3. Interest on capital.
2. MR. McLEAN : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The total cost of constructing the second line of railway to Ballarat through Bacchus Marsh, including stations, rolling-stock, and all incidental expenses.
 2. The annual cost for interest, maintenance, and working expenses of the line.
 3. The estimated annual loss to the original line *via* Geelong by reason of the diversion of traffic through Bacchus Marsh.
 4. The estimated annual saving that would accrue to the country if the Bacchus Marsh line had not been constructed, and the whole of the traffic were carried on the line *via* Geelong.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. T. SMITH : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The total number of permanent officers and employes in the Railway Department.
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WEDNESDAY, 30TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading
3. { PETITION OF JAMES KIRBY
PETITION OF THOMAS BATES
PETITION OF JOHN WOOD BEILBY } To be considered.
4. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS DEPOSIT REDUCTION BILL—Second reading.
5. GRIFFITH'S ISLAND NATIONAL PARK BILL—Second reading.
6. ABOLITION OF COUPONS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. T. SMITH: To move, That in the opinion of this House it is the duty of the Government to initiate upon an early date such legislation as will permit of seamen, shearers, commercial travellers, and others, who may be absent from their respective electorates upon the days Parliamentary elections are held, to record their votes at any time between nomination and polling day.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS DEPOSIT ABOLITION BILL—Second reading.
2. GEELONG MARKET BUILDINGS LEASING BILL—Second reading.
3. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG ALDERMEN ELECTION BILL—Second reading.
4. HACKNEY CARRIAGES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
6. LAND ACT 1898 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. HAMILTON MECHANICS' INSTITUTE SITE BILL—Second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MORRISSEY: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Customs and Excise Duties Act 1890*.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GRAHAM: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the Petition of Angus Robertson, presented to this House last Session; such Committee to consist of Mr. Austin, Mr. Brown, Mr. McColl, Mr. Outtrim, Mr. Trenwith, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
2. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PETITION OF ANDREW ROWAN—To be considered.
2. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. COUNTY COURT ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

W. V. ROBINSON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,

Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 23rd August.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW—at half-past two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 17TH AUGUST, 1899.

Marine Bill—[6]. (To Members of Council only.)

Ararat Land Bill—[20]. (To Members of Council only.)

Moorpanyal Land Bill—[36]. (To Members of Council only.)

Evidence Bill.—Amendment made by the Legislative Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 16.

Old-age Pensions Bill—[1].

Immigration Restriction Bill—[27].

Mining Development Bill—[57].

Municipal Electors Bill—[72].

Paper circulated by Sir George Turner in relation to Old-age Pensions Bill. (To Members only.)

Bank Liabilities and Assets.—Summary of Sworn Returns for Quarter ended 31st December, 1898.
No. 38.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 17.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD AUGUST, 1899.

Questions.

1. MR. MALONEY : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 1. Has his Department received sworn declarations accusing a municipal deputy returning officer of North Melbourne of marking a ballot-paper otherwise than as desired by the voter.
 2. Has the Government any objection to introduce a measure making legislative provision whereby a law officer could, if he thought fit, proceed against any person for such a breach of the municipal electoral law as is alleged in the declaration above referred to.
2. MR. SALMON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines—
 1. Is he aware that leases for dredging areas are being applied for in ground unsuitable for hydraulic treatment.
 2. If so, will he take steps to protect the investing public from those who are trafficking in these leases.
 3. If not, will he cause the results of the inquiries being made by an officer of his Department to be made public if such a practice is disclosed.
3. MR. COOK : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction—
 1. If it is a fact that pupil teachers will not be entitled to the proposed increase of pay of £8 until they have passed in algebra, euclid, and Latin.
 2. Have the present assistant teachers passed an examination in these subjects ; and, if not, must they do so now.
 3. If assistants are not to be required to pass, why are pupil teachers, whose salaries are so low that they cannot afford to pay for extra teaching, to be under a disability not affecting their seniors.
4. MR. GAIR : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he intends to restore to deputy registrars of births and deaths the fees which were taken from them at the time of retrenchment ; and, if so, when.
5. MR. COOK : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if he will make the proposed allowance to cycle pillar clearers an amount equal to the minimum salary of pillar clearers until such time as their case is finally determined.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS : To move, That the construction of a line of railway from Neerim South to Neerim North be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.
2. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS : To move, That the question of connecting Mildura and Yelta by means of a railway with one of the existing lines be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
2. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.
3. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
4. BOILERS INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
5. IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION BILL—Second reading.
6. MINING DEVELOPMENT ACT 1896 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. SAILORS' HOME LAND BILL—Second reading—*Resumpt on of debate.*
8. COAL MINES BILL—Second reading.
9. RAILWAYS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
10. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
12. WATER SUPPLY ADVANCES RELIEF BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. T. SMITH: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The total number of permanent officers and employes in the Railway Department.
 2. The number in each class or grade in each branch.
 3. Their present rates of pay.
 4. Their present classification.
2. MR. ZOX: To move, That in the opinion of this House the rate of postage on letters throughout the colony of Victoria should be reduced to one penny.
3. MR. GRAY: To move, That in the opinion of this House provision should be made for the reduction of the property qualification of Members and electors of the Legislative Council, and the division of the provinces into single electorates.
4. MR. BENNETT: To move, That in the opinion of this House it is advisable that all those railway pensioners who were discharged prior to 1895, and who are in receipt of less than £30 per annum, should have their pensions increased to that amount.
5. MR. GRAVES: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the sale by the Government of certain reserves in the parishes of Colliana and Gunbower and at Barr Creek at the price of £2 per acre, and to the subsequent reported sale on the 14th day of February last by public auction of the Barr Park Estate, which included the above lands, to Mr. Aitken at £4 15s. per acre; such Committee to be appointed by ballot, or by the Government, or by other such means as the House shall decide, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
6. MR. METHVEN: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of Mr. William Flanagan; such Committee to consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Keys, Mr. White, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
7. MR. STAUGHTON: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing separately the total amount of expenditure on the Gippsland Lakes' Entrance to date—
 1. Capital.
 2. Maintenance.
 3. Interest on capital.
8. MR. McLEAN: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The total cost of constructing the second line of railway to Ballarat through Bacchus Marsh, including stations, rolling-stock, and all incidental expenses.
 2. The annual cost for interest, maintenance, and working expenses of the line.
 3. The estimated annual loss to the original line *via* Geelong by reason of the diversion of traffic through Bacchus Marsh.
 4. The estimated annual saving that would accrue to the country if the Bacchus Marsh line had not been constructed, and the whole of the traffic were carried on the line *via* Geelong.
9. MR. FINK: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled the Public Accountants Act.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading
3. { PETITION OF JAMES KIRBY
PETITION OF THOMAS BATES
PETITION OF JOHN WOOD BEILBY } To be considered.
4. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS DEPOSIT REDUCTION BILL—Second reading.
5. GRIFFITH'S ISLAND NATIONAL PARK BILL—Second reading.
6. ABOIITION OF COLPONS BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. T. SMITH: To move, That in the opinion of this House it is the duty of the Government to initiate upon an early date such legislation as will permit of sea men, shearers, commercial travellers, and others, who may be absent from their respective electorates upon the days Parliamentary elections are held, to record their votes at any time between nomination and polling day.
2. MR. BROMLEY: To move, That the Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company's Act 1883 further Amendment Bill be treated as a Public Bill.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS DEPOSIT ABOLITION BILL—Second reading.
2. GEELONG MARKET BUILDINGS LEASING BILL—Second reading.
3. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG ALDERMEN ELECTION BILL—Second reading.
4. HACKNEY CARRIAGES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
6. LAND ACT 1898 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. HAMILTON MECHANICS' INSTITUTE SITE BILL—Second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MORRISSEY: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Customs and Excise Duties Act 1890*.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GRAHAM: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the Petition of Angus Robertson, presented to this House last Session; such Committee to consist of Mr. Austin, Mr. Brown, Mr. McColl, Mr. Outtrim, Mr. Tienwith, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
2. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. PETITION OF ANDREW ROWAN—To be considered.
2. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. COUNTY COURT ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

W. V. ROBINSON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,

Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 23rd August.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past eleven o'clock.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW—at half-past two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 17TH AUGUST, 1899.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. Nos. 8 and 9.

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

Hawkers and Pedlers Bill—[24]. (To Members of Council only.)

Poisons Bill—[26]. (To Members of Council only.)

Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland Bill—[43]. (To Members of Council only.)

Cremation Bill—[69].

Local Government Bill No. 1.—New Clause to be proposed by the Hon. A. O. Sachse. (To Members of Council only.)

Life Assurance Companies Bill.—New Clauses to be proposed by the Hon. Sir F. T. Sargood and the Hon. J. M. Davies. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 14, 15, and 16.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 17.

Weekly Report of Divisions. No. 2.

Coal Mines Regulation Bill—[31].

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 18.

TUESDAY, 29TH AUGUST, 1899.

Questions.

1. MR. SALMON: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines—
 1. Is he aware that leases for dredging areas are being applied for in ground unsuitable for hydraulic treatment.
 2. If so, will he take steps to protect the investing public from those who are trafficking in these leases.
 3. If not, will he cause the results of the inquiries being made by an officer of his Department to be made public if such a practice is disclosed.
2. MR. McLEOD: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. Will the reduced rates on grain when they come into force be allowed to all Victorian producers sending grain over Victorian lines to any terminal point on the sea-board.
 2. If not allowed on grain unloaded at all terminal points on the sea-board, to which terminal points are the reductions intended to apply.
3. MR. MALONEY: To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if it is a fact that the sum of £220 was recently paid for the purchase of a grand piano for Government House without tender; if so, under what vote was the money obtained, and why were not tenders for the piano called for.
4. MR. COOK: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 1. Will the three weeks' leave proposed to be granted to the asylum warders apply to the artisan warders also.
 2. If not, why not?

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS: To move, That the construction of a line of railway from Neerim South to Neerim North be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.
2. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS: To move, That the question of connecting Mildura and Yelta by means of a railway with one of the existing lines be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
2. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.
3. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
4. BOILERS INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
5. IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION BILL—Second reading.
6. MINING DEVELOPMENT ACT 1896 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. SAILORS' HOME LAND BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
8. COAL MINES BILL—Second reading.
9. RAILWAYS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
10. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
12. WATER SUPPLY ADVANCES RELIEF BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BROWN: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Companies Act* 1890.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Amendment of the Legislative Council—To be considered.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
3. { PETITION OF JAMES KIRBY
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5. GRIFFITH'S ISLAND NATIONAL PARK BILL—Second reading.
6. ABOLITION OF COUPONS BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. T. SMITH: To move, That in the opinion of this House it is the duty of the Government to initiate upon an early date such legislation as will permit of seamen, shearers, commercial travellers, and others, who may be absent from their respective electorates upon the days Parliamentary elections are held, to record their votes at any time between nomination and polling day.
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 1. The total number of permanent officers and employes in the Railway Department.
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8. MR. METHVEN: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of Mr. William Flanagan; such Committee to consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Keys, Mr. White, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
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 2. The annual cost for interest, maintenance, and working expenses of the line.
 3. The estimated annual loss to the original line *vid* Geelong by reason of the diversion of traffic through Bacchus Marsh.
 4. The estimated annual saving that would accrue to the country if the Bacchus Marsh line had not been constructed, and the whole of the traffic were carried on the line *vid* Geelong.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS DEPOSIT ABOLITION BILL—Second reading.
2. GEELONG MARKET BUILDINGS LEASING BILL—Second reading.
3. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG ALDERMEN ELECTION BILL—Second reading.
4. HACKNEY CARRIAGES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
6. LAND ACT 1898 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. HAMILTON MECHANICS' INSTITUTE SITE BILL—Second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MORRISSEY: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Customs and Excise Duties Act 1890*.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GRAHAM: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the Petition of Angus Robertson, presented to this House last Session; such Committee to consist of Mr. Austin, Mr. Brown, Mr. McColl, Mr. Outtrim, Mr. Trenwith, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
2. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PETITION OF ANDREW ROWAN—To be considered.
2. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. COUNTY COURT ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

W. V. ROBINSON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

E. C. MASON,

Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

*Tuesday, 29th August.*PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past eleven o'clock.
REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.*Wednesday, 30th August.*

LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW—at two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 23RD AUGUST, 1899.

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

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 11.

Woman Suffrage Bill—[15]. (To Members of Council only.)

Consolidated Revenue Bill No. 2—[73]. (To Members of Council only.)

Hospitals and Charities Amending Bill—[74].

Local Government Bill No. 2—

New Clause to be proposed by the Hon. N. Levi. (To Members of Council only.)

New Clause to be proposed by the Hon. Agar Wynne. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 18.

Water Supply Advances Relief Bill.—Amendments to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Outtrim. (To Members only.)

Annual Report on British New Guinea from 1st July, 1897, to 30th June, 1898, with Appendices. No. 28.

Report of Chief Inspector of Explosives for 1898. No. 41.

Interim Report of Royal Commission on Refrigerating Stores and Central Wine Dépôt. No. 47.

Report from Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on Coliban Upper Reservoir, &c. Report No. 2.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 19.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH AUGUST, 1899.

Questions.

1. MR. HIGGINS : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary what is the cause of the failure to pay monthly the pensions which became due to policemen who retired on account of age during April, May, and June, 1899.
2. MR. LANGDON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether his Department intends providing better and extended accommodation for loading wood into trucks at the Wedderburn Station ; and, if so, when.
3. MR. GAIR : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if he intends to again introduce the Railway Classification Bill ; and, if so, when.
4. MR. O'NEILL : To ask the Right Honorable the Treasurer—
 1. Is it a fact that large deposits of gold in the early digging days were made by the miners in the Sub-Treasuries at Bendigo, Ballarat, and Castlemaine.
 2. What quantity of such gold has not been claimed up to the present time by depositors, and to what fund have such amounts been placed.
5. MR. FINK : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if it is a fact that he has refused the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company permission to establish an office in Melbourne for the receipt and transmission of cable messages ; and, if so, what are the reasons for such refusal.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS : To move, That the construction of a line of railway from Neerim South to Neerim North be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.
2. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS : To move, That the question of connecting Mildura and Yelta by means of a railway with one of the existing lines be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Amendment of the Legislative Council—To be considered.
2. GEELONG MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
3. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
4. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
5. IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION BILL—Second reading.
6. BOILERS INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
3. { PETITION OF JAMES KIRBY
PETITION OF THOMAS BATES
PETITION OF JOHN WOOD BELBY } To be considered.
4. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS DEPOSIT REDUCTION BILL—Second reading.
5. GRIFFITH'S ISLAND NATIONAL PARK BILL—Second reading.
6. ABOLITION OF COUPONS BILL—Second reading.
7. PETITION OF ROBERT RUSSELL—To be considered.
8. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

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TUESDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER.

Questions.

1. **MR. MALONEY :** To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if it is a fact that the sum of £220 was recently paid for the purchase of a grand piano for Government House without tender; if so, under what vote was the money obtained, and why were not tenders for the piano called for.
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Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. **OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL**—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. T. SMITH :** To move, That in the opinion of this House it is the duty of the Government to initiate upon an early date such legislation as will permit of seamen, shearers, commercial travellers, and others, who may be absent from their respective electorates upon the days Parliamentary elections are held, to record their votes at any time between nomination and polling day.
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 4. The estimated annual saving that would accrue to the country if the Bacchus Marsh line had not been constructed, and the whole of the traffic were carried on the line *vid* Geelong.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS DEPOSIT ABOLITION BILL—Second reading.
2. GEELONG MARKET BUILDINGS LEASING BILL—Second reading.
3. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG ALDERMEN ELECTION BILL—Second reading.
4. HACKNEY CARRIAGES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
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8. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. HAMILTON MECHANICS' INSTITUTE SITE BILL—Second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MORRISSEY: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Customs and Excise Duties Act 1890*.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

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WEDNESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
2. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PETITION OF ANDREW ROWAN—To be considered.
2. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. COUNTY COURT ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 30th August.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past eleven o'clock.
LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW—at two o'clock.

Tuesday, 5th September.

LIBRARY (JOINT)—at three o'clock.
REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 23RD AUGUST, 1899.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 11.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 12.

Workmen's Compensation Bill—[75].

Hawkers and Pedlers Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. Lieut.-Col. Sir F. T. Sargood.
(To Members of Council only.)

Life Assurance Companies Bill.—New Clause and Schedule to be proposed by the Hon. Lieut.-Col. Sir F. T. Sargood and the Hon. J. M. Davies. (To Members of Council only.)

Poisons Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. Lieut.-Col. Sir F. T. Sargood on recommitment.
(To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 17 and 18.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 19.

Weekly Report of Divisions. No. 3.

Geelong Mechanics' Institute Bill.—Amendments of the Legislative Council. (To Members only.)

Report of the Council of Defence. No. 39.

Bank Liabilities and Assets.—Summary of Sworn Returns for Quarter ended 31st March, 1899. No. 42.

Report of Registrar of Friendly Societies for Year 1898. No. 43.

Wimmera United Waterworks Trust.—Application for Additional Loan of £3,200. No. 44.

Report respecting Applications and Proceedings under *Electric Light and Power Act 1896* for Year 1898.
No. 46.

Report of Board appointed to inquire into Treatment of Habitual Drunkards, &c. No. 49.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 20.

THURSDAY, 31ST AUGUST, 1899.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS : To move, That the construction of a line of railway from Neerim South to Neerim North be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
2. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
3. IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION BILL—Second reading.
4. BOILERS INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
5. MINING DEVELOPMENT ACT 1896 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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7. COAL MINES BILL—Second reading.
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11. WATER SUPPLY ADVANCES RELIEF BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
12. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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TUESDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER.

Questions.

1. MR. MALONEY : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if it is a fact that the sum of £220 was recently paid for the purchase of a grand piano for Government House without tender; if so, under what vote was the money obtained, and why were not tenders for the piano called for.
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6. MR. GRAHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—

1. By what authority has the Railways Commissioner spent the large sum of £25,500, and is continuing further expenditure, on the Pintsch system of railway carriage lighting, in disregard of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways having declined to recommend it after taking evidence, and the Premier's promise made to this House on the 16th December, 1896.
2. Why has this large amount been placed in the hands of a foreign firm whose patent for this system of railway carriage lighting has expired several years ago, and without calling for tenders in the colony.
3. What part of the expenditure has been incurred for buildings, plant for the production, compression, and conveyance of the gas to the different stations where the trains are stabled at night.
4. What is the running cost per hour per lamp of the Pintsch system on the Victorian railways, including interest on the cost of buildings, plant, materials, wages, &c.; also allowance for necessary repairs and renewals of furnaces, retorts, and other parts of the apparatus subject to wear and tear.
5. Has any provision been made for any accident to the manufacturing or compressing plant at Spencer-street similar to that which occurred to the plant for lighting carriages on a railway in Ireland lighted by the same system.
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7. Has this officer also been intrusted with the selection of and ordering of the electrical plant in England required for the whole of the Government electric lighting in this city, and including the Houses of Parliament, and without calling for tenders for the supply of the plant in the colony.

7. MR. COOK : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction how many male and female pupil teachers respectively are temporarily employed in the 7th, 6th, and 5th classes; and the number of males and females in each class.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MCCOLL : To move, That in the opinion of this House information should be laid before the Committee upon the Water Act 1890 Amendment Bill as to the expenditure necessary to complete the Goulburn Weir National Works, as set out in the Irrigation Report of 1886, and for the conveyance of the surplus water of the Goulburn River to the River Loddon, thereby enormously increasing the usefulness of the head-works, securing a further return for the State expenditure upon them, and fulfilling the undertaking made at the inception of the Tragowel Plains Irrigation Trust, viz.:—“That the scanty supply of water from the River Loddon would be supplemented by the surplus water of the Goulburn,” and that there be laid before this House a report showing—
 1. The surplus water available from the River Goulburn.
 2. The cost of the necessary works for conveying the water over the country between the Goulburn and the Loddon.
 3. The area to be commanded.
 4. Such other information as may be necessary to enable this House to consider the construction of such works.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER.

Question.

1. MR. O'NEILL : To ask the Right Honorable the Treasurer—
 1. Is it a fact that large deposits of gold in the early digging days were made by the miners in the Sub-Treasuries at Bendigo, Ballarat, and Castlemaine.
 2. What quantity of such gold has not been claimed up to the present time by depositors, and to what fund have such amounts been placed.

General Business.

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1. MR. T. SMITH : To move, That in the opinion of this House it is the duty of the Government to initiate upon an early date such legislation as will permit of seamen, shearers, commercial travellers, and others, who may be absent from their respective electorates upon the days Parliamentary elections are held, to record their votes at any time between nomination and polling day.
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General Business.

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2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading
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WEDNESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER.

General Business. (After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. COUNTY COURT ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER.

General Business. (After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 30TH AUGUST, 1899.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 13.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 20.
Trading Coupons Abolition Bill—[76].

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 21.

TUESDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER, 1899.

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9. **MR. MURPHY :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he is still unwilling to take the necessary steps to enable the trustees to carry out their duties under the Act, so that the line from Bungaree Junction to the Race-course Reserve may be constructed.
10. **MR. MALONEY :** To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary what methods are pursued in the selection of men for duty as detectives.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. MORRISSEY: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the aggregate amount of interest and sinking fund proposed to be charged to Irrigation and Rural Trusts in the Water Supply Advances Relief Bill; also the amount of interest received each year for the last three years from the same bodies.

Government Business.

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 3. The area to be commanded.
 4. Such other information as may be necessary to enable this House to consider the construction of such works.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER.

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1. MR. O'NEILL: To ask the Right Honorable the Treasurer—
 1. Is it a fact that large deposits of gold in the early digging days were made by the miners in the Sub-Treasuries at Bendigo, Ballarat, and Castlemaine.
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WEDNESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS DEPOSIT ABOLITION BILL—Second reading.
2. GEELONG MARKET BUILDINGS LEASING BILL—Second reading.
3. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG ALDERMEN ELECTION BILL—Second reading.
4. HACKNEY CARRIAGES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GRAHAM: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the Petition of Angus Robertson, presented to this House last Session; such Committee to consist of Mr. Austin, Mr. Brown, Mr. McColl, Mr. Outtrim, Mr. Trenwith, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business. (After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
2. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER.

General Business. (After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PETITION OF ANDREW ROWAN—To be considered.
2. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER.

General Business. (After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BILL—Second reading.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
3. ABOLITION OF COUPONS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER.

General Business. (After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. COUNTY COURT ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER.

General Business. (After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

W. V. ROBINSON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

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Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 5th September.

LIBRARY (JOINT)—at three o'clock.

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

Wednesday, 6th September.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW—at ten o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 31ST AUGUST, 1899.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 22.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER, 1899.

Questions.

1. **MR. O'NEILL** : To ask the Right Honorable the Treasurer—
 1. Is it a fact that large deposits of gold in the early digging days were made by the miners in the Sub-Treasuries at Bendigo, Ballarat, and Castlemaine.
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2. **MR. MALONEY** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if he will relieve all old men over 55 years of age from paying the large sum demanded for the licence to split timber in the permitted areas of our forest lands.
3. **MR. BROWN** : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier, for the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works, when the proposed additions and alterations will be proceeded with for the police quarters at Shepparton.
4. **MR. FINK** : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if it is a fact that he has refused the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company permission to establish an office in Melbourne for the receipt and transmission of cable messages ; and, if so, what are the reasons for such refusal.
5. **MR. MCCOLL** : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier—
 1. Is it correct that all the remains in the old Williamstown Cemetery are being removed.
 2. If so, where are they being taken to.
 3. Why are they being removed ; is it intended to use the ground, and for what purpose.
 4. Is care being taken so that the place of deposit of the individual remains is properly registered and ascertainable.
6. **MR. GRAVES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. Were the last grain rates fixed by the Governor in Council with the full knowledge of the Minister of Railways as to their effect all round.
 2. Are not the rates now proposed higher for a radius of 130 miles of Melbourne for lots of grain under 6 tons than previous to the present Commissioner's appointment.
 3. Are not millers in various portions of the colony placed at a disadvantage by the proposed freights as compared with Melbourne millers and shippers.
7. **MR. KIRTON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines when finality is likely to be reached and some effective system introduced to give relief to the victims of ill-ventilated mines.
8. **MR. LANGDON** : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier—
 1. Whether it is the intention of the Government to abolish all differential rates now charged for the carriage of grain on various lines of the Victorian Railways.
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9. **SIR JOHN MCINTYRE** : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if he purposes submitting for the consideration of this House during the present Session the division he intends to make of the colony into electorates for the House of Representatives for the Federal Parliament.
10. **MR. SANGSTER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways why the guards on the railways are made to take time off for overtime worked by them instead of being paid for it, seeing that the Department forces them to work the extra time for the financial benefit of the Department.
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 1. On what grounds is it that the viticultural expert, M. Dubois, has not been invited to sit on the Phylloxera Inquiry Board.
 2. Who is responsible for the selection of the members of the Board.
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Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS: To move, That the construction of a line of railway from Neerim South to Neerim North be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.
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4. BOILERS INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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1. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER.

Question.

1. MR. LEVIEN : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier whether the Government is favorable to the issue of long-service medals to the militia other than those who have first served as volunteers ; and, if so, will he make known the views of the Government in the proper quarter.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

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WEDNESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER.

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WEDNESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER.

General Business. (After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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3. ABOLITION OF COUPONS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER.

General Business. (After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. COUNTY COURT ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER.

General Business. (After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 6th September.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW—at ten o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 31ST AUGUST, 1899.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. Nos. 12 and 13.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 14.

Cremation Bill—[69]. (To Members of Council only.)

Marine Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. W. McCulloch. (To Members of Council only.)

Meat Supervision Bill.—Amendments and New Clause to be proposed by the Hon. Sir H. Cuthbert. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 19, 20, and 21.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 22.

Local Government Bill No. 2—[62]. (To Members only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

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3. MR. RUSSELL: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways what steps are being taken towards the construction of a railway line to Pitfield.
4. MR. BAILES: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply—
 1. Is there any truth in the statement that the drainage from the residences at Lauriston and the mineral water pumped from the mine at the same place find their way into the Malmsbury Reservoir.
 2. If so, will he take the necessary steps to put a stop to a state of affairs that is inimical to the health of the people whose only source of water supply is derived from the Malmsbury Reservoir.
5. MR. RUSSELL: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if it is customary for Members of Parliament to introduce deputations to the Commissioner of Railways or to that Department, as a number of Members are under the impression that they can only approach the Department through the Minister.
6. MR. MALONEY: To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if he will cause a list, showing the names of all persons receiving pensions from the State, the date of commencement of pension, and the amount, to be laid before Parliament at regular intervals similar to the *Blue Book* of the Public and Railway Service which is regularly laid on the Table of the House.
7. MR. WATT: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he has any objection to inform the House—
 1. What was the cost of construction of the line from Birregurra to Forrest.
 2. What has the annual loss of such line averaged since its construction.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS: To move, That the construction of a line of railway from Neerim South to Neerim North be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.
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4. BOILERS INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
5. MINING DEVELOPMENT ACT 1896 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

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7. HAWKERS AND PEDLERS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—
To be considered.
8. OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate*
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11. RAILWAYS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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14. WATER SUPPLY ADVANCES RELIEF BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate*.
15. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. LANGDON: To move, That in the opinion of this House the proposed alteration in the rates for carriage of grain on the Victorian railways is, on account of numerous anomalies, unsatisfactory, and that all differential rates now charged for carriage of grain on various lines of said railways be abolished.
2. MR. MURPHY: To move, That, in view of the fact that this House has passed an Act intituled "*An Act for the purpose of constructing a Railway Siding from Bungaree Junction to the Race-course Reserve*," this House requests the Government to bring in the necessary Bill to give effect to the said Act.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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WEDNESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
2. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. GRAVES :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the sale by the Government of certain reserves in the parishes of Cohuna and Gunbower and at Barr Creek at the price of £2 per acre, and to the subsequent reported sale on the 14th day of February last by public auction of the Barr Park Estate, which included the above lands, to Mr. Aitken at £4 15s. per acre; such Committee to be appointed by ballot, or by the Government, or by other such means as the House shall decide, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PETITION OF ANDREW ROWAN—To be considered.
2. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BILL—Second reading.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
3. ABOLITION OF COUPONS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. COUNTY COURT ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second^d reading.

W. V. ROBINSON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,

Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 12th September.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past eleven o'clock.

Wednesday, 13th September.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at four o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 6TH SEPTEMBER, 1899.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 14.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 15.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 23.

Poisons Bill—[26]. (To Members only.)

Hospitals and Charities Amending Bill—[74]. (To Members only.)

Hawkers and Pedlers Bill.—Amendments of the Legislative Council. (To Members only.)

Report upon the Affairs of the Post Office and Telegraph Department for the Year 1898. No. 23.

Progress Report of the Mine Ventilation Bonus Board. No. 48.

Mansfield Waterworks Trust.—Application for Additional Loan of £1,000. No. 50.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 24.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER, 1899.

Questions.

1. MR. BAILES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply—
 1. Is there any truth in the statement that the drainage from the residences at Lauriston and the mineral water pumped from the mines at the same place find their way into the Malmsbury Reservoir.
 2. If so, will he take the necessary steps to put a stop to a state of affairs that is inimical to the health of the people whose only source of water supply is derived from the Malmsbury Reservoir.
2. MR. KENNEDY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways has the Railway Department—
 1. Any record of Locomotive firemen who went up for examination and failed to qualify for drivers' certificates from December, 1888, to December, 1892.
 2. Any record of Locomotive firemen refusing to qualify between the dates above mentioned.
3. MR. VALE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if, taking into consideration the accidents to many of the Railways servants, he will inquire into the advisability of introducing standard automatic coupling.
4. MR. COOK : To ask the Right Honorable the Treasurer whether it is intended to grant the proposed £10 increase to all telegraph messengers transferred to act as attendants and messengers in other Departments.
5. MR. KEYS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways when is it proposed to call for tenders for erecting a shelter shed at the Cheltenham Railway Station.
6. MR. CHIRNSIDE : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if the Government proposes to officially contradict the statement that the extra charge imposed for the freezing of butter has been made on the recommendation of the Cool Storage and Wine Commission.
7. MR. KEYS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines and Water Supply when the return in regard to Irrigation and Waterworks Trusts ordered by the House on the 16th August last will be laid on the Table of the House.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BEST : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the resumption by the Crown of a portion of the Romsey Public Park.
2. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS : To move, That the question of increasing the limit of expenditure fixed by section 5 of Act No. 1594 for the construction of the Colac to Beech Forest Railway be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. WATER SUPPLY ADVANCES RELIEF BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION BILL—Second reading.
4. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
5. BOILERS INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
6. MINING DEVELOPMENT ACT 1896 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. HAWKERS AND PEDLERS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—
To be considered.
9. OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
10. SAILORS' HOME LAND BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
11. COAL MINES BILL—Second reading.
12. RAILWAYS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
13. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
14. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
15. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS DEPOSIT ABOLITION BILL—Second reading.
2. GEELONG MARKET BUILDINGS LEASING BILL—Second reading.
3. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG ALDERMEN ELECTION BILL—Second reading.
4. HACKNEY CARRIAGES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
6. LAND ACT 1898 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. HAMILTON MECHANICS' INSTITUTE SITE BILL—Second reading.
10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Consideration of Report.
11. { PETITION OF JAMES KIRBY
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12. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS DEPOSIT REDUCTION BILL—Second reading.
13. GRIFFITH'S ISLAND NATIONAL PARK BILL—Second reading.
14. PETITION OF ROBERT RUSSELL—To be considered.
15. HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
16. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MORRISSEY : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Customs and Excise Duties Act 1890*.
2. MR. LANGDON : To move, That in the opinion of this House the proposed alteration in the rates for carriage of grain on the Victorian railways is, on account of numerous anomalies, unsatisfactory, and that all differential rates now charged for carriage of grain on various lines of said railways be abolished.
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4. MR. KIRTON : To move, That in the opinion of this House no employé in the Railway Department should be required to work more than eight hours a day unless he is paid overtime.

TUESDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER.

Questions.

1. MR. ZOX : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he can inform the House what percentage of deaths occur amongst children boarded out; and what is the average death rate amongst other children of the same age reared in their own homes.
2. MR. GRAHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply if he will cause the gauging of the River Murray at Wodonga to be posted daily at the Picola Railway Station during the flood season so that saw-millers and others working in the State forest may be warned of any serious rise in the river.
3. MR. ZOX : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier when the Government propose to take into consideration the Report of the Board on the Treatment of Habitual Drunkards.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GRAHAM : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the Petition of Angus Robertson, presented to this House last Session; such Committee to consist of Mr. Austin, Mr. Brown, Mr. McColl, Mr. Outtrim, Mr. Trenwith, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
2. MR. ZOX : To move, That in the opinion of this House the rate of postage on letters throughout the colony of Victoria should be reduced to one penny.
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6. **MR. MCCOLL :** To move, That in the opinion of this House information should be laid before the Committee upon the Water Act 1890 Amendment Bill as to the expenditure necessary to complete the Goulburn Weir National Works, as set out in the Irrigation Report of 1886, and for the conveyance of the surplus water of the Goulburn River to the River Loddon, thereby enormously increasing the usefulness of the head-works, securing a further return for the State expenditure upon them, and fulfilling the undertaking made at the inception of the Tragowel Plains Irrigation Trust, viz.:—"That the scanty supply of water from the River Loddon would be supplemented by the surplus water of the Goulburn," and that there be laid before this House a report showing—
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 4. Such other information as may be necessary to enable this House to consider the construction of such works.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
2. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. GRAVES :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the sale by the Government of certain reserves in the parishes of Cohuna and Gunbower and at Barr Creek at the price of £2 per acre, and to the subsequent reported sale on the 14th day of February last by public auction of the Barr Park Estate, which included the above lands, to Mr. Aitken at £4 15s. per acre; such Committee to be appointed by ballot, or by the Government, or by other such means as the House shall decide, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. PETITION OF ANDREW ROWAN—To be considered.
2. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BILL—Second reading.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
3. ABOLITION OF COUPONS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. COUNTY COURT ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

W. V. ROBINSON,
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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 13th September.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past eleven o'clock.
COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at four o'clock.

Wednesday, 20th September.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW—at ten o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 6TH SEPTEMBER, 1899.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 15.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 16.
Infant Life Protection Bill—[4].

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 22 and 23.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 24.
National Water Supply Works.—Expenditure on Maintenance and Repairs. C.—No. 1.
Water Supply and Irrigation Trusts.—Expenditure on Maintenance and Repairs. C.—No. 2.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 25.

THURSDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER, 1899.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FOSTER: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill relating to the Victorian Mining Accident Relief Fund and for other purposes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. COLAC AND BEECH-Forest RAILWAY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the question of increasing the limit of expenditure fixed by section 5 of Act No. 1594 for the construction of the Colac to Beech Forest Railway be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report, and on the following amendment:—That after the word "Railway" the following words be inserted:—"and also the question of affording railway facilities to the Beech Forest by means of an extension of the Forrest line"
2. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. WATER SUPPLY ADVANCES RELIEF BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
4. IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION BILL—Second reading.
5. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
6. BOILERS INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
7. MINING DEVELOPMENT ACT 1896 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. HAWKERS AND PEDLERS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
10. OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
11. SAILORS' HOME LAND BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
12. COAL MINES BILL—Second reading.
13. RAILWAYS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
14. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
15. ROMSEY PUBLIC PARK BILL—Second reading.
16. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
17. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. METHVEN: To move, That in the opinion of this House it is not desirable to sell by public auction any of the land in the Moe Swamp, but that such land should all be made available for selection for men who at present have none.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER.

Questions.

1. MR. ZOx: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he can inform the House what percentage of deaths occur amongst children boarded out, and what is the average death rate amongst other children of the same age reared in their own homes.
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3. MR. ZOx: To ask the Right Honorable the Premier when the Government propose to take into consideration the Report of the Board on the Treatment of Habitual Drunkards.

4. **MR. BAILES**: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines—
1. Is it proposed to suspend the present regulation dealing with the issue of certificates for mining engine-drivers and substitute for a period of six months the following:—"An applicant for a first-class certificate must produce to the Board satisfactory evidence of his having had experience in assisting to drive both loose eccentric and link-motion winding engines. Where only one class of the above engines or any other class of winding gear has been driven the Board may grant a conditional certificate for that class of engine only."
 2. If so, will the Honorable the Minister have any objection to state the cause of the suspension of the original regulation.
 3. Has the Honorable the Minister satisfied himself that there is any necessity for the bringing into existence of the temporary regulation.
 4. Does the Honorable the Minister think that the lives of the miners and others ascending and descending the various mining shafts in the colony will be jeopardized by the placing of winding engines in charge of drivers whose only qualifications are those in accordance with the new regulation.
5. **MR. GAIR**: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if he will forthwith obtain the opinion of the proper Crown Law officer as to whether the fifth-class teachers who recently presented a Petition to him for payment of increments are legally entitled to payment thereof or not.
6. **MR. GRAHAM**: To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if it is true, as reported in a section of the daily press, that the Agricultural Department has decided to receive no export butter at the City Works except such as will subsequently be shipped by the proposed new line of steamers known as the Federal line.
7. **MR. GAIR**: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
1. How many acting clerks (so classed) are there in the service who have been performing solely clerical duty for more than twelve months and are still doing so.
 2. Will the Commissioner transfer these men to the clerical staff.
8. **MR. HIGGINS**: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction—
1. Under what section in what Act has Mr. Edwin Stone, of State School No. 261, Gheringhap, been reduced in classification.
 2. Was Mr. Stone notified to appear before the classifiers before he was reduced.
9. **MR. MALONEY**: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs—
1. If the statement appearing in the *Age* newspaper of Thursday, the 7th instant, regarding the evasion of wharfage dues by a well-known shipping firm is true; and, if so, is the firm the Adelaide Steam-ship Company, as stated by the *Tocsin* newspaper; if not, what is the name of the company.
 2. What is the total amount by which the public revenue has been so defrauded.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. GRAVES**: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all the circumstances connected with the transfer to the Lands Department of John Robert Jackson, telegraph operator; such Committee to consist of seven members to be appointed by ballot or otherwise as the House may direct, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, to move from place to place, to have leave to report the minutes of evidence from time to time, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

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WEDNESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
2. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. HACKNEY CARRIAGES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
6. LAND ACT 1898 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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13. GRIFFITH'S ISLAND NATIONAL PARK BILL—Second reading.
14. PETITION OF ROBERT RUSSELL—To be considered.
15. HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. GRAVES** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the sale by the Government of certain reserves in the parishes of Cohuna and Gunbower and at Barr Creek at the price of £2 per acre, and to the subsequent reported sale on the 14th day of February last by public auction of the Barr Park Estate, which included the above lands, to Mr. Aitken at £4 15s. per acre; such Committee to be appointed by ballot, or by the Government, or by other such means as the House shall decide, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
2. **MR. HIGGINS** : To move, That in the opinion of this House it has now become expedient to have a proper balance-sheet drawn up, with the assistance of independent experts, showing the position of the Victorian Railways as a going concern, and showing under separate heads (as far as possible) the values, with particulars, of the several classes of assets.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. PETITION OF ANDREW ROWAN—To be considered.
2. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BILL—Second reading.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
3. ABOLITION OF COUPONS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. COUNTY COURT ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG ALDERMEN ELECTION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 14th September.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past eleven o'clock.

Wednesday, 20th September.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW—at ten o'clock.

Thursday, 21st September.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at three o'clock.

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Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 16.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 26.

TUESDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER, 1899.

Questions.

1. **MR. ZOX :** To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he can inform the House what percentage of deaths occur amongst children boarded out, and what is the average death rate amongst other children of the same age reared in their own homes.
2. **MR. GRAHAM :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply if he will cause the gauging of the River Murray at Wodonga to be posted daily at the Picola Railway Station during the flood season so that saw-millers and others working in the State forest may be warned of any serious rise in the river.
3. **MR. ZOX :** To ask the Right Honorable the Premier when the Government propose to take into consideration the Report of the Board on the Treatment of Habitual Drunkards.
4. **MR. BAILES :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines—
 1. Is it proposed to suspend the present regulation dealing with the issue of certificates for mining engine-drivers and substitute for a period of six months the following:—"An applicant for a first-class certificate must produce to the Board satisfactory evidence of his having had experience in assisting to drive both loose eccentric and link-motion winding engines. Where only one class of the above engines or any other class of winding gear has been driven the Board may grant a conditional certificate for that class of engine only."
 2. If so, will the Honorable the Minister have any objection to state the cause of the suspension of the original regulation.
 3. Has the Honorable the Minister satisfied himself that there is any necessity for the bringing into existence of the temporary regulation.
 4. Does the Honorable the Minister think that the lives of the miners and others ascending and descending the various mining shafts in the colony will be jeopardized by the placing of winding engines in charge of drivers whose only qualifications are those in accordance with the new regulation.
5. **MR. GAIR :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if he will forthwith obtain the opinion of the proper Crown Law officer as to whether the fifth-class teachers who recently presented a Petition to him for payment of increments are legally entitled to payment thereof or not.
6. **MR. GRAHAM :** To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if it is true, as reported in a section of the daily press, that the Agricultural Department has decided to receive no export butter at the City Works except such as will subsequently be shipped by the proposed new line of steamers known as the Federal line.
7. **MR. GAIR :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. How many acting clerks (so classed) are there in the service who have been performing solely clerical duty for more than twelve months and are still doing so.
 2. Will the Commissioner transfer these men to the clerical staff.
8. **MR. HIGGINS :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction—
 1. Under what section in what Act has Mr. Edwin Stone, of State School No. 261, Gheringhap, been reduced in classification.
 2. Was Mr. Stone notified to appear before the classifiers before he was reduced.
9. **MR. MALONEY :** To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs—
 1. If the statement appearing in the *Age* newspaper of Thursday, the 7th instant, regarding the evasion of wharfage dues by a well-known shipping firm is true; and, if so, is the firm the Adelaide Steam-ship Company, as stated by the *Tocsin* newspaper; if not, what is the name of the company.
 2. What is the total amount by which the public revenue has been so defrauded.
10. **MR. GRAHAM :** To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey—
 1. If it is true that a considerable balance of the salary of the late manager of the Leongatha Labour Colony is still due and unpaid; and does the Department refuse to pay the same.
 2. If so, why.

11. **MR. MCBRIDE**: To ask the Right Honorable the Premier (for the Honorable the Minister of Defence)—
1. If it is the intention of the Government to retain the services of the Commandant, General Sir Charles Holved-Smith, whose term of service within the colony expires next month, until the forces have been handed over to the Federal Government.
 2. If his services are not to be retained will the Right Honorable the Premier state the intention of the Government with regard to the command of the local forces.
12. **MR. LANGDON**: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey when Crown lands available for selection, together with lands held under licence or lease, will be classified in accordance with the provisions of the *Land Act* 1898.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. FOSTER**: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill relating to the Victorian Mining Accident Relief Fund.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. WATER SUPPLY ADVANCES RELIEF BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION BILL—Second reading.
4. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
5. BOILERS INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
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12. RAILWAYS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
13. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
14. ROMSEY PUBLIC PARK BILL—Second reading.
15. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
16. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. GRAVES**: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all the circumstances connected with the transfer to the Lands Department of John Robert Jackson, telegraph operator; such Committee to consist of seven members to be appointed by ballot or otherwise as the House may direct, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, to move from place to place, to have leave to report the minutes of evidence from time to time, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
2. **MR. METHVEN**: To move, That in the opinion of this House it is not desirable to sell by public auction any of the land in the Moe Swamp, but that such land should all be made available for selection for men who at present have none.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. GRAHAM**: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the Petition of Angus Robertson, presented to this House last Session; such Committee to consist of Mr. Austin, Mr. Brown, Mr. McColl, Mr. Outtrim, Mr. Trenwith, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
2. **MR. ZOX**: To move, That in the opinion of this House the rate of postage on letters throughout the colony of Victoria should be reduced to one penny.
3. **MR. GRAY**: To move, That in the opinion of this House provision should be made for the reduction of the property qualification of Members and electors of the Legislative Council, and the division of the provinces into single electorates.
4. **MR. BENNETT**: To move, That in the opinion of this House it is advisable that all those railway pensioners who were discharged prior to 1895, and who are in receipt of less than £30 per annum, should have their pensions increased to that amount.

5. **MR. McLEAN :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
1. The total cost of constructing the second line of railway to Ballarat through Bacchus Marsh, including stations, rolling-stock, and all incidental expenses.
 2. The annual cost for interest, maintenance, and working expenses of the line.
 3. The estimated annual loss to the original line *vid* Geelong by reason of the diversion of traffic through Bacchus Marsh.
 4. The estimated annual saving that would accrue to the country if the Bacchus Marsh line had not been constructed, and the whole of the traffic were carried on the line *vid* Geelong.
6. **MR. McCOLL :** To move, That in the opinion of this House information should be laid before the Committee upon the Water Act 1890 Amendment Bill as to the expenditure necessary to complete the Goulburn Weir National Works, as set out in the Irrigation Report of 1886, and for the conveyance of the surplus water of the Goulburn River to the River Loddon, thereby enormously increasing the usefulness of the head-works, securing a further return for the State expenditure upon them, and fulfilling the undertaking made at the inception of the Tragowel Plains Irrigation Trust, viz.:—“That the scanty supply of water from the River Loddon would be supplemented by the surplus water of the Goulburn,” and that there be laid before this House a report showing—
1. The surplus water available from the River Goulburn.
 2. The cost of the necessary works for conveying the water over the country between the Goulburn and the Loddon.
 3. The area to be commanded.
 4. Such other information as may be necessary to enable this House to consider the construction of such works.
7. **MR. LANGDON :** To move, That in the opinion of this House the proposed alteration in the rates for carriage of grain on the Victorian railways is, on account of numerous anomalies, unsatisfactory, and that all differential rates now charged for carriage of grain on various lines of said railways be abolished.
8. **MR. MURPHY :** To move, That, in view of the fact that this House has passed an Act intituled “*An Act for the purpose of constructing a Railway Siding from Bungaree Junction to the Race-course Reserve,*” this House requests the Government to bring in the necessary Bill to give effect to the said Act.
9. **MR. KIRTON :** To move, That in the opinion of this House no employé in the Railway Department should be required to work more than eight hours a day unless he is paid overtime.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
2. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. HACKNEY CARRIAGES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
6. LAND ACT 1898 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. HAMILTON MECHANICS' INSTITUTE SITE BILL—Second reading.
10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Consideration of Report.
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12. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS DEPOSIT REDUCTION BILL—Second reading.
13. GRIFFITH'S ISLAND NATIONAL PARK BILL—Second reading.
14. PETITION OF ROBERT RUSSELL—To be considered.
15. HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. GRAYES :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the sale by the Government of certain reserves in the parishes of Cohnna and Gunbower and at Barr Creek at the price of £2 per acre, and to the subsequent reported sale on the 14th day of February last by public auction of the Barr Park Estate, which included the above lands, to Mr. Aitken at £4 15s. per acre; such Committee to be appointed by ballot, or by the Government, or by other such means as the House shall decide, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
2. **MR. HIGGINS :** To move, That in the opinion of this House it has now become expedient to have a proper balance-sheet drawn up, with the assistance of independent experts, showing the position of the Victorian Railways as a going concern, and showing under separate heads (as far as possible) the values, with particulars, of the several classes of assets.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PETITION OF ANDREW ROWAN—To be considered.
2. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BILL—Second reading.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
3. ABOLITION OF COUPONS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. COUNTY COURT ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG ALDERMEN ELECTION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

W. V. ROBINSON,

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Prahran Mechanics' Institute Bill — Amendments and New Clauses to be proposed by the Hon. Lieut-Col. Sir F. T. Sargood. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 26.

Statistical Register of the Colony of Victoria for the Year 1898—

Part V.—Vital Statistics, &c. No. 36.

Part VI.—Law, Crime, &c. No. 37.

Fifth Progress Report of Royal Commission on State Forests and Timber Reserves.—The Otway Forest : Its Resources, Management, and Control. No. 45.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 27.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER, 1899.

Questions.

1. MR. MALONEY : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs—
 1. If the statement appearing in the *Age* newspaper of Thursday, the 7th instant, regarding the evasion of wharfage dues by a well-known shipping firm is true ; and, if so, is the firm the Adelaide Steam-ship Company, as stated by the *Tocsin* newspaper ; if not, what is the name of the company.
 2. What is the total amount by which the public revenue has been so defrauded.
2. MR. ZOX : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if, during the present Session, he will take the necessary steps to abolish the evils now existing in our law in respect to grand juries by adopting the system in force in England, or by making other suitable alterations.
3. MR. MALONEY : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 1. Will he obtain for the information of the House the names of the members of the Corporation of Melbourne present at the meeting of the City Council of which he (the Honorable Mr. Peacock) spoke on the debate on the Melbourne and Geelong Aldermen Election Bill.
 2. What were the names of the gentlemen representing the City Council who formed a deputation to him on the above Bill.
 3. What authority had they to represent the Melbourne City Council.
4. MR. O'NEILL : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if he will advise the Cabinet to take up and bear the expense of the case of *Cheyne v. The East Loddon Shire Council* which permitted the lessee of the Serpentine estate to place gates and other obstructions across certain public roads, which case the Full Court recently decided in favour of Cheyne ; but against which decision the owners of the Serpentine estate have appealed to the Privy Council.
5. MR. KENNEDY : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier—
 1. When the Government propose to take into consideration the Report of the Royal Commission on Law Reform.
 2. Can effect be given forthwith to such of the recommendations as may be carried out without an Act of Parliament.
6. MR. SANGSTER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if Mr. Mathieson's only objection to giving free passes to those officers who retired on compensation after fifteen years' service is that the by-law was never gazetted.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

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WEDNESDAY, 4TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

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NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GRAVES: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the sale by the Government of certain reserves in the parishes of Cohuna and Gunbower and at Barr Creek at the price of £2 per acre, and to the subsequent reported sale on the 14th day of February last by public auction of the Barr Park Estate, which included the above lands, to Mr. Aitken at £4 15s. per acre; such Committee to be appointed by ballot, or by the Government, or by other such means as the House shall decide, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
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WEDNESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PETITION OF ANDREW ROWAN—To be considered.
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WEDNESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
3. ABOLITION OF COUPONS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. COUNTY COURT ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG ALDERMEN ELECTION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

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Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 20th September.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW—at ten o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

TRANSFER OF J. R. JACKSON—at twelve o'clock noon.

Thursday, 21st September.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at three o'clock.

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Irrigation and Rural Trusts.—Interest and Sinking Funds. C.—No. 3.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 28.

THURSDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER, 1899.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
2. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. WATER SUPPLY ADVANCES RELIEF BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
4. IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION BILL—Second reading.
5. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
6. BOILERS INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
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17. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 26th SEPTEMBER.

Questions.

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7. MR. BENNETT : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General what is the amount of the annual subsidy paid to the Peninsular and Oriental and the Orient Mail Steam-ship Companies, and when will the present agreement terminate.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER.

Question.

1. MR. O'NEILL : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if he will advise the Cabinet to take up and bear the expense of the case of *Cheyne v. The East Loddon Shire Council* which permitted the lessee of the Serpentine estate to place gates and other obstructions across certain public roads, which case the Full Court recently decided in favour of Cheyne ; but against which decision the owners of the Serpentine estate have appealed to the Privy Council.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
2. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. HACKNEY CARRIAGES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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6. LAND ACT 1898 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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14. PETITION OF ROBERT RUSSELL—To be considered.
15. HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GRAVES : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the sale by the Government of certain reserves in the parishes of Cohuna and Gunbower and at Barr Creek at the price of £2 per acre, and to the subsequent reported sale on the 14th day of February last by public auction of the Barr Park Estate, which included the above lands, to Mr. Aitken at £4 15s. per acre ; such Committee to be appointed by ballot, or by the Government, or by other such means as the House shall decide, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; three to be the quorum.
2. MR. HIGGINS : To move, That in the opinion of this House it has now become expedient to have a proper balance-sheet drawn up, with the assistance of independent experts, showing the position of the Victorian Railways as a going concern, and showing under separate heads (as far as possible) the values, with particulars, of the several classes of assets.
3. MR. ZOX : To move, That in the opinion of this House the rate of postage on letters throughout the colony of Victoria should be reduced to one penny.
4. MR. GRAY : To move, That in the opinion of this House provision should be made for the reduction of the property qualification of Members and electors of the Legislative Council, and the division of the provinces into single electorates.
5. MR. BENNETT : To move, That in the opinion of this House it is advisable that all those railway pensioners who were discharged prior to 1895, and who are in receipt of less than £30 per annum, should have their pensions increased to that amount.
6. MR. McLEAN : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
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 2. The annual cost for interest, maintenance, and working expenses of the line.
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1. The surplus water available from the River Goulburn.
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10. **MR. KIRTON** : To move, That in the opinion of this House no employé in the Railway Department should be required to work more than eight hours a day unless he is paid overtime.
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WEDNESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PETITION OF ANDREW ROWAN—To be considered.
2. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BILL—Second reading.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
3. ABOLITION OF COUPONS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. COUNTY COURT ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG ALDERMEN ELECTION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 21st September.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past eleven o'clock.
COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at three o'clock.

Tuesday, 26th September.

TRANSFER OF J. R. JACKSON—at two o'clock.

Wednesday, 4th October.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW—at half-past ten o'clock.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 28.

Victorian Mining Accident Relief Fund Bill—[45].

Romsey Park Bill—[67].

Boilers Inspection Bill.—Amendments to be proposed in Committee by Mr. J. B. Tucker. (To Members only.)

Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioner for the Year ending 30th June, 1899. No. 52.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 29.

TUESDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER, 1899.

Questions.

1. **MR. ZOX :** To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he can inform the House what percentage of deaths occur amongst children boarded out, and what is the average death rate amongst other children of the same age reared in their own homes.
2. **MR. GRAHAM :** To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey—
 1. If it is true that a considerable balance of the salary of the late manager of the Leongatha Labour Colony is still due and unpaid ; and does the Department refuse to pay the same.
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8. **MR. CHIRNSIDE :** To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if, considering the large export of fodder from the Werribee district and the prospects of even a heavier output, he does not think it would be advantageous to deepen the river so as to enable sea-going vessels to have free access.
9. **MR. J. W. MASON :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture whether he will, at an early date, introduce a Bill to provide for the registration of brands.
10. **MR. BAILES :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if, before making any alterations in the regulations under the Mines Acts dealing with the issuing of certificates to engine-drivers, he would have any objection to submit to the executive of the Amalgamated Engine-drivers' Association a copy of the proposed regulations, so that that body might be afforded an opportunity of expressing either its approval or disapproval of such alterations.
11. **MR. MURPHY :** To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if, in the examinations for admission to the Public Service to be held in November next, he will arrange for candidates to be examined at Ballarat and a few other centres, so that all those desirous of competing will not have to present themselves in Melbourne.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. **MR. HAMILTON :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The number of telegraph messengers now in the Post and Telegraph Department who are receiving £60 per annum.
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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. WATER SUPPLY ADVANCES RELIEF BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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5. BOILERS INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
6. MINING DEVELOPMENT ACT 1896 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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General Business.

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1. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER.

Question.

1. MR. O'NEILL : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if he will advise the Cabinet to take up and bear the expense of the case of *Cheyne v. The East Loddon Shire Council* which permitted the lessee of the serpentine estate to place gates and other obstructions across certain public roads, which case the Full Court recently decided in favour of Cheyne ; but against which decision the owners of the Serpentine estate have appealed to the Privy Council.

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15. HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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WEDNESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PETITION OF ANDREW ROWAN—To be considered.
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WEDNESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BILL—Second reading.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
3. ABOLITION OF COUPONS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. COUNTY COURT ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG ALDERMEN ELECTION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

W. V. ROBINSON,
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*F. C. MASON,
*Speaker.***MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.***Tuesday, 26th September.*

TRANSFER OF J. R. JACKSON—at two o'clock.

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Wednesday, 4th October.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW—at half-past ten o'clock.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 30.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER, 1899.

Questions.

1. MR. O'NEILL : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if he will advise the Cabinet to take up and bear the expense of the case of *Cheyne v. The East Loddon Shire Council* which permitted the lessee of the Serpentine estate to place gates and other obstructions across certain public roads, which case the Full Court recently decided in favour of Cheyne ; but against which decision the owners of the Serpentine estate have appealed to the Privy Council.
2. MR. ZOX : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier what arrangements he intends to make for the accommodation of the First Federal Parliament of Australasia.
3. MR. COOK : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. Is it true that, having failed to pass the eye and ear test, a number of men have been retired from the service.
 2. Is it a fact that others who also failed have been kept in their old positions.
 3. Is it true that others again, also having failed, have been transferred to positions of a better or more responsible character than those they previously held.

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 1. The amount paid as salaries and wages, and the number of officers and men employed in connexion with each of the gaols (exclusive of police gaols) for the years 1888, 1893, and 1898.
 2. The cost of maintenance and repairs.
 3. The cost of gaol supplies, exclusive of raw material purchased for manufacturing purposes.
 4. The cost of materials for manufacturing purposes.
 5. The total expenditure for all purposes in each case.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. WATER SUPPLY ADVANCES RELIEF BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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4. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
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16. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
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15. HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
16. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. SIR JOHN MCINTYRE: To move, That in the opinion of this House it is urgently necessary that the subdivision of the colony into as many electorates as there are Members to be returned to the House of Representatives of the Federal Parliament should receive consideration, and be dealt with, as far as possible, during the present Session.

THURSDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. MCCOLL: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The surplus water available from the River Goulburn.
 2. The cost of the necessary works for conveying the water over the country between the Goulburn and the Loddon.
 3. The area to be commanded.
 4. Such other information as may be necessary to enable this House to consider the construction of such works.

TUESDAY, 3RD OCTOBER.

Questions.

1. MR. ZOx: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he can inform the House what percentage of deaths occur amongst children boarded out, and what is the average death rate amongst other children of the same age reared in their own homes.
2. MR. MALONEY: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 1. Will he obtain for the information of the House the names of the members of the Corporation of Melbourne present at the meeting of the City Council of which he (the Honorable Mr. Peacock) spoke on the debate on the Melbourne and Geelong Aldermen Election Bill.
 2. What were the names of the gentlemen representing the City Council who formed a deputation to him on the above Bill.
 3. What authority had they to represent the Melbourne City Council.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GRAVES: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the sale by the Government of certain reserves in the parishes of Cohuna and Gunbower and at Barr Creek at the price of £2 per acre, and to the subsequent reported sale on the 14th day of February last by public auction of the Barr Park Estate, which included the above lands, to Mr. Aitken at £4 15s. per acre; such Committee to be appointed by ballot, or by the Government, or by other such means as the House shall decide, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
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WEDNESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PETITION OF ANDREW ROWAN—To be considered.
2. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BILL—Second reading.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
3. ABOLITION OF COUPONS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. COUNTY COURT ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG ALDERMEN ELECTION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 27th September.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past ten o'clock.
TRANSFER OF J. R. JACKSON—at twelve o'clock.
COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at three o'clock.

Tuesday, 3rd October.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (JOINT)—at three o'clock.

Wednesday, 4th October.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW—at half-past ten o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 21ST SEPTEMBER, 1899.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 17.

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 27, 28, and 29.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 30.

Dairying Companies Bill—[82].

Irrigation and Waterworks Trusts.—Return to an Order of the House. C.—No. 4.

Rating in Water Supply and Irrigation Trust Districts.—Return to an Order of the House. C.—No. 5.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 31.

THURSDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1899.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. MCCOLL: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The surplus water available from the River Goulburn.
 2. The cost of the necessary works for conveying the water over the country between the Goulburn and the Loddon.
 3. The area to be commanded.
 4. Such other information as may be necessary to enable this House to consider the construction of such works.
2. MR. MALONEY: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount of all pensions, annual allowances, compensations, and gratuities paid yearly from 1851 up to the end of June, 1899, respectively.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. WATER SUPPLY ADVANCES RELIEF BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
4. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
5. BOILERS INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
6. MINING DEVELOPMENT ACT 1896 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. HAWKERS AND PEDLERS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
9. VICTORIAN MINING ACCIDENT RELIEF FUND BILL—Second reading.
10. OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
11. SAILORS' HOME LAND BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
12. COAL MINES BILL—Second reading.
13. RAILWAYS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
14. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
15. ROMSEY PUBLIC PARK BILL—Second reading.
16. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
17. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 3RD OCTOBER.

Questions.

1. MR. ZOX: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he can inform the House what percentage of deaths occur amongst children boarded out, and what is the average death rate amongst other children of the same age reared in their own homes.
2. MR. MALONEY: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 1. Will he obtain for the information of the House the names of the members of the Corporation of Melbourne present at the meeting of the City Council of which he (the Honorable Mr. Peacock) spoke on the debate on the Melbourne and Geelong Aldermen Election Bill.
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 1. What is the reason of the prolonged delay in the publication of the *Year-Book* for 1898.
 2. When does he think it will be published.
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WEDNESDAY, 4TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GRAVES : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the sale by the Government of certain reserves in the parishes of Cohuna and Gunbower and at Barr Creek at the price of £2 per acre, and to the subsequent reported sale on the 14th day of February last by public auction of the Barr Park Estate, which included the above lands, to Mr. Aitken at £4 15s. per acre; such Committee to be appointed by ballot, or by the Government, or by other such means as the House shall decide, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
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WEDNESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

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1. PETITION OF ANDREW ROWAN—To be considered.
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3. LIHEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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6. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BILL—Second reading.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
3. ABOLITION OF COUPONS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. COUNTY COURT ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG ALDERMEN ELECTION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

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Wednesday, 4th October.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW—at half-past ten o'clock.
COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 27TH SEPTEMBER, 1899.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 17.
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County Court Bill—[83].



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 32.

TUESDAY, 3RD OCTOBER, 1899.

Questions.

1. **MR. ZOx** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he can inform the House what percentage of deaths occur amongst children boarded out, and what is the average death rate amongst other children of the same age reared in their own homes.
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6. **MR. BROWN** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if he is aware that some of the parish plans on sale at the Lands Department are many years old, in fact, completely out of date and perfectly useless ; if so, will he take the necessary steps to have all parish plans brought up to date.
7. **MR. MALONEY** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 1. Is it true that a man named John White has been three times brought before the City Court on two charges of circulating the *Tocsin* newspaper on Sunday.
 2. If so, and if it can be proved that he was on one of these occasions wrongly presented owing to a mistake of the authorities, has he any chance of being reimbursed the costs in which he was thus improperly mulcted.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

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2. **IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION BILL**—To be further considered in Committee.
3. **USURY PREVENTION BILL**—Second reading.
4. **BOILERS INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL**—To be further considered in Committee.
5. **MINING DEVELOPMENT ACT 1896 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
6. **WATER SUPPLY ADVANCES RELIEF BILL (No. 2)**—To be further considered in Committee.
7. **WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL**—To be further considered in Committee.
8. **POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
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11. OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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17. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

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WEDNESDAY, 4TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

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NOTICES OF MOTION:—

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3. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. HACKNEY CARRIAGES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

6. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
7. LAND ACT 1898 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BILL—Second reading.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
3. ABOLITION OF COUPONS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. COUNTY COURT ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG ALDERMEN ELECTION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

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ORDER OF THE DAY:—

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW—at half-past ten o'clock.

TRANSFER OF J. R. JACKSON—at twelve o'clock.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1899.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 32.

Water Supply Advances Relief Bill.—Amendment to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Outtrim. (To Members only.)



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 33.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH OCTOBER, 1899.

Questions.

1. **MR. LANGDON** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if he will lay on the Table of the House the whole of the papers relating to the selection by Jean May of 20 acres of land in the parish of Borung, county of Gladstone.
2. **MR. MCGREGOR** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if it is a fact that the tributing clauses in the Mines Acts are not being carried out; if so, does he propose to amend the law.
3. **MR. LANGDON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
 1. Whether it is a fact that Signor Bragato has been called upon to retire from the public service as viticultural expert.
 2. Will it not be a loss to a great number of the vigneron in the colony if that gentleman's services are dispensed with.
 3. If, in view of the resolution passed at the recent Interecolonial Conference on Phylloxera that more inspectors for the colony should be appointed, it is wise to dispense with the services of such a professional expert as Signor Bragato is known to be, especially after his eleven years' effective and efficient service.
4. **MR. KEYS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines—
 1. Is it a fact that Messrs. Patterson Bros., who received a loan of £700 out of the vote passed by this House for the development of Victorian pigments, are simply breaking down white lead and colouring same with imported pigments.
 2. If he is not aware that this is being done, will he make inquiries to ascertain whether this firm has done anything to develop Victorian pigments, with a view of turning the same into paints of various colours.
5. **MR. SANGSTER** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs—
 1. Has his attention been drawn to a paragraph in the *Age* newspaper of 26th September last, in reference to the starving condition of the Queenscliff life-boat crew on the occasion of their assisting at the rescue of the steamer *Glaucus*.
 2. If the paragraph is true, who is responsible for the proper equipment of the life-boat, and will the Minister take such action as will obviate the necessity of men risking their lives under such conditions in future.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. BEST** : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the resumption by the Crown of part of the Royal Park, Melbourne, and for the reservation of such part as a site for public recreation.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WATER SUPPLY ADVANCES RELIEF BILL (No. 2)—To be further considered in Committee.
2. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION BILL—Third reading.
4. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate*.
5. BOILERS INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
6. MINING DEVELOPMENT ACT 1896 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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General Business.

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ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PETITION OF ANDREW ROWAN—To be considered.
2. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. HACKNEY CARRIAGES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
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8. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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11. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Consideration of Report.
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13. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS DEPOSIT REDUCTION BILL—Second reading.
14. GRIFFITH'S ISLAND NATIONAL PARK BILL—Second reading.
15. PETITION OF ROBERT RUSSELL—To be considered.
16. HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BILL—Second reading.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
3. ABOLITION OF COUPONS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. COUNTY COURT ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG ALDERMEN ELECTION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 4th October.

- LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW—at half-past ten o'clock.
 PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.
 TRANSFER OF J. R. JACKSON—at twelve o'clock.

Thursday, 5th October.

- COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1899.

- Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 18.
 Infant Life Protection Bill—[4]. (To Members of Council only.)
 Local Government Bill No. 2—[54]. (To Members of Council only.)
 Life Assurance Companies Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. Sir H. Cuthbert. (To Members of Council only.)
 Indecent Publications Bill.—Amendments and New Clause to be proposed by the Hon. Sir H. Cuthbert. (To Members of Council only.)

- Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 30, 31, and 32.
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 33.
 Water Supply Advances Relief Bill No. 2.—Amendments to be proposed in Committee. (To Members only.)
 Reports, &c., on the Beet Sugar Industry at Maffra. No. 56.
 Information in connexion with the Water Supply Advances Relief Bill. (To Members only.)

WEDNESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER.

(After half-past eight o'clock)

General Minutes.

Quorum of the Day.

1. Report of the Finance Committee—second reading.
2. Report of the Finance Committee—second reading.
3. Report of the Finance Committee—second reading.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 34.

THURSDAY, 5TH OCTOBER, 1899.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. BOILERS INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MINING DEVELOPMENT ACT 1896 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. HAWKERS AND PEDLERS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—
To be considered.
5. SAILORS' HOME LAND BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
6. IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION BILL—Third reading.
7. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
8. VICTORIAN MINING ACCIDENT RELIEF FUND BILL—Second reading.
9. OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
10. COAL MINES BILL—Second reading.
11. RAILWAYS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
12. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
13. ROYAL PARK RECREATION SITE BILL—Second reading.
14. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
15. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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TUESDAY, 10TH OCTOBER.

Questions.

1. MR. LANGDON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if he will lay on the Table of the House the whole of the papers relating to the selection by Jean May of 20 acres of land in the parish of Borung, county of Gladstone.
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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. WATER SUPPLY ADVANCES RELIEF BILL (No. 2)—To be further considered in Committee.
2. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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16. HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

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WEDNESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. COUNTY COURT ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG ALDERMEN ELECTION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. VICTORIAN RAILWAYS BALANCE-SHEET—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House it has now become expedient to have a proper balance-sheet drawn up, with the assistance of independent experts, showing the position of the Victorian Railways as a going concern, and showing under separate heads (as far as possible) the values, with particulars, of the several classes of assets.
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WEDNESDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. O'NEILL : To move, That in the opinion of this House it is desirable that the Government should indemnify Andrew Cheyne against any law costs that may arise in the matter of an appeal by the owners of the Serpentine estate to the Privy Council *re* the case of *Cheyne v. The East Loddon Shire Council*, or that the Governor in Council should take action to prevent the re-erection of swing-gates across certain public roads joining or intersecting the Serpentine estate now or hereafter being closed against public traffic.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

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TRANSFER OF J. R. JACKSON—at twelve o'clock.
COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 4TH OCTOBER, 1899.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 34.

Public Accountants Bill—[88].

Boilers Inspection Bill.—Amendments to be proposed in Committee. (To Members only.)

Water Supply Advances Relief Bill (No. 2).—New Schedule to be proposed by Mr. Foster. (To Members only.)

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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No. 35.

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 2. How many of such probates and letters of administration were put through under the provisions of section 31 of Act No. 1060 without the intervention of any solicitor.
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Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **SIR GEORGE TURNER :** To move, That this House desires to express its loyalty and devotion to Her Majesty the Queen and its sympathy with Her Majesty's Imperial Government in the difficulties that have arisen in South Africa, and is of opinion that Victoria should equip and despatch a military force for service with the Imperial army in the Transvaal.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. WATER SUPPLY ADVANCES RELIEF BILL (No. 2)—To be further considered in Committee.
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WEDNESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

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17. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

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NOTICES OF MOTION:—

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WEDNESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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WEDNESDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER.

General Business.

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WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 11th October.

ORDER TRANSFER OF J. R. JACKSON—at twelve o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 5TH OCTOBER, 1899.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 35.
Factories and Shops Bill—[35].

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 36.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER, 1899.

Questions.

1. MR. LEVIEN : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier whether he will consider the propriety of extending equal rights in the matter of bonuses to officers and non-commissioned officers who may proceed to England to study gunnery.
2. MR. HIGGINS : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if he will state how many companies have been registered as no-liability trading companies under the Act of 1896.
3. MR. MCGREGOR : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 1. If his attention has been called to a debt case tried at Ballarat on 6th October; and if it is a fact that the Wages Attachment Act was ignored by the police magistrate in making an order absolute for the attachment of a miner's fortnight's wages amounting to less than £2 per week.
 2. If so, does he propose to take any action in the matter.
4. MR. T. SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs whether he will present, as a reward for their bravery, a sum of money to the crew of the boat belonging to the s.s. *Glaucus* in connexion with their successful efforts upon the occasion of the accident to that vessel, as was done by the New South Wales Government recently when the officers and men of a Japanese steamer were instrumental in saving life at Sydney Harbor.
5. MR. CRAVEN : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey when are the large and remote pastoral allotments under section 16, *Land Act* 1898 (being those not now held under pastoral licence), to be made available for leasing.
6. MR. BURTON : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 1. What steps have been taken to bring under the notice of holders of electors' rights the fact that such rights, although on their face announced to be in force until the 1st of December, 1899, are now required to be renewed before the end of October, 1899.
 2. Will he cause special posters to be printed and posted outside all electoral registrars' offices and in other conspicuous places drawing attention to this fact, and also instruct the registrars to keep their offices open for the issue of rights every evening until the time fixed for ceasing to issue rights in connexion with the new electoral rolls.
7. MR. BOWSER : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs—
 1. If he is aware that Murray cod are being offered for sale in the Melbourne market during the close season, which ends on the 16th instant.
 2. If these fish are from Adelaide will the Honorable the Commissioner stop this breach of the spirit of the Victorian regulation.
8. MR. GRAY : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 1. If his attention has been called to a letter by Mr. Cole in the *Age* newspaper of yesterday referring to the increase of Chinese gambling banks in Melbourne.
 2. Will he cause inquiries to be made and action taken for the suppression of the evil.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WATER SUPPLY ADVANCES RELIEF BILL (NO. 2)—To be further considered in Committee.
2. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. BOILERS INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. MINING DEVELOPMENT ACT 1896 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. HAWKERS AND PEDLERS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
7. SAILORS' HOME LAND BILL—Second reading.—*Resumption of debate.*
8. IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION BILL—Third reading.
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10. VICTORIAN MINING ACCIDENT RELIEF FUND BILL—Second reading.
11. OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
12. COAL MINES BILL—Second reading.
13. RAILWAYS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
14. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
15. ROYAL PARK RECREATION SITE BILL—Second reading.
16. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
17. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PETITION OF ANDREW ROWAN—To be considered.
2. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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9. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
10. HAMILTON MECHANICS' INSTITUTE SITE BILL—Second reading.
11. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Consideration of Report.
12. { PETITION OF JAMES KIRBY
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15. PETITION OF ROBERT RUSSELL—To be considered.
16. HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
17. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 17TH OCTOBER.

Questions.

1. MR. LANGDON: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if he will lay on the Table of the House the whole of the papers relating to the selection by Jean May of 20 acres of land in the parish of Borung, county of Gladstone.
2. MR. LANGDON: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Health whether it is a fact that the drainage from the railway station at Korong Vale is becoming a public nuisance, the filth therefrom being stagnant in an open drain without any action being taken towards its removal, and as the warm weather increases it becomes a direct menace to the health of the local residents and the travelling public generally; if so, will he without delay cause an officer of his Department to visit, inspect, and report upon the evil complained of, such being close to the local post-office and in the midst of the town, with a view to immediate steps being taken to remedy the nuisance.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. SALMON: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the administration, work, and results of the Leongatha Labour Colony, such Committee to consist of Mr. Graham, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Methven, Mr. McColl, Mr. J. B. Tucker, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, to move from place to place, to have leave to report the minutes of evidence from time to time, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
2. MR. GRAVES: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the sale by the Government of certain reserves in the parishes of Cohuna and Gunbower and at Barr Creek at the price of £2 per acre, and to the subsequent reported sale on the 14th day of February last by public auction of the Barr Park Estate, which included the above lands, to Mr. Aitken at £4 15s. per acre; such Committee to be appointed by ballot, or by the Government, or by other such means as the House shall decide, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
3. MR. ZOX: To move, That in the opinion of this House the rate of postage on letters throughout the colony of Victoria should be reduced to one penny.
4. MR. BENNETT: To move, That in the opinion of this House it is advisable that all those railway pensioners who were discharged prior to 1895, and who are in receipt of less than £30 per annum, should have their pensions increased to that amount.

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 2. The annual cost for interest, maintenance, and working expenses of the line.
 3. The estimated annual loss to the original line *vid* Geelong by reason of the diversion of traffic through Bacchus Marsh.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BILL—Second reading.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
3. ABOLITION OF COUPONS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. COUNTY COURT ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG ALDERMEN ELECTION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. VICTORIAN RAILWAYS BALANCE-SHEET—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House it has now become expedient to have a proper balance-sheet drawn up, with the assistance of independent experts, showing the position of the Victorian Railways as a going concern, and showing under separate heads (as far as possible) the values, with particulars, of the several classes of assets.
4. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REFORM—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House provision should be made for the reduction of the property qualification of Members and electors of the Legislative Council, and the division of the provinces into single electorates.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. O'NEILL: To move, That in the opinion of this House it is desirable that the Government should indemnify Andrew Cheyne against any law costs that may arise in the matter of an appeal by the owners of the Serpentine estate to the Privy Council *re* the case of *Cheyne v. The East Loddon Shire Council*, or that the Governor in Council should take action to prevent the re-erection of swing-gates across certain public roads joining or intersecting the Serpentine estate now or hereafter being closed against public traffic.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

W. V. ROBINSON,
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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 19.
 Romsey Park Bill—[67]. (To Members of Council only.)
 Public and Bank Holidays Bill—[84].

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 33, 34, and 35.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 36.

Weekly Report of Divisions. No. 4.

Railways Bill—[18].

Water Bill—

New Clauses in Part II. to be proposed in Committee by Mr. McColl. (To Members only.)

New Clauses, &c., to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Foster. (To Members only.)

New Clauses to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Keys. (To Members only.)

Water Supply Advances Relief Bill (No. 2)—

Amendments to be proposed in Committee. (To Members only.)

Amendment to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Morrissey. (To Members only.)

Coal Mines Regulation Bill.—Amendments and New Clauses to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Downward. (To Members only.)

Appropriation of Revenue Bill.—Amendment to be proposed in Committee of Supply by Mr. Maloney. (To Members only.)

Telegraph Messengers.—Return to an Order of the House. C.—No. 6.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 37.

THURSDAY, 12TH OCTOBER, 1899.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
2. WATER SUPPLY ADVANCES RELIEF BILL (No. 2)—To be further considered in Committee.
3. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
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5. MINING DEVELOPMENT ACT 1896 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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16. ROYAL PARK RECREATION SITE BILL—Second reading.
17. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

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1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Consideration of Report.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BILL—Second reading.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
3. ABOLITION OF COUPONS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. COUNTY COURT ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG ALDERMEN ELECTION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. VICTORIAN RAILWAYS BALANCE-SHEET—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House it has now become expedient to have a proper balance-sheet drawn up, with the assistance of independent experts, showing the position of the Victorian Railways as a going concern, and showing under separate heads (as far as possible) the values, with particulars, of the several classes of assets.
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6. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. O'NEILL : To move, That in the opinion of this House it is desirable that the Government should indemnify Andrew Cheyne against any law costs that may arise in the matter of an appeal by the owners of the Serpentine estate to the Privy Council *re* the case of *Cheyne v. The East Loddon Shire Council*, or that the Governor in Council should take action to prevent the re-erection of swing-gates across certain public roads joining or intersecting the Serpentine estate now or hereafter being closed against public traffic.
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WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
2. CREMATION BILL—Second reading.
3. PETITION OF ANDREW ROWAN—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House legislation should be introduced with the object of amending section 38 of the *Crimes Act 1891*, so that in case a prisoner shall, in any statement made by him by virtue of the said section, make any attack upon the character or dealings of any person or institution, the court shall be at liberty either to allow the prisoner to be cross-examined upon such portions of his statement as contained such personal attacks or to allow any witness or witnesses to be called by the Crown in order to disprove or challenge the statements made as to such persons or institution by the prisoner.

W. V. ROBINSON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,

Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 12th October.

TRANSFER OF J. R. JACKSON—at twelve o'clock.

Tuesday, 17th October.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

LIBRARY (JOINT)—at three o'clock.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at three o'clock.

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

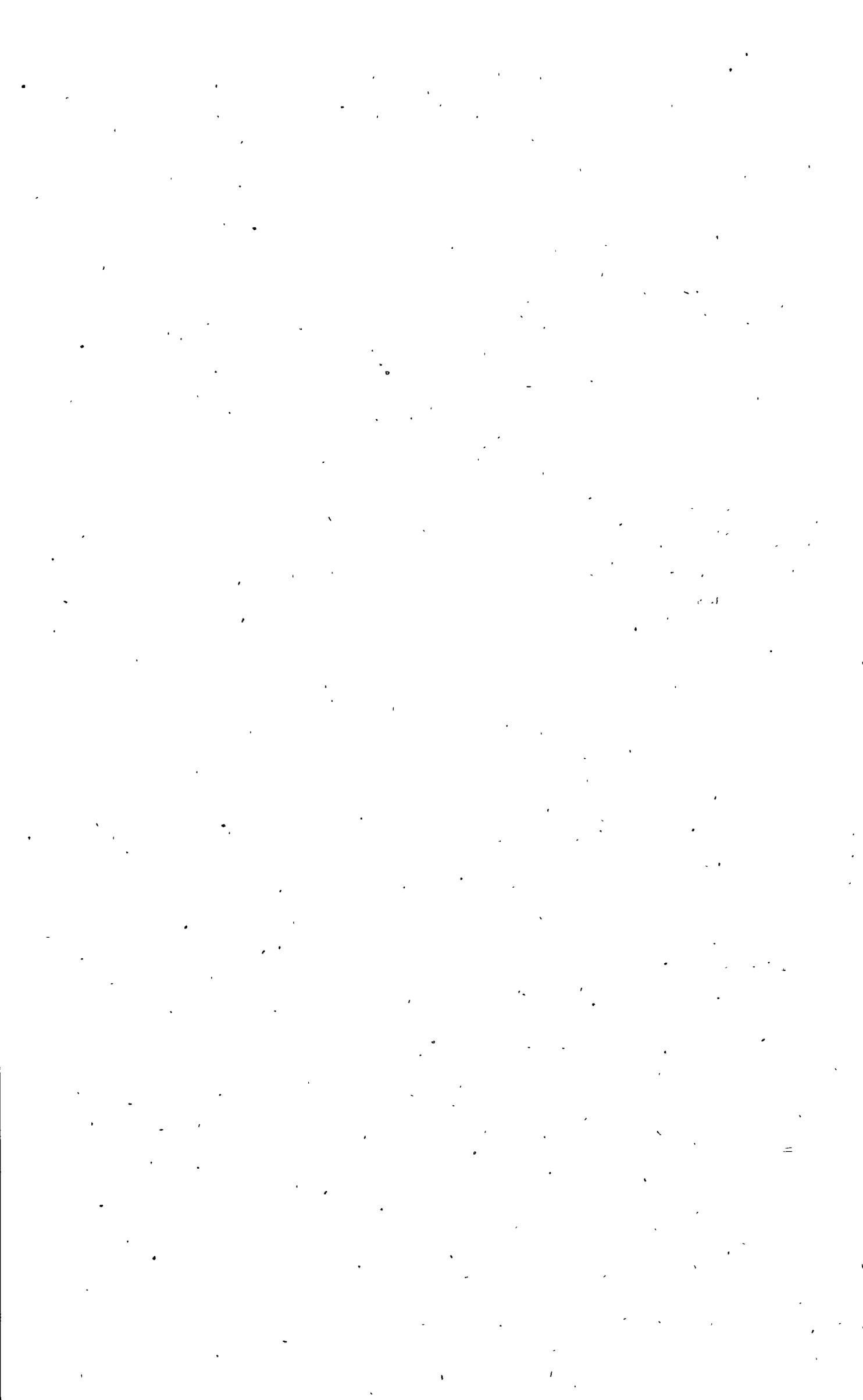
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 20.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 37.

Cremation Bill—[69]. (To Members only.)

Water Supply Advances Relief Bill (No. 2).—Amendment to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Morrissey.

(To Members only.)



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 38.

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8. MR. T. SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if he can give any indication that the third delivery by letter carrier will be resumed in the more populous suburbs of the metropolis.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

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17. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Consideration of Report.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. SALMON: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the administration, work, and results of the Leongatha Labour Colony, such Committee to consist of Mr. Graham, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Methven, Mr. McColl, Mr. J. B. Tucker, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, to move from place to place, to have leave to report the minutes of evidence from time to time, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
2. MR. GRAVES: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the sale by the Government of certain reserves in the parishes of Cohuna and Gunbower and at Barr Creek at the price of £2 per acre, and to the subsequent reported sale on the 14th day of February last by public auction of the Barr Park Estate, which included the above lands, to Mr. Aitken at £4 15s. per acre; such Committee to be appointed by ballot, or by the Government, or by other such means as the House shall decide, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
3. MR. ZOX: To move, That in the opinion of this House the rate of postage on letters throughout the colony of Victoria should be reduced to one penny.
4. MR. BENNETT: To move, That in the opinion of this House it is advisable that all those railway pensioners who were discharged prior to 1895, and who are in receipt of less than £30 per annum, should have their pensions increased to that amount.
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 2. The annual cost for interest, maintenance, and working expenses of the line.
 3. The estimated annual loss to the original line *vid* Geelong by reason of the diversion of traffic through Bacchus Marsh.
 4. The estimated annual saving that would accrue to the country if the Bacchus Marsh line had not been constructed, and the whole of the traffic were carried on the line *vid* Geelong.
6. MR. LANGDON: To move, That in the opinion of this House the proposed alteration in the rates for carriage of grain on the Victorian railways is, on account of numerous anomalies, unsatisfactory, and that all differential rates now charged for carriage of grain on various lines of said railways be abolished.
7. MR. MURPHY: To move, That, in view of the fact that this House has passed an Act intitled "*An Act for the purpose of constructing a Railway Siding from Bungaree Junction to the Race-course Reserve,*" this House requests the Government to bring in the necessary Bill to give effect to the said Act.
8. MR. KIRTON: To move, That in the opinion of this House no employé in the Railway Department should be required to work more than eight hours a day unless he is paid overtime.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BILL—Second reading.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
3. ABOLITION OF COUPONS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. COUNTY COURT ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG ALDERMEN ELECTION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. VICTORIAN RAILWAYS BALANCE-SHEET—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House it has now become expedient to have a proper balance-sheet drawn up, with the assistance of independent experts, showing the position of the Victorian Railways as a going concern, and showing under separate heads (as far as possible) the values, with particulars, of the several classes of assets.
4. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REFORM—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House provision should be made for the reduction of the property qualification of Members and electors of the Legislative Council, and the division of the provinces into single electorates.
5. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

6. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. HACKNEY CARRIAGES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
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17. PETITION OF ROBERT RUSSELL—To be considered.
18. HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
19. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 1st NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. O'NEILL : To move, That in the opinion of this House it is desirable that the Government should indemnify Andrew Cheyne against any law costs that may arise in the matter of an appeal by the owners of the Serpentine estate to the Privy Council *re* the case of *Cheyne v. The East Loddon Shire Council*, or that the Governor in Council should take action to prevent the re-erection of swing-gates across certain public roads joining or intersecting the Serpentine estate now or hereafter being closed against public traffic.
2. MR. GURR : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of ex-Constable Keegan, of Geelong, such Committee to consist of Mr. Anderson, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Grose, Mr. Murphy, Mr. O'Neill, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

WEDNESDAY, 8th NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
2. CREMATION BILL—Second reading.
3. PETITION OF ANDREW ROWAN—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House legislation should be introduced with the object of amending section 38 of the *Crimes Act* 1891, so that in case a prisoner shall, in any statement made by him by virtue of the said section, make any attack upon the character or dealings of any person or institution, the court shall be at liberty either to allow the prisoner to be cross-examined upon such portions of his statement as contained such personal attacks or to allow any witness or witnesses to be called by the Crown in order to disprove or challenge the statements made as to such persons or institutions by the prisoner.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 17th October.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.
LIBRARY (JOINT)—at three o'clock.
COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at three o'clock.

Wednesday, 18th October.

TRANSFER OF J. R. JACKSON—at twelve o'clock.

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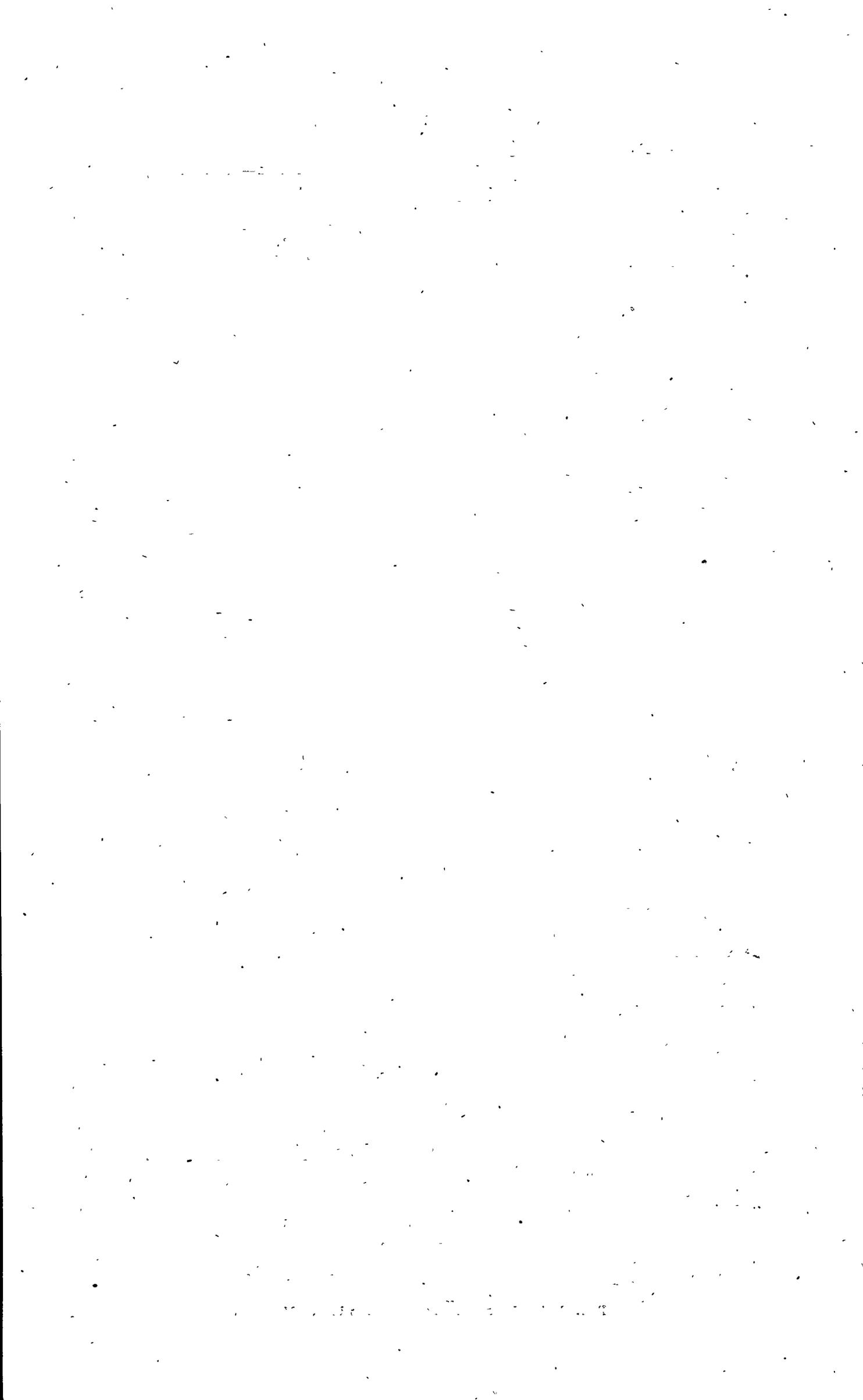
Meat Supervision Bill—[28]. (To Members of Council only.)

Trading Coupons Abolition Bill—[91].

Local Government Bill (No. 2).—Amendments to be proposed by the Honorable T. C. Harwood on recomittal. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 38.

Hamilton Mechanics' Institute Land Bill—[66].



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 39.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER, 1899.

Questions.

1. **MR. BENNETT** : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if it is the intention of his Department to call for applications for female telephone switch operators, seeing that a number of persons who have already passed the necessary examination are still waiting appointment.
2. **MR. MALONEY** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. Is it a fact that Mr. Learmonth, J.P., travelled upon an expired railway ticket.
 2. Did he excuse himself by blaming the ticket collectors for not insisting that he should take the ticket out of the ticket case.
 3. Were the porters punished ; and, if so, on what grounds.
 4. Was the J.P. prosecuted.
3. **MR. GAIR** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary what decision has been arrived at as to compensating electoral registrars for the extra work they had to perform in connexion with the Federal election.
4. **MR. MALONEY** : To ask the Honorable the Premier if, in view of what occurred in another place, he will help the nonagenarian surveyor of Melbourne, Mr. Russell, and his extremely aged wife, who are now in want.
5. **MR. GURR** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. Is it a fact that a number of men from railway companies in England have been given employment on the Victorian Railways immediately on their arrival in this colony.
 2. If so, will the Honorable the Minister state the number of such, the branches in which they have been given employment, the rates of pay they receive, and the dates on which they entered the service.
6. **MR. MOULE** : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier—
 1. Is it a fact that at the hearing of appeals by public servants before the Reclassification Board one member of the Board is sometimes absent, owing to his having to perform other public duties.
 2. If so, cannot arrangements be made so as to secure the full attendance of the Board at all appeals.
7. **MR. HIGGINS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he has any objection to inform the House—
 1. What amount has been expended from loan moneys for locomotive engines in the Victorian Railways.
 2. How many engines have been bought by that amount.
 3. How many of the 517 engines in existence on the 30th June, 1899, are in proper working order.
 4. What is the actual working value (as distinguished from the book value) of these engines.
8. **MR. FINK** : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier—
 1. If he will inform the House, in connexion with the despatch of troops to the Transvaal, what was the principle or system according to which the selection of officers from those volunteering for service was made.
 2. Is it a fact that Lieutenant Tremearne, late of the 3rd Battalion, Infantry Brigade, but now of the Reserve of Officers, was selected in preference to officers on the Active List who volunteered, who have had longer service in the Infantry Brigade, and who, by virtue of seniority and longer service, had claims to proceed with the contingent ; and, if so, what is the reason.
 3. Is it a fact that in the case of Mounted Rifle officers one lieutenant with three years' absolute service, another lieutenant with one year and eleven months' absolute service, and another lieutenant with one year and ten months' absolute service were selected in preference to other officers in the same regiment who volunteered having service from ten to twelve years' service, and who are still in every way qualified for active service ; and, if so, why was this done.
9. **MR. RAWSON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will issue railway passes to the immediate relatives of the country members of the Victorian contingent for South Africa, who would naturally desire to say good-bye at the last moment of their departure.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. SIR GEORGE TURNER : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Railway and Public Works Loan Application Act 1898.*
2. SIR GEORGE TURNER : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Pilots' Advance Repayment Act 1898.*

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WATER SUPPLY ADVANCES RELIEF BILL (No. 2)—To be further considered in Committee.
2. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. BOILERS INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
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5. POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. HAWKERS AND PEDLERS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
7. SAILORS' HOME LAND BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Consideration of Report.

THURSDAY, 19TH OCTOBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. VICTORIAN MILITARY CONTINGENT BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 24TH OCTOBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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18. HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
19. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

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WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
2. CREMATION BILL—Second reading.
3. PETITION OF ANDREW ROWAN—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House legislation should be introduced with the object of amending section 38 of the *Crimes Act 1891*, so that in case a prisoner shall, in any statement made by him by virtue of the said section, make any attack upon the character or dealings of any person or institution, the court shall be at liberty either to allow the prisoner to be cross-examined upon such portions of his statement as contained such personal attacks or to allow any witness or witnesses to be called by the Crown in order to disprove or challenge the statements made as to such persons or institutions by the prisoner.

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 18th October.

TRANSFER OF J. R. JACKSON—at twelve o'clock.

Thursday, 19th October.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 24th October.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at three o'clock.

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

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 21.

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 36, 37, and 38.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 39.

Infant Life Protection Bill—[4]. (To Members only.)

Companies Bill—[25]. (To Members only.)

Victorian Military Contingent Bill—[89].

Marine Bill.—Amendments of the Legislative Council. (To Members only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 40.

THURSDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, 1899.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. VICTORIAN MILITARY CONTINGENT BILL—Second reading.
2. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. MINING DEVELOPMENT ACT 1896 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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2. MR. R. MURRAY SMITH: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 1. Out of what fund have the costs of the cyanide companies in the recent actions been paid.
 2. What was the authority for this expenditure.
 3. Will the amount be repaid by the companies interested.
3. MR. COOK: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 1. Is it true that the Inspector-General of Prisons has been granted twelve months' sick leave; the first six months on full pay and the balance on half-pay.
 2. If so, is the Honorable the Chief Secretary prepared to yield the same kind of treatment to the warders of the Penal Department.
4. MR. HIGGINS: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 1. Has he inquired into the condition of those employed in the trade of fellmongers.
 2. Is it his intention to propose that this trade shall be brought under the Factories Acts.
5. MR. COOK: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction—
 1. Is it a fact that when determining the satisfactory nature or otherwise of the teaching given the character of the text-books and apparatus is one of the chief factors.
 2. Is it true that both in connexion with general teaching and the proposed new kindergarten teaching teachers have to provide themselves with some, if not all, the necessary books and apparatus.
6. MR. A. HARRIS: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey whether he has been able to secure any suitable lands for close settlement purposes; and, if not, is there a reasonable prospect of his being soon able to do so.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. WATER SUPPLY ADVANCES RELIEF BILL (No. 2)—Third reading.
2. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—
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3. RAILWAY AND PUBLIC WORKS LOAN APPLICATION ACT 1898 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—
Second reading.
4. PILOTS' ADVANCE REPAYMENT ACT 1898 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

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General Business.

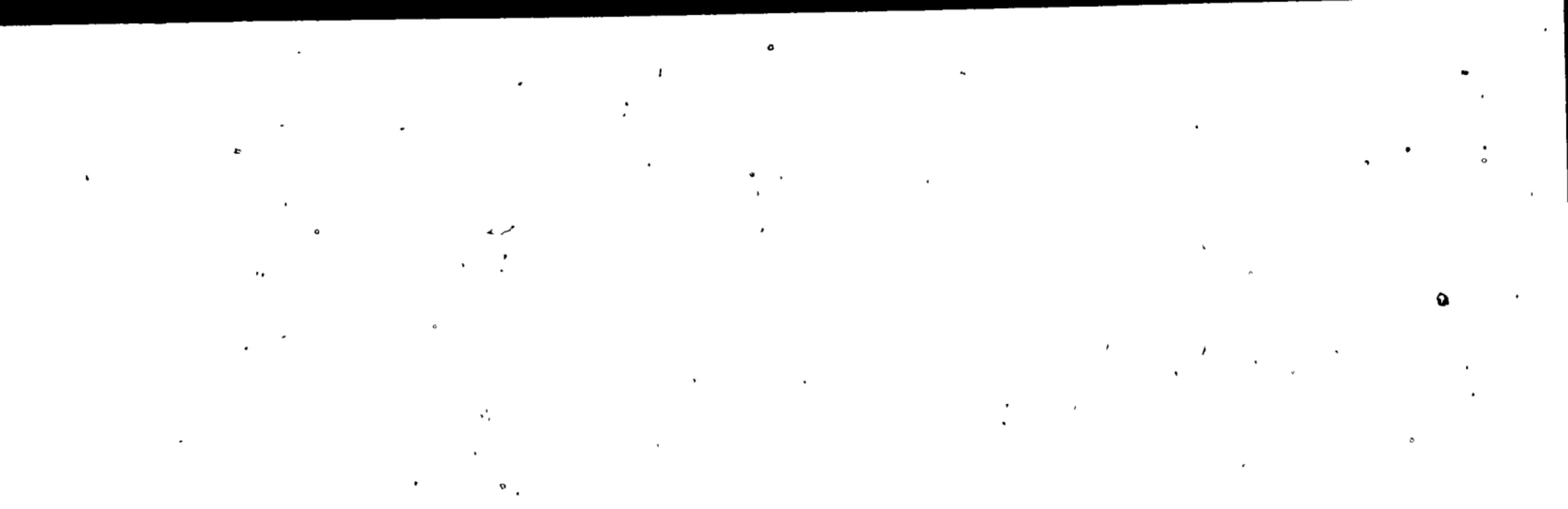
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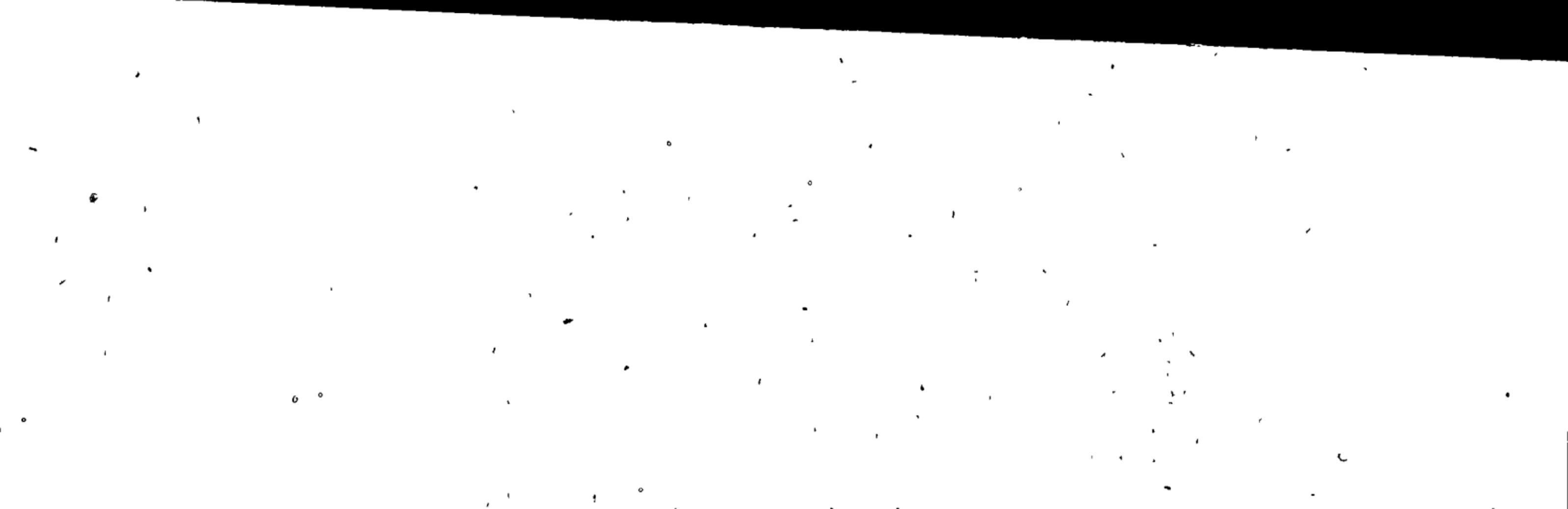
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WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
2. CREMATION BILL—Second reading.
3. PETITION OF ANDREW ROWAN—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House legislation should be introduced with the object of amending section 38 of the *Crimes Act* 1891, so that in case a prisoner shall, in any statement made by him by virtue of the said section, make any attack upon the character or dealings of any person or institution, the court shall be at liberty either to allow the prisoner to be cross-examined upon such portions of his statement as contained such personal attacks or to allow any witness or witnesses to be called by the Crown in order to disprove or challenge the statements made as to such persons or institutions by the prisoner.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BILL—Second reading.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 19th October.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW—at half-past ten o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 24th October.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at three o'clock.

LEONGATHA LABOUR COLONY—at three o'clock.

Wednesday, 25th October.

TRANSFER OF J. R. JACKSON—at twelve o'clock.

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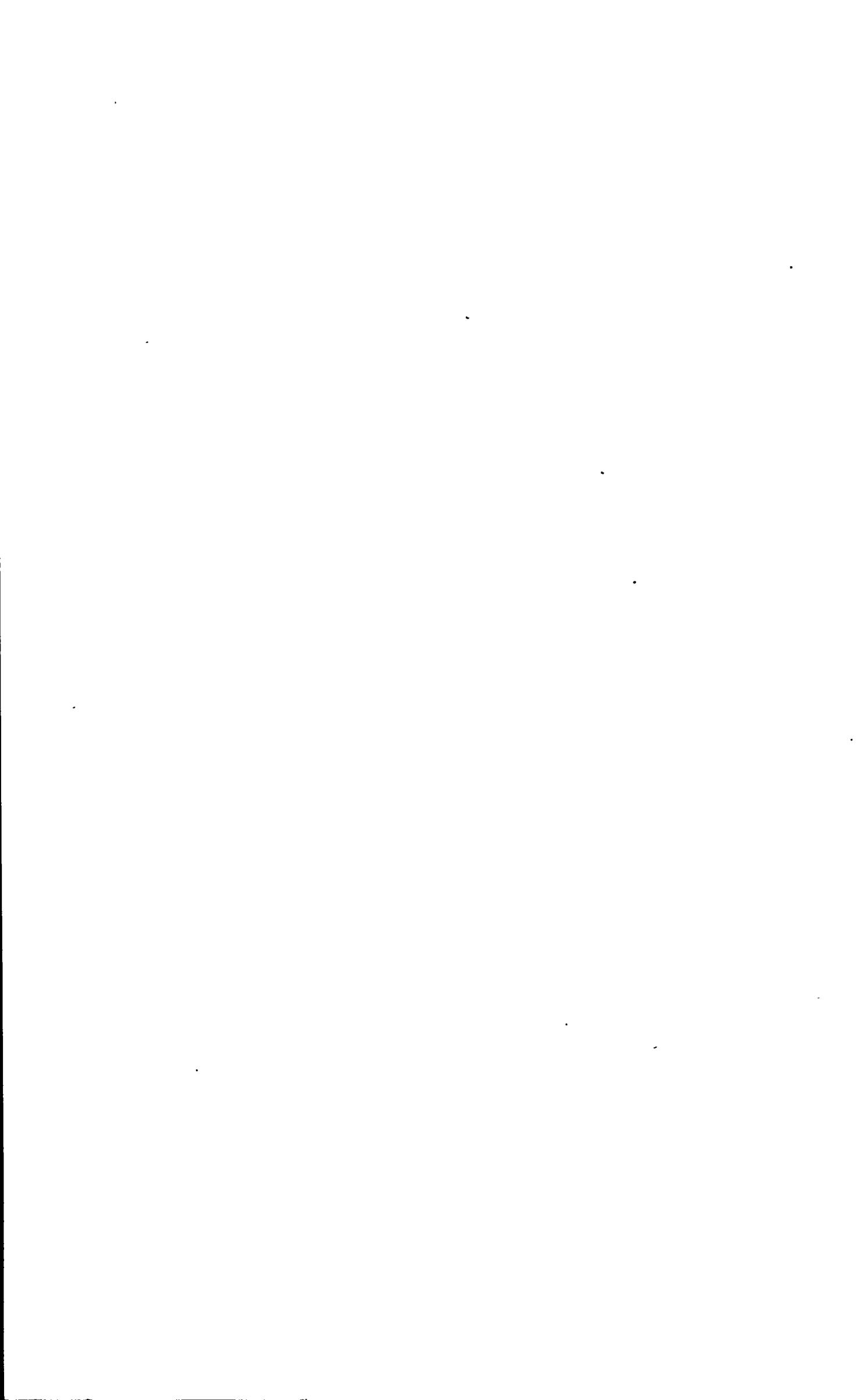
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Railway and Public Works Loan Application Bill—[80].

Pilots' Advance Repayment Bill—[81].

Sixth Progress Report of the Royal Commission on State Forests and Reserves.—The Stanley and Chiltern Forests : Their Resources, Management, and Control. No. 53.

Constitution Statute.—Statement of Expenditure under Schedule D to Act 18 and 19 Vict., Cap 55, during Year 1898-9. No. 55.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 41.

TUESDAY, 24TH OCTOBER, 1899.

Questions.

1. **MR. BENNETT**: To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if it is the intention of his Department to call for applications for female telephone switch operators, seeing that a number of persons who have already passed the necessary examination are still waiting appointment.
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10. **MR. MALONEY**: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. **WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL**—To be further considered in Committee.
2. **WATER SUPPLY ADVANCES RELIEF BILL (No. 2)**—Third reading.
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Second reading.
5. **PILOTS' ADVANCE REPAYMENT ACT 1898 AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.

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6. MINING DEVELOPMENT ACT 1896 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. BOILERS INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
8. POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. HAWKERS AND PEDLERS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
10. SAILORS' HOME LAND BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
11. IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION BILL—Third reading.
12. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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21. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
22. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Consideration of Report.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. COUNTY COURT ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG ALDERMEN ELECTION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. VICTORIAN RAILWAYS BALANCE-SHEET—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House it has now become expedient to have a proper balance-sheet drawn up, with the assistance of independent experts, showing the position of the Victorian Railways as a going concern, and showing under separate heads (as far as possible) the values, with particulars, of the several classes of assets.
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5. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
6. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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8. HACKNEY CARRIAGES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
10. LAND ACT 1898 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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21. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
22. ABOLITION OF COUPONS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 1st NOVEMBER.

General Business.

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1. MR. O'NEILL : To move, That in the opinion of this House it is desirable that the Government should indemnify Andrew Cheyne against any law costs that may arise in the matter of an appeal by the owners of the Serpentine estate to the Privy Council *re* the case of *Cheyne v. The East Loosdon Shire Council*, or that the Governor in Council should take action to prevent the re-erection of swing-gates across certain public roads joining or intersecting the Serpentine estate now or hereafter being closed against public traffic.

Bronson 29. 9. 1906
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J. W. Mason 3. 12. 1908
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WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

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WEDNESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER.

General Business.

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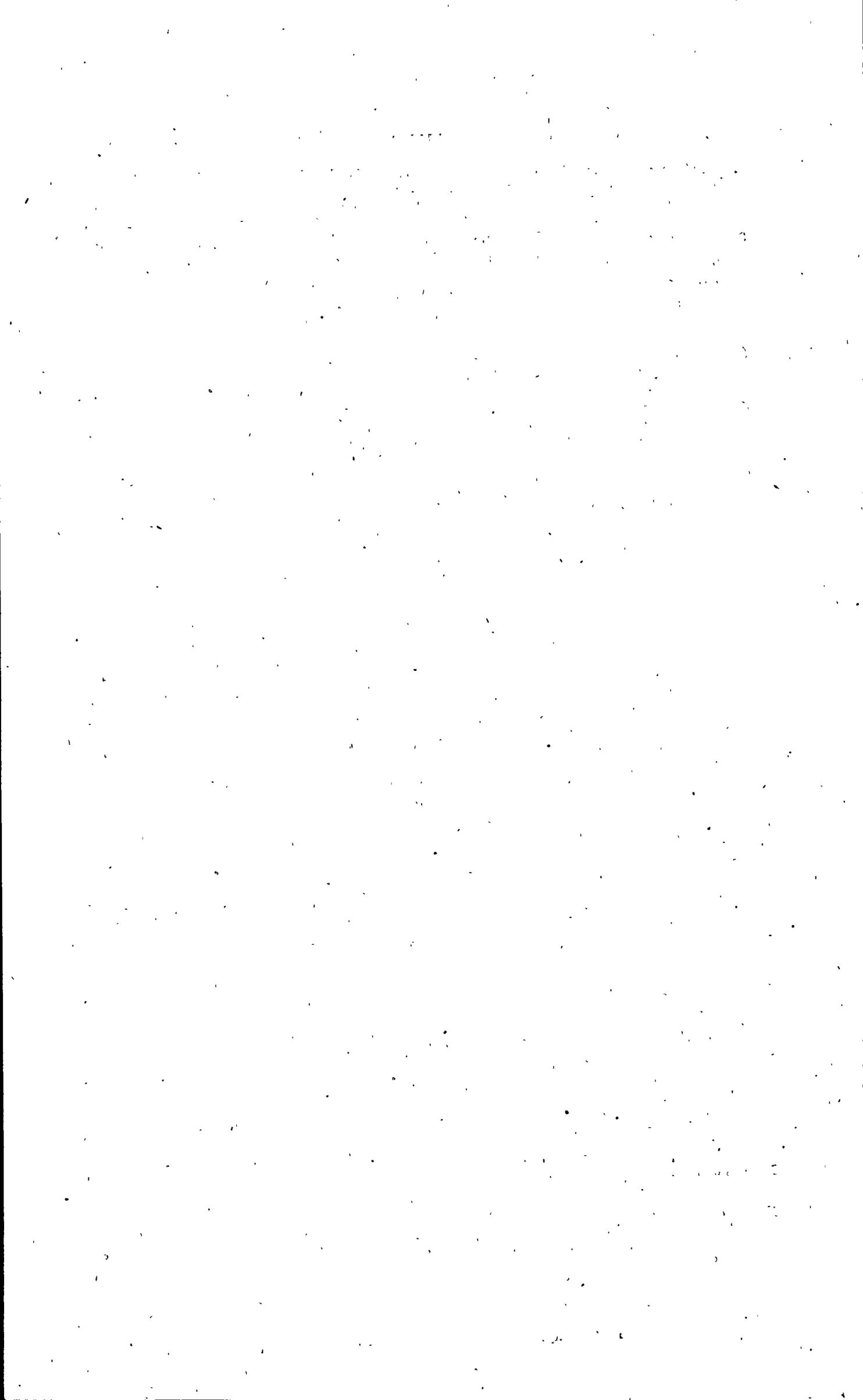
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Water Supply Advances Relief Bill (No. 2)—[21]. (To Members only.)

Boilers Inspection Bill.—Amendment to be proposed on the Third Reading by Mr. Gair. (To Members only.)



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 42.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER, 1899.

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11. **MR. COOK** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if it is true that a prisoner at Pentridge, though suffering from kidney disease and confined to his bed, is still kept in irons.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

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22. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

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WEDNESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER.

General Business.

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ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BILL—Second reading.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 25th October.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW—at half-past ten o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

TRANSFER OF J. R. JACKSON—at twelve o'clock.

Thursday, 26th October.

LEONGATHA LABOUR COLONY—at two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 19TH OCTOBER, 1899.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 23.

Public and Bank Holidays Bill.—New Clause to be proposed by the Hon. Agar Wynne. (To Members of Council only.)

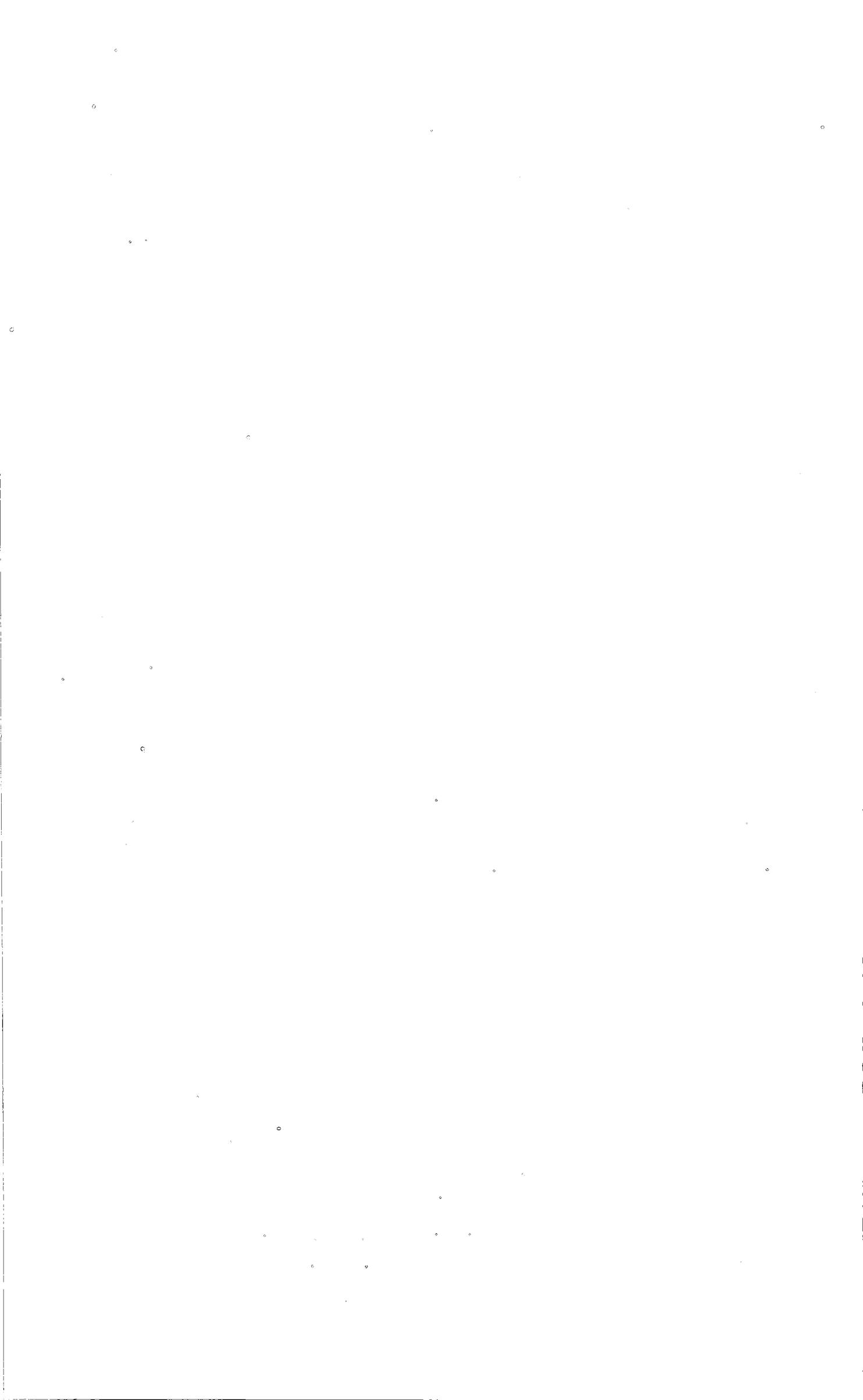
Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 39, 40, and 41.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 42.

Weekly Report of Divisions. No. 5.

Water Bill.—New Clauses to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Irvine and Mr. McColl. (To Members only.)

Pensions and Gratuities.—Return to an Order of the House. C.—No. 7.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 43.

THURSDAY, 26TH OCTOBER, 1899.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. MCKENZIE: To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of the papers in the matter of the application for forfeiture of the Crown lease, Reedy Creek.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS: To move, That in the opinion of this House it is not expedient to carry out the work of constructing the Neerim South to Neerim Railway.
2. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS: To move, That the construction of a line of railway from Newtown to Pitfield be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.

• ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. WATER SUPPLY ADVANCES RELIEF BILL (No. 2)—Third reading.
4. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
5. RAILWAY AND PUBLIC WORKS LOAN APPLICATION ACT 1898 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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7. MINING DEVELOPMENT ACT 1896 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. BOILERS INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
9. POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
10. HAWKERS AND PEDLERS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
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12. IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION BILL—Third reading.
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14. VICTORIAN MINING ACCIDENT RELIEF FUND BILL—Second reading.
15. OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
16. COAL MINES BILL—Second reading.
17. RAILWAYS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
18. ROYAL PARK RECREATION SITE BILL—Second reading.
19. INFANT LIFE PROTECTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
20. LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
21. SURPLUS REVENUE BILL—Second reading.
22. GOVERNMENT THREE PER CENT. STOCK BILL—Second reading.
23. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
24. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890. FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Consideration of Report.

TUESDAY, 31ST OCTOBER.

Questions.

1. MR. COOK: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Health if, in view of the yearly influenza epidemic, and the increasing virulence of the attack, the Government will consider the advisability of offering some inducement for a scientific inquiry into the cause and cure of the complaint.

(220 copies.)

2. **MR. FINK :** To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General—
 1. If he is now in a position to comply with the request of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, to open an office in Melbourne for the receipt and despatch of messages.
 2. Is the report in the Sydney *Daily Telegraph* newspaper of the 9th October instaat correct in stating "it was agreed between the Postmasters-General of New South-Wales and Victoria that if official recognition was given to the proposed Cape cable it must be on the understanding that there should be no undercutting of rates which would affect the business of the Pacific cable."
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4. **MR. T. SMITH :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Health what is the reason the disinfecting oven has not been erected at the Quarantine Station, and is the Minister in a position to state when it will be erected.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER.

Question.

1. **MR. E. D. WILLIAMS :** To ask the Right Honorable the Premier when will operations commence for the construction of the Upper Reservoir, Malmsbury.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. O'NEILL :** To move, That in the opinion of this House it is desirable that the Government should indemnify Andrew Cheyne against any law costs that may arise in the matter of an appeal by the owners of the Serpentine estate to the Privy Council *re* the case of *Cheyne v. The East Loddon Shire Council*, or that the Governor in Council should take action to prevent the re-erection of swing-gates across certain public roads joining or intersecting the Serpentine estate now or hereafter being closed against public traffic.
2. **MR. GURR :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of ex-Constable Keegan, of Geelong, such Committee to consist of Mr. Anderson, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Grose, Mr. Murphy, Mr. O'Neill, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
3. **MR. GRAVES :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the sale by the Government of certain reserves in the parishes of Cohuna and Gunbower and at Barr Creek at the price of £2 per acre, and to the subsequent reported sale on the 14th day of February last by public auction of the Barr Park Estate, which included the above lands, to Mr. Aitken at £4 15s. per acre; such Committee to be appointed by ballot, or by the Government, or by other such means as the House shall decide, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
4. **MR. BENNETT :** To move, That in the opinion of this House it is advisable that all those railway pensioners who were discharged prior to 1895, and who are in receipt of less than £30 per annum, should have their pensions increased to that amount.
5. **MR. LANGDON :** To move, That in the opinion of this House the proposed alteration in the rates for carriage of grain on the Victorian railways is, on account of numerous anomalies, unsatisfactory, and that all differential rates now charged for carriage of grain on various lines of said railways be abolished.
6. **MR. MURPHY :** To move, That, in view of the fact that this House has passed an Act intituled "*An Act for the purpose of constructing a Railway Siding from Bungaree Junction to the Race-course Reserve*," this House requests the Government to bring in the necessary Bill to give effect to the said Act.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2)**—Second reading.
2. **CREMATION BILL**—Second reading.
3. **PETITION OF ANDREW ROWAN**—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House legislation should be introduced with the object of amending section 38 of the *Crimes Act 1891*, so that in case a prisoner shall, in any statement made by him by virtue of the said section, make any attack upon the character or dealings of any person or institution, the court shall be at liberty either to allow the prisoner to be cross-examined upon such portions of his statement as contained such personal attacks or to allow any witness or witnesses to be called by the Crown in order to disprove or challenge the statements made as to such persons or institutions by the prisoner.

4. COUNTY COURT ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
5. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG ALDERMEN ELECTION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
6. VICTORIAN RAILWAYS BALANCE-SHEET—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House it has now become expedient to have a proper balance-sheet drawn up, with the assistance of independent experts, showing the position of the Victorian Railways as a going concern, and showing under separate heads (as far as possible) the values, with particulars, of the several classes of assets.
7. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REFORM—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House provision should be made for the reduction of the property qualification of Members and electors of the Legislative Council, and the division of the provinces into single electorates.
8. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
10. HACKNEY CARRIAGES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
12. LAND ACT 1898 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
13. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
14. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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21. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
22. MOE SWAMP LANDS—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House it is not desirable to sell by public auction any of the land in the Moe Swamp, but that such land should all be made available for selection for men who at present have none.
23. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
24. ABOLITION OF COUPONS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WHEELER: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Edward Wardle in connexion with the Coliban water scheme, such Committee to consist of Mr. Bailes, Mr. J. Harris, Sir John McIntyre, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Outtrim, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BILL—Second reading.
2. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 26th October.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW—at half-past nine o'clock.
TRANSFER OF J. R. JACKSON—at eleven o'clock.
PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.
LEONGATHA LABOUR COLONY—at two o'clock.

Tuesday, 31st October.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at half-past two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 25TH OCTOBER, 1899.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 43.

Surplus Revenue Bill—[79].

Victorian Government Three per cent. Stock Bill—[93].

Water Bill—

New Clauses to be proposed in Committee by Mr. McColl. (To Members only.)

Amendment to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Irvinc. (To Members only.)

Immigration Restriction Bill—

New Clause to be proposed on the Third Reading by Mr. R. Murray Smith. (To Members only.)

Amendments to be proposed on the Third Reading by Mr. Best and Mr. Madden. (To Members only.)

Explanatory Note to the Surplus Revenue Bill.

Charitable Institutions.—Report of Inspector for the Year ended 30th June, 1899. No. 54.

Bank Liabilities and Assets.—Summary of Sworn Returns for the Quarter ended 30th June, 1899. No. 58.

Report from Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on Proposed Railway from Neerim South to Neerim, &c. Report No. 3.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 44.

TUESDAY, 31st OCTOBER, 1899.

Questions.

1. **MR. COOK :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Health if, in view of the yearly influenza epidemic, and the increasing virulence of the attack, the Government will consider the advisability of offering some inducement for a scientific inquiry into the cause and cure of the complaint.
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 1. If he is now in a position to comply with the request of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company to open an office in Melbourne for the receipt and despatch of messages.
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5. **MR. A. HARRIS :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he has received the report of his officers anent the anticipated traffic in connexion with the projected railway to Walhalla; if not, when is the report likely to be in his hands.
6. **MR. WATT :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. If any compensation has been paid to the relatives of any railway employé who joined the service between the passage of the Ramsay Act and the taking over of the railways by the Commissioners.
 2. If so, what amount has been so paid.
7. **MR. A. HARRIS :** To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if he will have the undrained area at the Moo Swamp drained and made available for village settlement, application, and extension purposes; and, also, if a sufficient area at Koo-wee-rup will be allotted early and made ready for village settlements.
8. **MR. MALONEY :** To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 1. Is it a fact that on a recent date Judge Gaunt sentenced an epileptic who stole files under £10 in value to three years' imprisonment, and afterwards sentenced to one and a half years' imprisonment a civil servant who had been receiving a salary of £485 per annum and against whom were charges of stealing upwards of £1,000.
 2. Does the Minister consider these sentences consistent or in accordance with justice; if not, does he intend to take any action in regard to them.
9. **MR. A. HARRIS :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines what are the duties of inspectors of mines, and the method of the appointment of those officers.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. H. R. WILLIAMS :** To move, That in the opinion of this House it is not expedient to carry out the work of constructing the Neerim South to Neerim Railway.
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21. LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
22. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
23. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. E. D. WILLIAMS: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the creation of a corporate body in which property belonging to the Congregational College of Victoria may be vested, and for declaring the trusts on which same is to be held, and that all Standing Orders relating to the introduction of Private Bills and the payment of fees by the promoters on its passage through the House be removed in regard to the said Bill.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Consideration of Report.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER

Question.

1. MR. E. D. WILLIAMS: To ask the Right Honorable the Premier when will operations commence for the construction of the Upper Reservoir, Malmsbury.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

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1. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

General Business.

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WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
2. CREMATION BILL—Second reading.
3. PETITION OF ANDREW ROWAN—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House legislation should be introduced with the object of amending section 38 of the *Crimes Act* 1891, so that in case a prisoner shall, in any statement made by him by virtue of the said section, make any attack upon the character or dealings of any person or institution, the court shall be at liberty either to allow the prisoner to be cross-examined upon such portions of his statement as contained such personal attacks or to allow any witness or witnesses to be called by the Crown in order to disprove or challenge the statements made as to such persons or institutions by the prisoner.
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23. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
24. ABOLITION OF COUPONS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WHEELER : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Edward Wardle in connexion with the Coliban water scheme, such Committee to consist of Mr. Bailes, Mr. J. Harris, Sir John McIntyre, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Outtrim, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BILL—Second reading.
2. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Monday, 30th October.

LEONGATHA LABOUR COLONY—at twelve o'clock.

Tuesday, 31st October.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.
COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at half-past two o'clock.

Wednesday, 1st November.

TRANSFER OF J. R. JACKSON—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 26TH OCTOBER, 1899.

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

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 44.

Report on Direct Trade with Manchester. No. 61.

Report on a proposed Central Depôt for the Reception of Australian Products to be erected in London. No. 64.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 45.

WEDNESDAY, 1st NOVEMBER, 1899.

Questions.

1. **MR. T. SMITH :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Health what is the reason the disinfecting oven has not been erected at the Quarantine Station, and is the Minister in a position to state when it will be erected.
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4. **MR. E.-D. WILLIAMS :** To ask the Right Honorable the Premier when will operations commence for the construction of the Upper Reservoir, Malmsbury.
5. **MR. STYLES :** To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if it is the intention of the Government to pay the salaries and wages of those servants of the State, who are members of the Defence Forces, who left their employment during working hours for the purpose of taking part in the send-off given to the South African Contingent on the 23th October last.
6. **MR. KIRTON :** To ask the Right Honorable the Premier whether he intends to proceed with the Old-age Pensions Bill and make an effort to pass it into law this Session.
7. **MR. T. SMITH :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. When does he propose to carry out his promise to pay the suburban guards their overtime, if not worked off, by end of each month.
 2. Is he aware that the guards at Flinders-street station have 70 days' overtime due to them.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. H. R. WILLIAMS :** To move, That in the opinion of this House it is not expedient to carry out the work of constructing the Neerim South to Neerim Railway.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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7. MR. E. D. WILLIAMS : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the creation of a corporate body in which property belonging to the Congregational College of Victoria may be vested, and for declaring the trusts on which same is to be held, and that all Standing Orders relating to the introduction of Private Bills and the payment of fees by the promoters on its passage through the House be remitted in regard to the said Bill.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Consideration of Report.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
2. CREMATION BILL—Second reading.
3. PETITION OF ANDREW ROWAN—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House legislation should be introduced with the object of amending section 38 of the *Crimes Act* 1891, so that in case a prisoner shall, in any statement made by him by virtue of the said section, make any attack upon the character or dealings of any person or institution, the court shall be at liberty either to allow the prisoner to be cross-examined upon such portions of his statement as contained such personal attacks or to allow any witness or witnesses to be called by the Crown in order to disprove or challenge the statements made as to such persons or institutions by the prisoner.
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15. HAMILTON MECHANICS' INSTITUTE SITE BILL—Second reading.
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23. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
24. ABOLITION OF COUPONS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WHEELER: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Edward Wardle in connexion with the Coliban water scheme, such Committee to consist of Mr. Bailes, Mr. J. Harris, Sir John McIntyre, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Outtrim, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BILL—Second reading.
2. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 1st November.

TRANSFER OF J. R. JACKSON—at eleven o'clock.

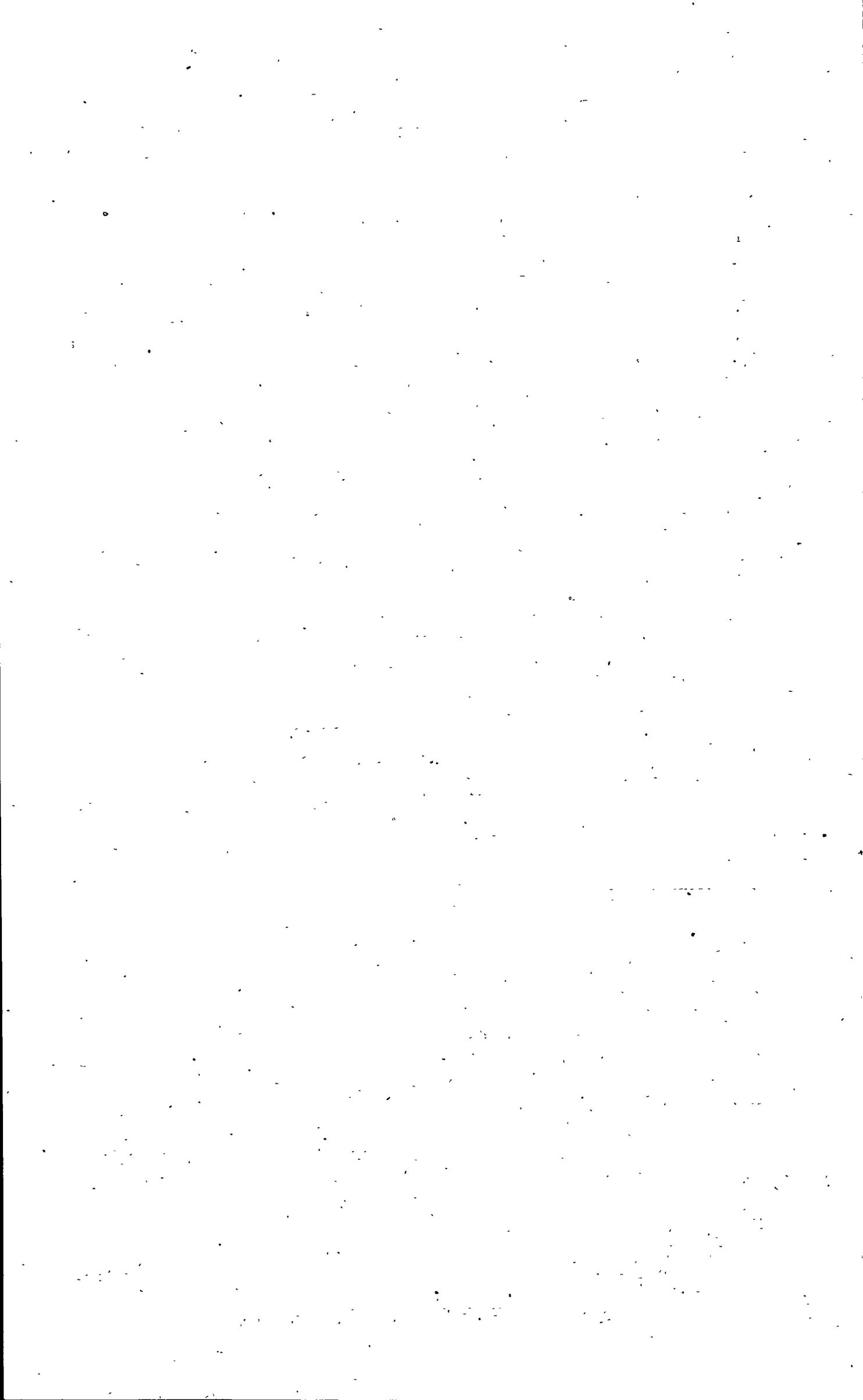
Thursday, 2nd November.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past ten o'clock.
LEONGATHA LABOUR COLONY—at twelve o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 26TH OCTOBER, 1899.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 24.
Meat Supervision Bill—[29]. (To Members of Council only.)
Police Offences Bill—[44].
Public and Bank Holidays Bill.—New Clause to be proposed by the Hon. Robert Reid. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 42, 43, and 44.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 45.
Weekly Report of Divisions. No. 6.
Water Bill—[3]. (To Members only.)
Factories and Shops Bill.—New Clauses to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Wilkins. (To Members only.)



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 46.

THURSDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER, 1899.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **SIR GEORGE TURNER:** To move, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, the 14th November instant.
2. **MR. PEACOCK:** To move, That the Board appointed on the 18th July, 1898, to deal with the applications which have been received for the bonus of £1,000 offered by the Government for the best method of ventilating mines having incurred liabilities to the amount of the maximum expenditure fixed by this House on the 1st September, 1898, and not yet having finally dealt with such applications, the House concurs in the expenditure by such Board for the purposes of their inquiry and report of a further sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds.
3. **MR. H. R. WILLIAMS:** To move, That in the opinion of this House it is not expedient to carry out the work of constructing the Neerim South to Neerim Railway.
4. **MR. H. R. WILLIAMS:** To move, That the construction of a line of railway from Newtown to Pitfield be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
2. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. MINING DEVELOPMENT ACT 1896 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. BOILERS INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
5. POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. HAWKERS AND PEDLERS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
7. SAILORS' HOME LAND BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
8. IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION BILL—Third reading.
9. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
10. VICTORIAN MINING ACCIDENT RELIEF FUND BILL—Second reading.
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14. ROYAL PARK RECREATION SITE BILL—Second reading.
15. INFANT LIFE PROTECTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
16. LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
17. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. GAIR:** To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Shire of Preston to construct certain permanent works and undertakings in lieu of certain other permanent works and undertakings.
2. **MR. McCAY:** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The number of appeals in civil matters from each Supreme Court Judge or Acting Judge from 1st January, 1896, to 30th September, 1899.
 2. The number of such appeals allowed, disallowed, and pending in the case of each Judge or Acting Judge.
 3. A like return for each Judge or Acting Judge of the County Court.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Consideration of Report.

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TUESDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER.

Questions.

1. MR. MALONEY: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 1. Is it a fact that on a recent date Judge Gaunt sentenced an epileptic who stole files under £10 in value to three years' imprisonment, and afterwards sentenced to one and a half years' imprisonment a civil servant who had been receiving a salary of £485 per annum and against whom were charges of stealing upwards of £1,000.
 2. Does the Minister consider these sentences consistent or in accordance with justice; if not, does he intend to take any action in regard to them.
2. MR. METHVEN: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture what is the amount of salary, expenses, and allowances due and paid to Mr. W. H. Potts for the year ending 31st October, 1899.
3. MR. HIGGINS: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 1. What steps have been taken with the view of putting an end to the dead-lock between the Supreme Court of Victoria and the Supreme Court of South Australia and other colonies with regard to reciprocity in the admission of legal practitioners.
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 1. What was the estimated cost of the steamer designed for the pilot service.
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WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
2. CREMATION BILL—Second reading.
3. PETITION OF ANDREW ROWAN—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House legislation should be introduced with the object of amending section 38 of the *Crimes Act* 1891, so that in case a prisoner shall, in any statement made by him by virtue of the said section, make any attack upon the character or dealings of any person or institution, the court shall be at liberty either to allow the prisoner to be cross-examined upon such portions of his statement as contained such personal attacks or to allow any witness or witnesses to be called by the Crown in order to disprove or challenge the statements made as to such persons or institutions by the prisoner.
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5. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG ALDERMEN ELECTION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
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8. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BILL—Second reading.
2. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE BILL—Second reading.

W. V. ROBINSON,
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Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 2nd November.

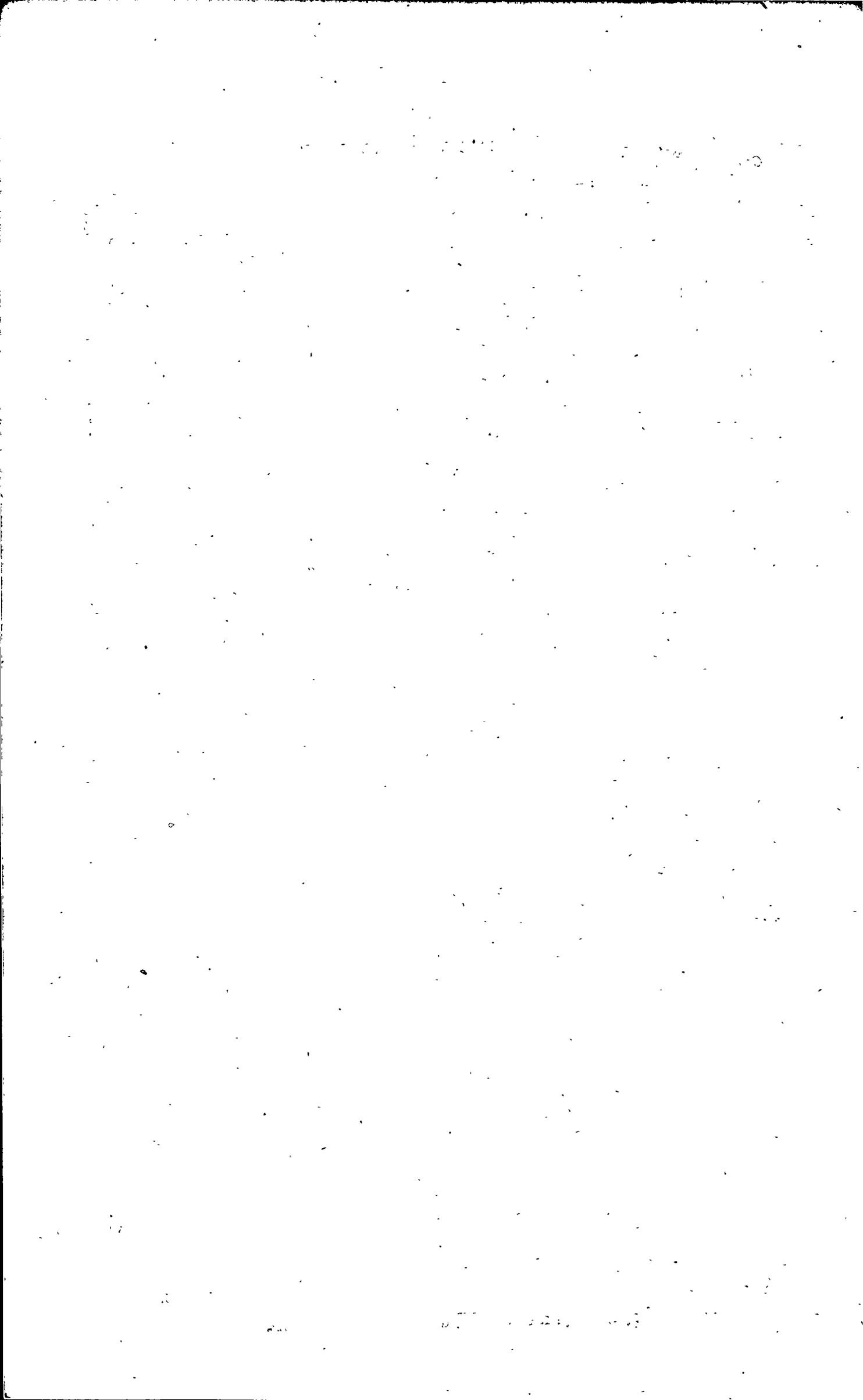
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MR. ANGUS ROBERTSON AND THE NATIONAL BANK—at eleven o'clock.
TRANSFER OF J. R. JACKSON—at twelve o'clock.
LEONGATHA LABOUR COLONY—at twelve o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 1ST NOVEMBER, 1899.

- Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 25.
Water Bill—[3]. (To Members of Council only.)
Water Supply Advances Relief Bill—[21]. (To Members of Council only.)
Surplus Revenue Bill—[79]. (To Members of Council only.)
Railway and Public Works Loan Application Bill—[80]. (To Members of Council only.)
Pilots' Advance Repayment Bill—[81]. (To Members of Council only.)
Victorian Government Three per cent. Stock Bill—[93]. (To Members of Council only.)
Marine Bill.—Amendments made by the Legislative Council—How dealt with by the Legislative Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

- Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 46.
Report on the Butter Trade by the Hon. J. W. Taverner, M.P., Minister of Agriculture. No. 65.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 47.

TUESDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER, 1899.

Questions.

1. **MR. MALONEY** : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 1. Is it a fact that on a recent date Judge Gaunt sentenced an epileptic who stole files under £10 in value to three years' imprisonment, and afterwards sentenced to one and a half years' imprisonment a civil servant who had been receiving a salary of £485 per annum and against whom were charges of stealing upwards of £1,000.
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 1. Is it a fact, as reported in the press, in a letter signed by M. A. Nelson, Secretary of the V.R.D.P.E.U., that the Chief Traffic Manager has lately promoted a brother and another relation by marriage to the high positions of relieving gold-band station-master, which carries 25s. a week extra allowance for expenses, over the heads of senior permanent men who have qualified themselves by passing the examinations but when their time for promotion came were not even called upon to apply.
 2. Has the Honorable the Minister made any personal inquiries into the truth of the statement from his responsible departmental officers; and will he inform the House what was the result of his inquiries.
 3. If he has not done so, will he make full inquiry into the matter and state the result to the House.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. PEACOCK** : To move, That the Board appointed on the 18th July, 1898, to deal with the applications which have been received for the bonus of £1,000 offered by the Government for the best method of ventilating mines having incurred liabilities to the amount of the maximum expenditure fixed by this House on the 1st September, 1898, and not yet having finally dealt with such applications, the House concurs in the expenditure by such Board for the purposes of their inquiry and report of a further sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds.
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23. MOE SWAMP LANDS—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House it is not desirable to sell by public auction any of the land in the Moe Swamp, but that such land should all be made available for selection for men who at present have none.
24. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
25. ABOLITION OF COUPONS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WHEELER: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Edward Wardle in connexion with the Coliban water scheme, such Committee to consist of Mr. Bailes, Mr. J. Harris, Sir John McIntyre, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Outtrim, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

2. MR. O'NEILL : To move, That in the opinion of this House it is desirable that the Government should indemnify Andrew Cheyne against any law costs that may arise in the matter of an appeal by the owners of the Serpentine estate to the Privy Council *re* the case of *Cheyne v. The East Loddon Shire Council*, or that the Governor in Council should take action to prevent the re-erection of swing-gates across certain public roads joining or intersecting the Serpentine estate now or hereafter being closed against public traffic.
3. MR. GURR : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of ex-Constable Keegan, of Geelong, such Committee to consist of Mr. Anderson, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Grose, Mr. Murphy, Mr. O'Neill, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
4. MR. GRAVES : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the sale by the Government of certain reserves in the parishes of Cohuna and Gunbower and at Barr Creek at the price of £2 per acre, and to the subsequent reported sale on the 14th day of February last by public auction of the Barr Park Estate, which included the above lands, to Mr. Aitken at £4 15s. per acre; such Committee to be appointed by ballot, or by the Government, or by other such means as the House shall decide, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
5. MR. BENNETT : To move, That in the opinion of this House it is advisable that all those railway pensioners who were discharged prior to 1895, and who are in receipt of less than £30 per annum, should have their pensions increased to that amount.
6. MR. LANGDON : To move, That in the opinion of this House the proposed alteration in the rates for carriage of grain on the Victorian railways is, on account of numerous anomalies, unsatisfactory, and that all differential rates now charged for carriage of grain on various lines of said railways be abolished.
7. MR. MURPHY : To move, That, in view of the fact that this House has passed an Act intituled "*An Act for the purpose of constructing a Railway Siding from Bungaree Junction to the Race-course Reserve*," this House requests the Government to bring in the necessary Bill to give effect to the said Act.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BILL—Second reading.
2. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE BILL—Second reading.
4. PRESTON LOAN BILL—Second reading.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Friday, 3rd November.

TRANSFER OF J. R. JACKSON—at eleven o'clock.
LEONGATHA LABOUR COLONY—at eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 14th November.

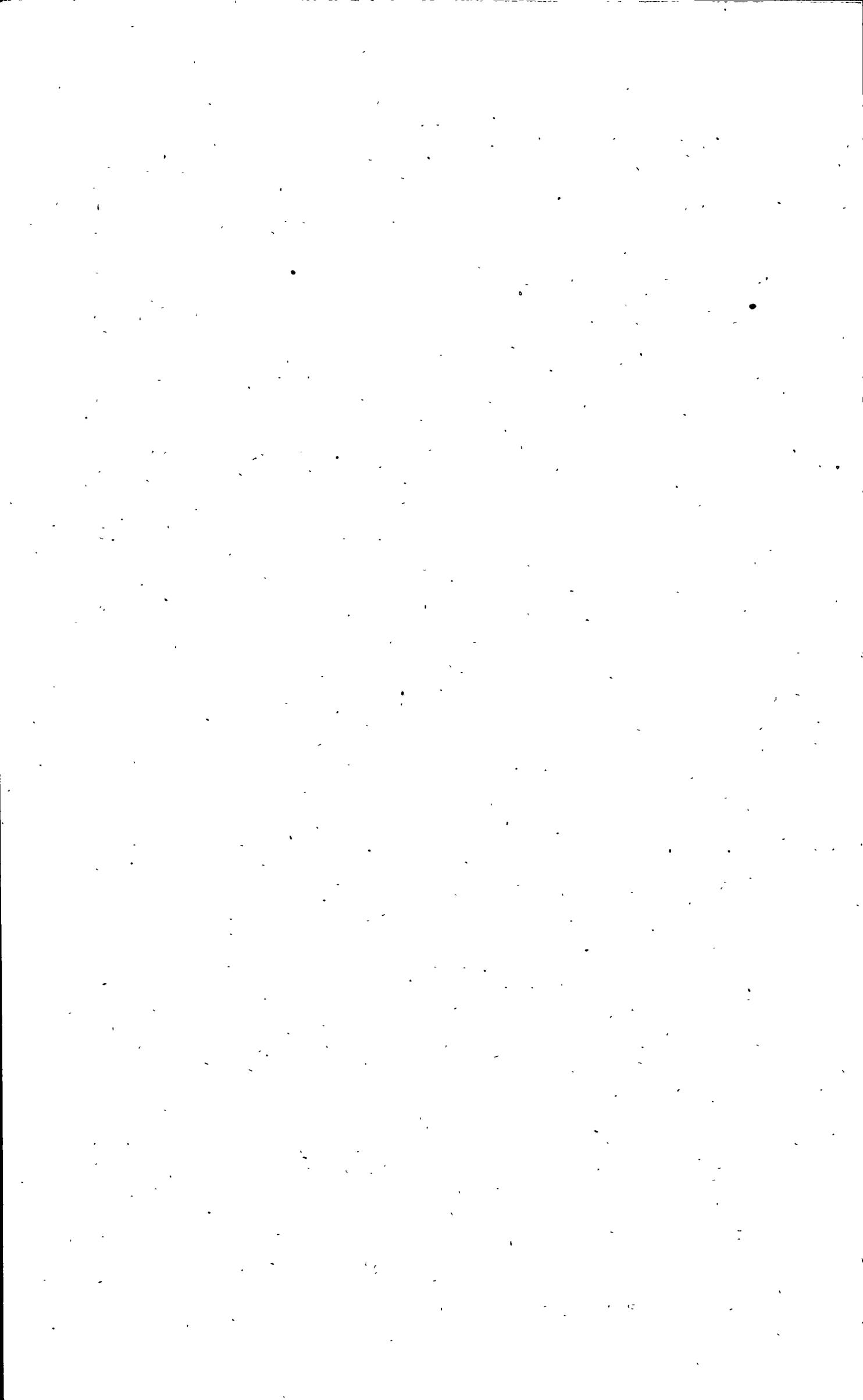
PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.
TRANSFER OF J. R. JACKSON—at eleven o'clock.
LEONGATHA LABOUR COLONY—at half-past ten o'clock.

Wednesday, 15th November.

MR. ANGUS ROBERTSON AND THE NATIONAL BANK—at half-past ten o'clock.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 48.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER, 1899.

Questions.

1. **MR. McCOLL :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if the Government will refer the matter of the construction of a line of railway to Cohuna to the Railways Standing Committee for consideration and report during the present Session.
2. **MR. JOHN A. ISAACS :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
 1. In view of the present depressed state of the tobacco industry, and the fact that the excise duty on the locally produced article was increased from 6d. to 9d. per lb., is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill for the abolition or reduction of the excise duty.
 2. If a reduction be contemplated, to what amount will such duty be proposed to be reduced.
3. **MR. MALONEY :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. How many pensioners of the Railway Department are in receipt of less than £30 per annum.
 2. What sum would be sufficient to raise these pensioners to the receipt of a pension of £30 per annum.
4. **MR. JOHN A. ISAACS :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. What is the amount of freight received by the Railway Department in respect of the carriage of rabbits by the Sydney express train from Wangaratta to Melbourne from October, 1895, to date.
 2. What is the amount of freight paid to the Railway Department during the said period in respect of the carriage of rabbits by the Sydney express train from Wangaratta to Melbourne consigned by one G. H. Smith, of Porepunkah, to one Fred. Baring, of Melbourne.
 3. Is it not a fact that such rabbits during the summer months cannot be carried by any other means than the Sydney express train from Wangaratta if they are to retain any commercial value.
 4. Is it not a fact that the Railway Department refuses to carry rabbits by express train from Wangaratta to Melbourne under any circumstances.
5. **MR. MALONEY :** To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if, in view of the fact that it is not desirable to inflate the statistics of prosecutions for misdemeanours, and that under the existing law breaches of the Customs and Excise Acts and Regulations are dealt with by the Minister without bringing the offenders before justices of the peace, he will consider the desirability of introducing into the Factories Act and into the Education Act provisions enabling persons committing breaches of such Acts to be dealt with in an analogous way to that followed in the Customs Act, with a provision that the names of persons punished and their offences and the penalties inflicted upon them be published in the *Government Gazette*.
6. **MR. VALE :** To ask the Right Honorable the Premier when contracts will be accepted for the alterations of the rifle ranges.
7. **MR. LANGDON :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture whether it is a fact that all orders sent to this colony for horse feed, &c., by the British Government for the use of the military forces in South Africa have been cancelled; if so, will he inform this House what is the cause of such action.
8. **MR. MALONEY :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will state—
 1. How many casual waggon-builders have been dismissed at Newport since the 7th November instant.
 2. How many railway waggons have been rebuilt and repaired since these men were employed.
 3. Are there any waggons needing repair that are dangerous to traffic; if so, how many.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PEACOCK: To move, That the Board appointed on the 18th July, 1898, to deal with the applications which have been received for the bonus of £1,000 offered by the Government for the best method of ventilating mines having incurred liabilities to the amount of the maximum expenditure fixed by this House on the 1st September, 1898, and not yet having finally dealt with such applications, the House concurs in the expenditure by such Board for the purposes of their inquiry and report of a further sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds.
2. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS: To move, That in the opinion of this House it is not expedient to carry out the work of constructing the Neerim South to Neerim Railway.
3. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS: To move, That the construction of a line of railway from Newtown to Pitfield be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. COMPLAINT—J. W. Packer to attend this House.
2. COMPLAINT—A. M. Ebsworth to attend this House.
3. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. MINING DEVELOPMENT ACT 1896 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. BOILERS INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
6. POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. HAWKERS AND PEDLERS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
8. SAILORS' HOME LAND BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
9. IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION BILL—Third reading.
10. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
11. VICTORIAN MINING ACCIDENT RELIEF FUND BILL—Second reading.
12. OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
13. COAL MINES BILL—Second reading.
14. RAILWAYS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
15. ROYAL PARK RECREATION SITE BILL—Second reading.
16. INFANT LIFE PROTECTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
17. LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
18. MEAT SUPERVISION BILL—Second reading.
19. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
20. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

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8. **MR. STERRY :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the methods and means which have been adopted in dealing with the Phylloxera outbreak, and generally as to the best means of dealing with and checking the spread of the pest; such Committee to consist of Mr. Bowser, Mr. Graham, Mr. Gurr, Mr. J. W. Mason, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Toutcher, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Consideration of Report.
2. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
3. CREMATION BILL—Second reading.
4. PETITION OF ANDREW ROWAN—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House legislation should be introduced with the object of amending section 38 of the *Crimes Act* 1891, so that in case a prisoner shall, in any statement made by him by virtue of the said section, make any attack upon the character or dealings of any person or institution, the court shall be at liberty either to allow the prisoner to be cross-examined upon such portions of his statement as contained such personal attacks or to allow any witness or witnesses to be called by the Crown in order to disprove or challenge the statements made as to such persons or institutions by the prisoner.
5. COUNTY COURT ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate*.
6. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG ALDERMEN ELECTION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
7. VICTORIAN RAILWAYS BALANCE-SHEET—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House it has now become expedient to have a proper balance-sheet drawn up, with the assistance of independent experts, showing the position of the Victorian Railways as a going concern, and showing under separate heads (as far as possible) the values, with particulars, of the several classes of assets.
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9. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
10. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. HACKNEY CARRIAGES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
12. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
13. LAND ACT 1898 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
14. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
15. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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26. PUBLIC AND BANK HOLIDAYS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BILL—Second reading.
2. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE BILL—Second reading.
4. PRESTON LOAN BILL—Second reading.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 15th November.

- MR. ANGUS ROBERTSON AND THE NATIONAL BANK—at half-past ten o'clock.
LEONGATHA LABOUR COLONY—at half-past ten o'clock.
PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at twelve o'clock.
TRANSFER OF J. R. JACKSON—at twelve o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 2ND NOVEMBER, 1899.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 26.
 Local Government Bill No. 2—[54]. (To Members of Council only.)
 Marine Bill.—Amendments made by the Legislative Council and how dealt with by the Legislative Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)
 Police Offences Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. Lieut.-Col. Sir F. T. Sargood and the Hon. J. M. Davies. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 45, 46, and 47.
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 48.
 Meat Supervision Bill—[28]. (To Members only.)
 Public and Bank Holidays Bill—[84]. (To Members only.)
 Congregational College Bill—[97].
 Poisons Bill.—New Clause to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Craven. (To Members only.)
 Factories and Shops Bill—
 New Clause to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Maloney. (To Members only.)
 New Clauses and Amendments to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Gray and Mr. Gurr. (To Members only.)
 Report of Proceedings taken under Provisions of Land Acts and *Wattles Act* 1890 during Year ending 31st December, 1898. No. 9.
 Savings Banks.—Statements and Returns for Year ended 30th June, 1899. No. 57.
 Thirty-fifth Report of Board for Protection of Aborigines. No. 59.
 Accounts of Trustees of Agricultural Colleges and Council of Agricultural Education from 1st January, 1899, to 30th June, 1899. No. 60.
 Exhibition Trustees.—Report of Proceeding and Statement of Income and Expenditure for Year ended 30th June, 1899. No. 62.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 49.

THURSDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER, 1899.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MINING DEVELOPMENT ACT 1896 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. BOILERS INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. HAWKERS AND PEDLERS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
6. SAILORS' HOME LAND BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
7. IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION BILL—Third reading.
8. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
9. VICTORIAN MINING ACCIDENT RELIEF FUND BILL—Second reading.
10. OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
11. COAL MINES BILL—Second reading.
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15. LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
16. MEAT SUPERVISION BILL—Second reading.
17. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
18. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Consideration of Report.

TUESDAY, 21st NOVEMBER.

Questions.

1. MR. JOHN A. ISAACS : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs—
 1. In view of the present depressed state of the tobacco industry, and the fact that the excise duty on the locally produced article was increased from 6d. to 9d. per lb., is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill for the abolition or reduction of the excise duty.
 2. If a reduction be contemplated, to what amount will such duty be proposed to be reduced.
2. MR. MALONEY : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if, in view of the fact that it is not desirable to inflate the statistics of prosecutions for misdemeanours, and that under the existing law breaches of the Customs and Excise Acts and Regulations are dealt with by the Minister without bringing the offenders before justices of the peace, he will consider the desirability of introducing into the Factories Act and into the Education Act provisions enabling persons committing breaches of such Acts to be dealt with in an analogous way to that followed in the Customs Act, with a provision that the names of persons punished and their offences and the penalties inflicted upon them be published in the *Government Gazette*.
3. MR. LEVIEN : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if he will afford the House an opportunity of expressing its opinion upon the proposed appointment of Major-General Downes as Commandant before such appointment is actually made.
4. MR. WATT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. Have either shunters or leading shunters the right of appointment as goods guards in preference to other railway employés, or is there any regular practice as to who has priority of right.
 2. Is it not a fact that porters or suburban guards have recently been appointed goods guards in preference to shunters who have been longer in the service.
 3. Is it true that any such shunters have within the last twelve months been passed over because their places are more difficult to fill than the position of porter or suburban guard.
 4. Are not shunters the class whose training best fits them for the position of goods guards.

5. MR. MCKENZIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether, in view of the fact that the Railways Standing Committee has already visited the district and taken evidence respecting the proposed extension of the line from Alexandra-road to Alexandra, he intends referring this line to the Committee for inquiry and report during the present Session.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PEACOCK : To move, That the Board appointed on the 18th July, 1898, to deal with the applications which have been received for the bonus of £1,000 offered by the Government for the best method of ventilating mines having incurred liabilities to the amount of the maximum expenditure fixed by this House on the 1st September, 1898, and not yet having finally dealt with such applications, the House concurs in the expenditure by such Board for the purposes of their inquiry and report of a further sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds.
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WEDNESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BILL—Second reading.
2. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE BILL—Second reading.
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27. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
28. ABOLITION OF COUPONS BILL—Second reading.
29. PUBLIC AND BANK HOLIDAYS BILL—Second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. STYLES: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the estimated approximate cost of reducing the present ruling gradients to not less than 1 in 80 on each of the undermentioned railways. Such estimates to include the cost of any deviation of the lines which may be desirable in order to lessen the outlay:—

	Present Ruling Gradient.
Essendon to Wodonga	1 in 50
Melbourne to Echuca, <i>viâ</i> Castlemaine	1 in 50
Eaglehawk to Ultima	1 in 50
Korong Vale to Sea Lake	1 in 50
Dunolly to Cronomby Tanks	1 in 50
Murtoa to Hopetoun	1 in 66
Ballarat to Inglewood, <i>viâ</i> Maryborough	1 in 40
Geelong to Serviceton	1 in 50
Melbourne to Korumburra	1 in 40

WEDNESDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GRAVES: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the sale by the Government of certain reserves in the parishes of Cohuna and Gunbower and at Barr Creek at the price of £2 per acre, and to the subsequent reported sale on the 14th day of February last by public auction of the Barr Park Estate, which included the above lands, to Mr. Aitken at £4 15s. per acre; such Committee to be appointed by ballot, or by the Government, or by other such means as the House shall decide, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
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W. V. ROBINSON,

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Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 16th November.

MR. ANGUS ROBERTSON AND THE NATIONAL BANK—at half-past ten o'clock.

LEONGATHA LABOUR COLONY—at eleven o'clock.

TRANSFER OF J. R. JACKSON—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 15TH NOVEMBER, 1899.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 49.

Factories and Shops Bill.—New Clause to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Fink. (To Members only.)

Report on the Fresh, Canned, and Dried Fruit and Tinned Meat Trades, by the Hon. J. W. Taverner, M.P., Minister of Agriculture. No. 63.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 50.

TUESDAY, 21st NOVEMBER, 1899.

Questions.

1. **MR. JOHN A. ISAACS** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs—
 1. In view of the present depressed state of the tobacco industry, and the fact that the excise duty on the locally produced article was increased from 6d. to 9d. per lb., is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill for the abolition or reduction of the excise duty.
 2. If a reduction be contemplated, to what amount will such duty be proposed to be reduced.
2. **MR. MALONEY** : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if, in view of the fact that it is not desirable to inflate the statistics of prosecutions for misdemeanours, and that under the existing law breaches of the Customs and Excise Acts and Regulations are dealt with by the Minister without bringing the offenders before the justices of the peace, he will consider the desirability of introducing into the Factories Act and into the Education Act provisions enabling persons committing breaches of such Acts to be dealt with in an analogous way to that followed in the Customs Act, with a provision that the names of persons punished and their offences and the penalties inflicted upon them be published in the *Government Gazette*.
3. **MR. LEVIEN** : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if he will afford the House an opportunity of expressing its opinion upon the proposed appointment of Major-General Downes as Commandant before such appointment is actually made.
4. **MR. WATT** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. Have either shunters or leading shunters the right of appointment as goods guards in preference to other railway employes, or is there any regular practice as to who has priority of right.
 2. Is it not a fact that porters or suburban guards have recently been appointed goods guards in preference to shunters who have been longer in the service.
 3. Is it true that any such shunters have within the last twelve months been passed over because their places are more difficult to fill than the position of porter or suburban guard.
 4. Are not shunters the class whose training best fits them for the position of goods guards.
5. **MR. MCKENZIE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether, in view of the fact that the Railways Standing Committee has already visited the district and taken evidence respecting the proposed extension of the line from Alexandra-road to Alexandra, he intends referring this line to the Committee for inquiry and report during the present Session.
6. **MR. LEVIEN** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture whether there exists a signed contract with W. Milburn and Co. and the Government in the matter of cool chamber freight by the steamers of the Federal Company and by other steamers.
7. **MR. BENNETT** : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier—
 1. Whether the selection of a route for the Mildura railway can be made by the House during the present Session, as it is now evident that no decision at which the Railways Standing Committee can arrive will be accepted by all parties as final.
 2. If not, what is the earliest date on which the question can be debated and a decision arrived at.
8. **MR. A. HARRIS** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if he will speedily send an officer from his Department to Moondarra, Telbit, and adjoining parish on the west to report upon the quantity and quality of the land in those localities.
9. **MR. COOK** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary when the voters' certificates in connexion with the late Federal Referendum will be issued.
10. **MR. A. HARRIS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works—
 1. When the preliminary instalment out of the second distribution of the sum provided under the *Railway and Public Works Loan Application Act 1898* will be paid.
 2. The probable date of the final allocation of the same.
11. **MR. HIGGINS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works—
 1. Has he inquired into the case of Mr. John Bright, who was injured by an explosion at the Yarra Improvement Works.
 2. What provision is being made for this case.

12. MR. MOULÉ: To ask the Right Honorable the Premier whether it is possible to make provision that all regulations framed under Acts of Parliament shall be circulated among Members at the time such regulations are gazetted.
13. MR. DYER: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if it is his intention to introduce a short Bill giving mallee allotment lessees the benefit of residence and improvements under their present leases in the event of selection by perpetual lease or licence.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PEACOCK: To move, That the Board appointed on the 18th July, 1898, to deal with the applications which have been received for the bonus of £1,000 offered by the Government for the best method of ventilating mines having incurred liabilities to the amount of the maximum expenditure fixed by this House on the 1st September, 1898, and not yet having finally dealt with such applications, the House concurs in the expenditure by such Board for the purposes of their inquiry and report of a further sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds.
2. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS: To move, That in the opinion of this House it is not expedient to carry out the work of constructing the Neerim South to Neerim Railway.
3. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS: To move, That the construction of a line of railway from Newtown to Pitfield be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.
4. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the expenditure of certain sums of money available under Loan Acts for railways.
5. MR. FOSTER: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of money as loans for water supply and irrigation works in the country districts and for other purposes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MINING DEVELOPMENT ACT 1896 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. BOILERS INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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6. SAILORS' HOME LAND BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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13. ROYAL PARK RECREATION SITE BILL—Second reading.
14. INFANT LIFE PROTECTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
15. LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
16. MEAT SUPERVISION BILL—Second reading.
17. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
18. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Consideration of Report.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BILL—Second reading.
2. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE BILL—Second reading.
4. PRESTON LOAN BILL—Second reading.
5. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
6. CREMATION BILL—Second reading.
7. PETITION OF ANDREW ROWAN—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House legislation should be introduced with the object of amending section 38 of the *Crimes Act* 1891, so that in case a prisoner shall, in any statement made by him by virtue of the said section, make any attack upon the character or dealings of any person or institution, the court shall be at liberty either to allow the prisoner to be cross-examined upon such portions of his statement as contained such personal attacks or to allow any witness or witnesses to be called by the Crown in order to disprove or challenge the statements made as to such persons or institutions by the prisoner.

8. COUNTY COURT ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
9. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG ALDERMEN ELECTION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
10. VICTORIAN RAILWAYS BALANCE-SHEET—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House it has now become expedient to have a proper balance-sheet drawn up, with the assistance of independent experts, showing the position of the Victorian Railways as a going concern, and showing under separate heads (as far as possible) the values, with particulars, of the several classes of assets.
11. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REFORM—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House provision should be made for the reduction of the property qualification of Members and electors of the Legislative Council, and the division of the provinces into single electorates.
12. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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14. HACKNEY CARRIAGES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
15. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
16. LAND ACT 1898 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
17. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
18. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
19. HAMILTON MECHANICS' INSTITUTE SITE BILL—Second reading.
20. { PETITION OF JAMES KIRBY
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21. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS DEPOSIT REDUCTION BILL—Second reading.
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23. PETITION OF ROBERT RUSSELL—To be considered.
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29. PUBLIC AND BANK HOLIDAYS BILL—Second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. STYLES: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the estimated approximate cost of reducing the present ruling gradients to not less than 1 in 80 on each of the undermentioned railways. Such estimates to include the cost of any deviation of the lines which may be desirable in order to lessen the outlay:—

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Murtoa to Hopetoun	1 in 66
Ballarat to Inglewood, <i>via</i> Maryborough	1 in 40
Geelong to Serviceton	1 in 50
Melbourne to Korumburra	1 in 40

WEDNESDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GRAVES: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the sale by the Government of certain reserves in the parishes of Cohuna and Gunbower and at Barr Creek at the price of £2 per acre, and to the subsequent reported sale on the 14th day of February last by public auction of the Barr Park Estate, which included the above lands, to Mr. Aitken at £4 15s. per acre; such Committee to be appointed by ballot, or by the Government, or by other such means as the House shall decide, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
2. MR. BENNETT: To move, That in the opinion of this House it is advisable that all those railway pensioners who were discharged prior to 1895, and who are in receipt of less than £30 per annum, should have their pensions increased to that amount.
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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Friday, 17th November.

LEONGATHA LABOUR COLONY—at ten o'clock.

Tuesday, 21st November.

MR. ANGUS ROBERTSON AND THE NATIONAL BANK—at half-past ten o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

LEONGATHA LABOUR COLONY—at half-past two o'clock.

LIBRARY (JOINT)—at a quarter to three o'clock.

Thursday, 23rd November.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW—at ten o'clock.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 51.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER, 1899.

Questions.

1. **MR. MCKENZIE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether, in view of the fact that the Railways Standing Committee has already visited the district and taken evidence respecting the proposed extension of the line from Alexandra-road to Alexandra, he intends referring this line to the Committee for inquiry and report during the present Session.
2. **MR. KIRTON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways when he intends to apply the eight hours principle to the overworked shunters and porters at Ballarat and other places.
3. **MR. BEAZLEY** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will ascertain whether the abutments of the viaducts over the business streets on the Collingwood railway line can be used with advantage for the building of shops.
4. **MR. LANGDON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether it is a fact that farmers and others consigning grain from the Ultima line of railway to Melbourne—a distance of 221 miles—will have to pay three different and distinct freight rates amounting in the whole to about 21s. per ton, whilst on other railway lines of equal and greater distances only 13s. 6d. per ton will be charged, thus handicapping producers using the first-mentioned line to the amount of about 7s. 6d.; if so, does he think this just, and will he take action with a view to remedy such injustice.
5. **MR. HAMILTON** : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier—
 1. Is it a fact that the Government propose to appoint 30 persons now outside of the Public Service to the Clerical Division after the December examinations, while at the same time there are a large number of persons at present in the Non-clerical Branch of the Service who are, or will be after the examinations, qualified and competent to do the work.
 2. Is such a course legal, in view of the provisions of sections 34 and 36 of the *Public Service Act* 1890.
 3. Does not the Government consider that such a course, if persisted in, is an injustice to those persons in the Non-clerical Division who have always been led to believe that they would get these positions if they could pass the required examination.
6. **MR. GAIR** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 1. If he is correctly reported in the *Herald* newspaper of the 31st of October last to have stated that there is one very dangerous factory, namely, a factory in which a small number of persons are employed in the manufacture of ammunition safety-fuse, where the average wage paid to women and girls is only 11s. 5d. per week.
 2. If so, has he any objection to name the firm alluded to, or to say that he did not refer to the firm of Bickford, Smith, and Company, of Bendigo.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

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(220 copies.)

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16. MEAT SUPERVISION BILL—Second reading.
17. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL—Second reading.
18. WATER SUPPLY AND IRRIGATION LOANS BILL—Second reading.
19. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
20. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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2. MR. A. L. TUCKER: To move, That this House disapproves of the proposed visit of the Honorable Isaac Alfred Isaacs to England for the purpose of conducting before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council the appeal of a private corporation—the Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company Limited—against the judgment of five Judges of the Supreme Court of Victoria in the municipal rating case of *The Fitzroy City Council v. The said Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company*, he being Her Majesty's Attorney-General for Victoria, and as such chief law officer of the Crown in the present Administration.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

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Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 22nd November.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.
LEONGATHA LABOUR COLONY—at eleven o'clock.

Thursday, 23rd November.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW—at ten o'clock.

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

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Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 48, 49, 50, and 51.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 51.

Weekly Report of Divisions. No. 7.

Preston Loan Bill—[99].

Factories and Shops Bill—

Amendments to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Gray, Mr. Deakin, Mr. Cook, Mr. Watt, and Mr. A. Harris. (To Members only.)

Amendment to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Peacock. (To Members only.)

Amendment to be proposed by Mr. Peacock. (To Members only.)

New Clause to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Moule. (To Members only.)

Report from Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on Question of Increasing Limit of Expenditure for Colac and Beech Forest Railway, &c. Report No. 4.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 52.

THURSDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 1899.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

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2. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS: To move, That in the opinion of this House it is not expedient to carry out the work of constructing the Neerim South to Neerim Railway.
3. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS: To move, That the construction of a line of railway from Newtown to Pitfield be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.
4. MR. PEACOCK: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill relating to State school teachers.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
2. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. MINING DEVELOPMENT ACT 1896 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. BOILERS INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
5. POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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7. SAILORS' HOME LAND BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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Murtoa to Hopetoun	1 in 66
Ballarat to Inglewood, <i>via</i> Maryborough	1 in 40
Geelong to Serviceton	1 in 50
Melbourne to Korumburra	1 in 40

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2. MR. A. L. TUCKER: To move, That this House disapproves of the proposed visit of the Honorable Isaac Alfred Isaacs to England for the purpose of conducting before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council the appeal of a private corporation—the Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company Limited—against the judgment of five Judges of the Supreme Court of Victoria in the municipal rating case of *The Fitzroy City Council v. The said Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company*, he being Her Majesty's Attorney-General for Victoria, and as such chief law officer of the Crown in the present Administration.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BILL—Second reading.
2. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE BILL—Second reading.
4. PRESTON LOAN BILL—Second reading.
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TUESDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER.

Questions.

1. MR. GAIR: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 1. If he is correctly reported in the *Herald* newspaper of the 31st of October last to have stated that there is one very dangerous factory, namely, a factory in which a small number of persons are employed in the manufacture of ammunition safety-fuse, where the average wage paid to women and girls is only 11s. 5d. per week.
 2. If so, has he any objection to name the firm alluded to, or to say that he did not refer to the firm of Bickford, Smith, and Company, of Bendigo.
2. MR. MURRAY: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways what is the reason the claim of the Warrnambool Hospital for £44 expenses incurred in the maintenance and treatment of Thomas Bruton, fatally injured at a railway crossing, has not been paid by the Commissioner of Railways.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GRAVES : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the sale by the Government of certain reserves in the parishes of Cohuna and Gunbower and at Barr Creek at the price of £2 per acre, and to the subsequent reported sale on the 14th day of February last by public auction of the Barr Park Estate, which included the above lands, to Mr. Aitken at £4 15s. per acre; such Committee to be appointed by ballot, or by the Government, or by other such means as the House shall decide, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
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W. V. ROBINSON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 23rd November.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW—at ten o'clock.

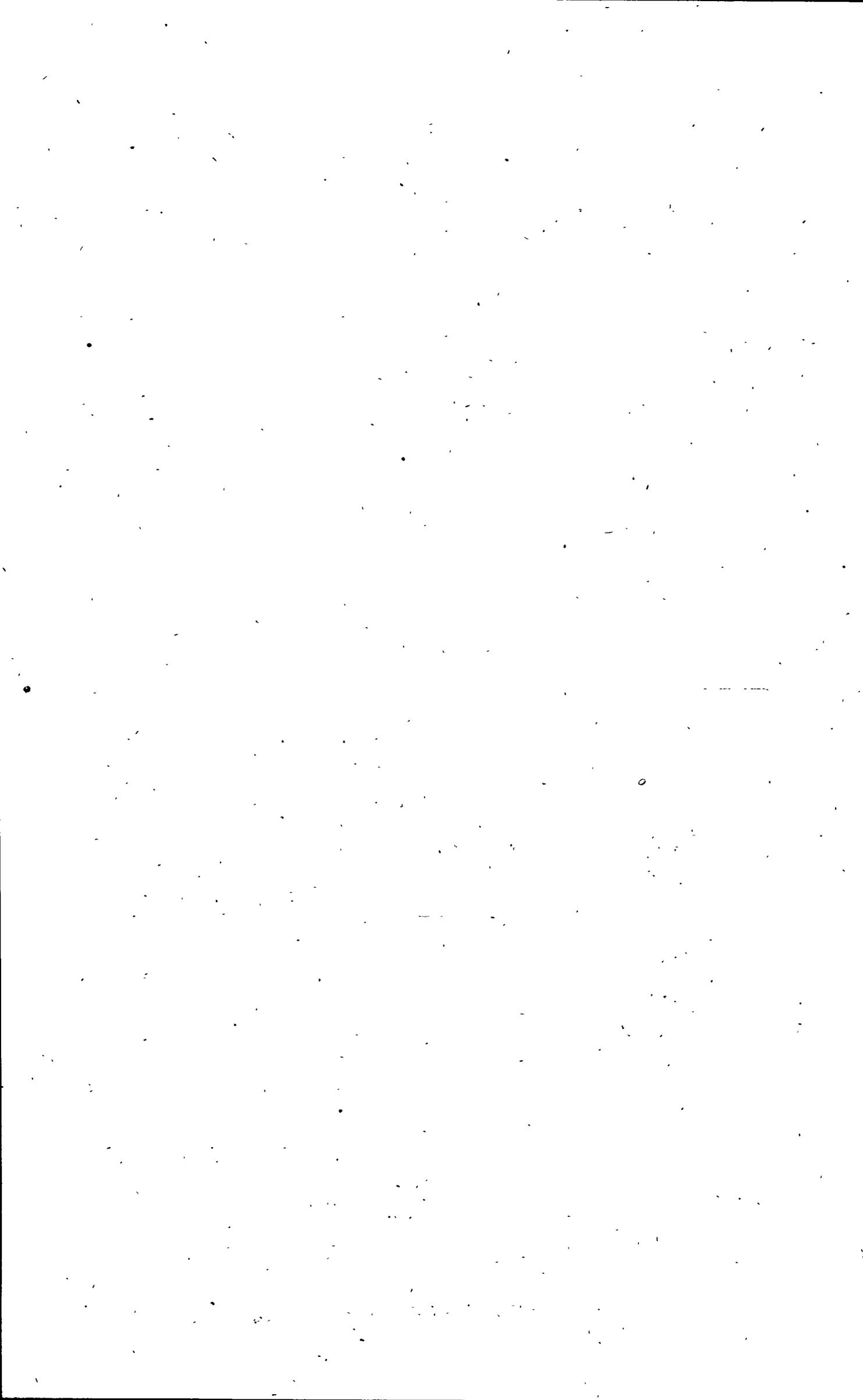
LEONGATHA LABOUR COLONY—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past eleven o'clock.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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No. 53.

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3. MR. GRAHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will reconsider the proposal with regard to the new grain freights so far as it applies to the carriage of old wheat, and allow all wheat, whether old or new, to be carried at the proposed new rate from 1st December next.

4. MR. COOK : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier whether, in view of the unavoidable postponement of the Tramways Bill, the Government will make it a Government measure or afford time for its discussion.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PEACOCK : To move, That the Board appointed on the 18th July, 1898, to deal with the applications which have been received for the bonus of £1,000 offered by the Government for the best method of ventilating mines having incurred liabilities to the amount of the maximum expenditure fixed by this House on the 1st September, 1898, and not yet having finally dealt with such applications, the House concurs in the expenditure by such Board for the purposes of their inquiry and report of a further sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds.

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WEDNESDAY, 6TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
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27. ABOLITION OF COUPONS BILL—Second reading.
28. PUBLIC AND BANK HOLIDAYS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BILL—Second reading.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 28th November.

LEONGATHA LABOUR COLONY—at half-past ten o'clock.

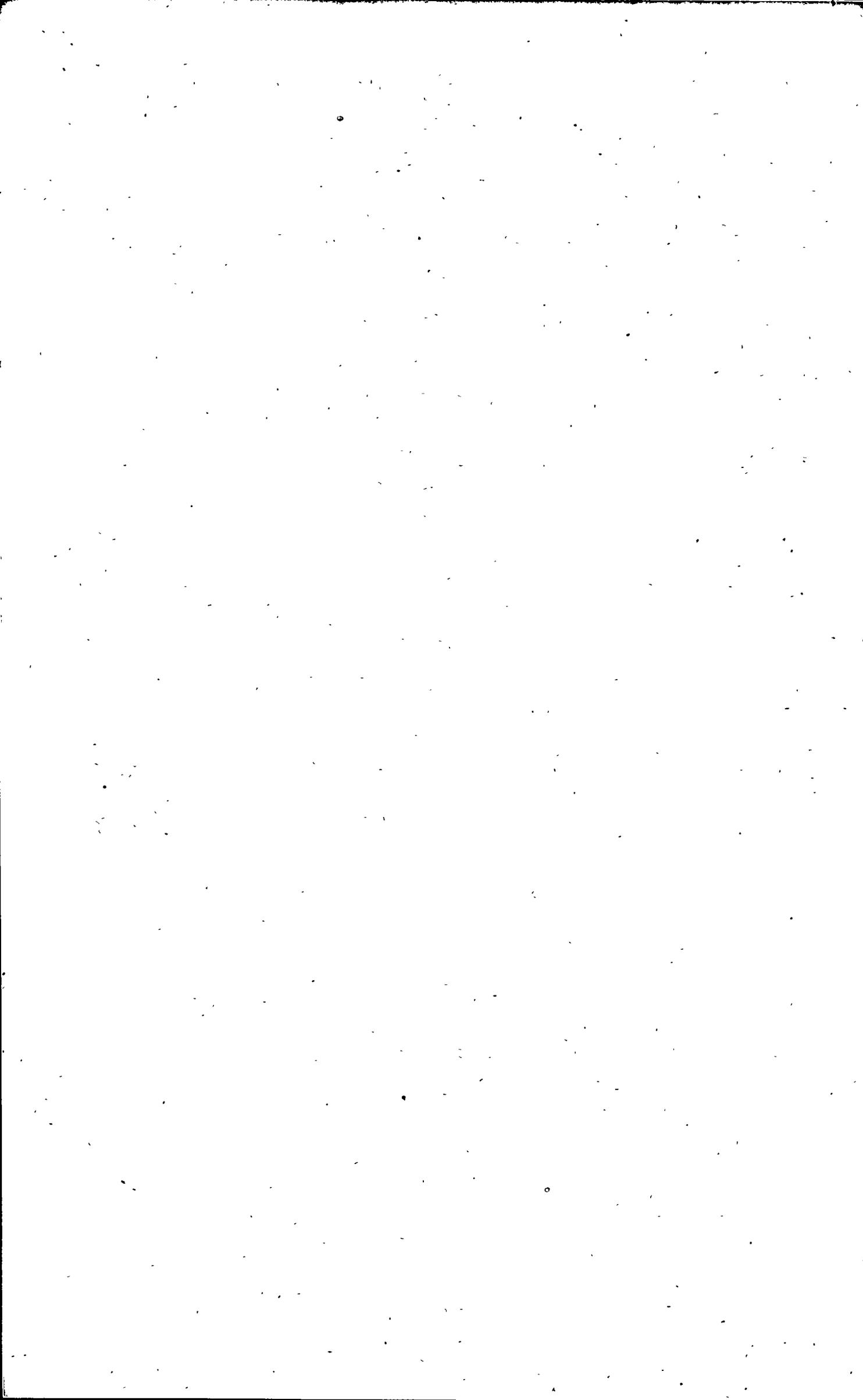
MR. ANGUS ROBERTSON AND THE NATIONAL BANK—at half-past ten o'clock.

Wednesday, 29th November.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 54.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER, 1899.

Questions.

1. **MR. GRAVES** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if it is the fact that latterly, while Mr. District Land Officer Porter has been absent through illness, Mr. Jackson, telegraph operator, 4th class fixed, a clerk in the Postal Department temporarily lent to the Lands Department, has been in full charge of Mr. Porter's room.
2. **MR. BAILES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if he will, in cases of inquiry into the causes of fatal accidents in mines, supply the Coroner with the assistance of a shorthand writer, so as to expedite the business of the court.
3. **MR. MCGREGOR** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if, as there are varying opinions as to the legality of miners contracting themselves out of the tributing clauses of the *Mines Act* 1897, he will bring in a Bill to amend the Act in the direction of the opinion given him by the Honorable the Attorney-General making it clear that miners can contract themselves outside of the Act.
4. **MR. HAMILTON** : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General—
 1. Is he aware that boys of about the age of fifteen years or under are engaged by his Department carrying letters in and about the City of Bendigo.
 2. Does he consider that boys of this age are fit to be intrusted with this important work.
5. **MR. MALONEY** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. What sum of money is held as a deposit by the Railway Department as a guarantee or security given by Jno. Searson for the performance of his contract.
 2. Does the Honorable the Minister of Railways intend to put down sweating in his Department; if so, has he any objection to lay before the House all the correspondence regarding one John Searson, a contractor with the Railway Department.
6. **MR. HAMILTON** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs if he has any objection to lay on the Table of the House the Report furnished to the Government between the months of July and December, 1898, by the Caretaker of the Bendigo Powder Magazine giving particulars of all the powder received into the magazine on account of Perry Bros. and Co. and its delivery to the said firm.
7. **MR. T. SMITH** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary what action is being taken in the direction of granting the promised allowance to Electoral and Deputy Electoral Registrars in connexion with the special issue of electors' rights prior to and on the occasion of the last Federal Referendum.
8. **MR. MALONEY** : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if, in view of the fact that letter carriers when joining the service are entitled to uniform cap, coat, and trousers, but owing to the retrenchment policy the practice of supplying the trousers was stopped, he will now complete the uniform.
9. **MR. LANGDON** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey whether it is a fact that the Council of the Shire of Charlton have repeatedly requested him to grant a road 2 chains wide near Watt's Reserve; such being Crown lands in the Parish of Charlton East; if so, why does he decline to accede to such request.
10. **MR. MCKENZIE** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary is it not a fact that at Castlemaine, the first offenders' gaol, no trades can be taught and no schooling given; if so, does he not think that a great opportunity for moral improvement is lost.
11. **MR. LANGDON** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey whether, in view of the great number of applications now being made by the 32nd section land-holders to have their holdings transferred and otherwise brought under the *Land Act* 1898 before the end of this year, he will cause more prompt attention to be paid to such applications.
12. **MR. MCKENZIE** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if it is a fact that the local land officers throughout the colony are quite unable to overtake the large amount of additional work that has been cast upon them through the coming into operation of the new Land Act, and that the result is most prejudicial to the interests of selectors; and, if it be so, will he grant those officers immediate assistance.

13. MR. GRAY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—

1. Did the Railway Department compel the men employed on the Collingwood line now in course of construction to work on Saturday, 25th instant, till five p.m., and thereby deprive them of the recognised Saturday half-holiday, contrary to the wish of the men employed.
2. Will the Minister arrange for the Saturday half-holiday on the Collingwood line in future.

14. MR. GROSE : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier whether, in view of the pressing needs of many of the pioneer residents of the colony, he will endeavour to secure the passing of the Old-age Pensions Bill before the close of this Session.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. SIR GEORGE TURNER : To move, That the Sessional Order giving precedence to General Business on Wednesday in each week from half-past eight o'clock be suspended for the remainder of the Session, except on Wednesday the 6th of December next, and that Government Business have precedence during the whole of the sitting.
2. SIR GEORGE TURNER : To move, That the House, at its rising on Thursday next, adjourn until Friday, at four o'clock p.m.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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2. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 6TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE BILL—Second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 13TH DECEMBER.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BILL—Second reading.

W. V. ROBINSON,
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*F. C. MASON,
*Speaker.***MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.***Wednesday, 29th November.*

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

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MR. ANGUS ROBERTSON AND THE NATIONAL BANK—at half-past ten o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 23RD NOVEMBER, 1899.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. Nos. 27 and 28.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 29.

Water Bill—[3]. (To Members of Council only.)

Vegetation Diseases Bill—[8].

Crimes Bill—[90].

Water Bill.—Amendment to be proposed by the Hon. Sir A. Snowden on Recommittal. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 52, 53, and 54.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 54.

Weekly Report of Divisions. No. 8.

Teachers Bill—[33].

Factories and Shops Bill—[35]. (To Members only.)

Income Tax Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by Sir George Turner in Committee of Ways and Means.
(To Members only.)

Factories and Shops Bill—

Amendments to be proposed on the Third Reading. (To Members only.)

Amendments to be proposed by Mr. Peacock. (To Members only.)

Local Government Bill No. 3.—Amendments of the Legislative Council. (To Members only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 55.

THURSDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 1899.

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

1. MR. McLEAN : To move, That this House no longer retains confidence in the Government because of its administrative weakness and of its vacillating conduct of public business culminating in having voted for the imprisonment of a man after having declared that his offence was not proved, and advised the House to proceed no further with his proposed punishment.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. SIR GEORGE TURNER : To move, That the Sessional Order giving precedence to General Business on Wednesday in each week from half-past eight o'clock be suspended for the remainder of the Session, except on Wednesday the 6th of December next, and that Government Business have precedence during the whole of the sitting.
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3. MR. TAVERNER : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to indemnify the councillors of various municipalities for borrowing moneys by overdrafts on bankers for the purpose of their municipalities contrary to the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1890*.

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1. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
2. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
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4. BOILERS INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
5. POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. HAWKERS AND PEDLERS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
7. SAILORS' HOME LAND BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
8. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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15. LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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20. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GRAVES : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the sale by the Government of certain reserves in the parishes of Cohuna and Gunbower and at Barr Creek at the price of £2 per acre, and to the subsequent reported sale on the 14th day of February last by public auction of the Barr Park Estate, which included the above lands, to Mr. Aitken at £4 15s. per acre; such Committee to be appointed by ballot, or by the Government, or by other such means as the House shall decide, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
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TUESDAY, 5TH DECEMBER.

Question.

1. MR. MCGREGOR : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if, as there are varying opinions as to the legality of miners contracting themselves out of the tributing clauses of the *Mines Act* 1897, he will bring in a Bill to amend the Act in the direction of the opinion given him by the Honorable the Attorney-General making it clear that miners can contract themselves outside of the Act.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE BILL—Second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 13TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BILL—Second reading.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 30th November.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past ten o'clock.
LEONGATHA LABOUR COLONY—at eleven o'clock.
COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at three o'clock.

Tuesday, 5th December.

MR. ANGUS ROBERTSON AND THE NATIONAL BANK—at half-past ten o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 29TH NOVEMBER, 1899.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 30.
Immigration Restriction Bill—[27]. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 55.
Railway Loan Application Bill—[96].
Water Supply Loans Application Bill—[98].
Water Bill.—Amendments of the Legislative Council. (To Members only.)
Greater Britain Exhibition at London, 1899.—Progress Report of Commissioners for Victoria to the Right Hon. the Premier. No. 66.
Report from Select Committee upon Transfer of J. R. Jackson to Lands Department, together with Proceedings of Committee, &c. D.—No. 1.
Railway Loan Application Bill.—Detailed Statement of Proposed Expenditure. (To Members only.)



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 56.

TUESDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 1899.

Question.

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3. WORKING AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
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7. HAWKERS AND PEDLERS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
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WEDNESDAY, 6TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE BILL—Second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 13TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 5th December.

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PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

LEONGATHA LABOUR COLONY—at eleven o'clock.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at half-past two o'clock.

STANDING ORDERS—at three o'clock.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 57.

TUESDAY, 9TH JANUARY, 1900.

Question.

1. MR. MCGREGOR: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if, as there are varying opinions as to the legality of miners contracting themselves out of the tributing clauses of the *Mines Act 1897*, he will bring in a Bill to amend the Act in the direction of the opinion given him by the Honorable the Attorney-General making it clear that miners can contract themselves outside of the Act.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
2. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL—Second reading.
3. WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL—Second reading.
4. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
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8. BOILERS INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
9. POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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11. USURY PREVENTION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate*.
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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 9th January.

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COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at three o'clock.

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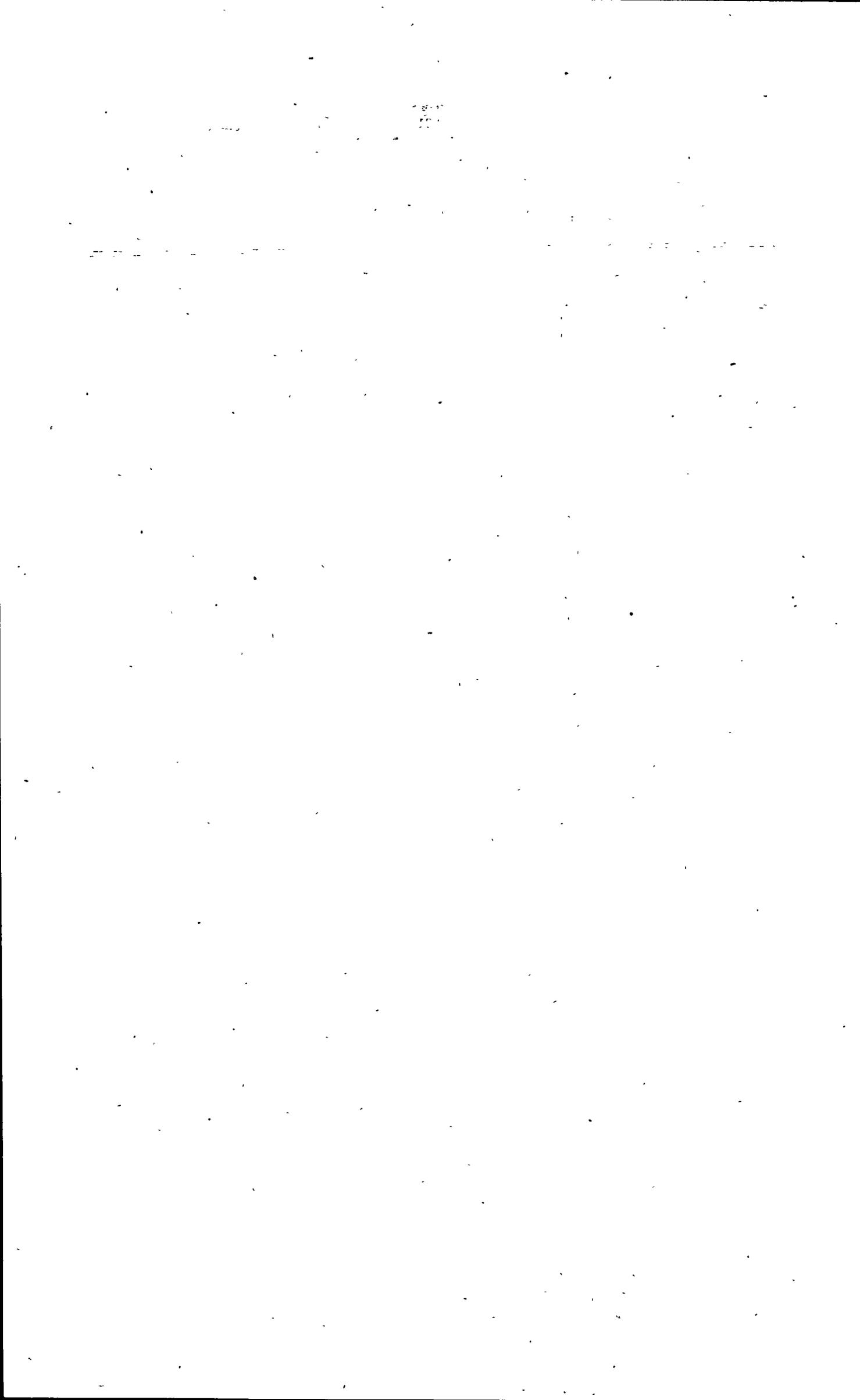
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WEDNESDAY, 10TH JANUARY, 1900.

Questions.

1. **MR. DOWNWARD** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines—
 1. The price of coal per ton paid by the Government to the Outtrim, Jumbunna, Coal Creek, and Black Diamond Coal Companies for the years 1896, 1897, 1898, and 1899; and the price to be paid for 1900.
 2. If the tonnage rates for 1900 are an increase on former years, is it intended by the Government that the workmen should participate in the increase.
2. **MR. VALE** : To ask the Honorable the Premier if he has any means of ascertaining the number of aliens in the Public and Railway services of Victoria.
3. **MR. BEAZLEY** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. Whether he will lay on the Table of the House the estimates on which the Railway Department based the opinion that shops if erected in the abutments of railway bridges on the Collingwood line at Johnston and Victoria streets would not pay.
 2. Will he personally inquire into the feasibility of the suggestion.
4. **MR. HIGGINS** : To ask the Honorable the Premier—
 1. Is it true that the rifles lately supplied to the Victorian forces have been rejected by the military authorities in South Africa, and Lee-Metfords substituted.
 2. From whom were the said rifles purchased and on whose recommendation.
 3. Who are the members of the Defence Committee in London; and are any of the members of this Committee shareholders in the company which sold the said rifles.
5. **MR. FINK** : To ask the Honorable the Premier if he will take the Petition of Robert Russell, the first surveyor of the City of Melbourne, an old colonist now 94 years of age, into consideration and take means to grant the relief sought therein.
6. **MR. MALONEY** : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if he will provide a sum of money for a pension for the nonagenarian Robert Russell, who surveyed the City of Melbourne, and his aged wife.
7. **MR. GROSE** : To ask the Honorable the Premier what steps he proposes to take in the direction of making temporary provision for the aged poor.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL—Second reading.
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8. MR. DEAKIN: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
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 2. The number and value of the search fees paid to the Patent Office in each year for the same period, and similarly distinguished.
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31. PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH JANUARY.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. TRENWITH: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the settlement of industrial disputes by means of conciliation and arbitration.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 10th January.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past eleven o'clock.
COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at three o'clock.

Thursday, 11th January.

LEONGATHA LABOUR COLONY—at twelve o'clock noon.

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Municipal Overdrafts (Indemnity) Bill—[85].

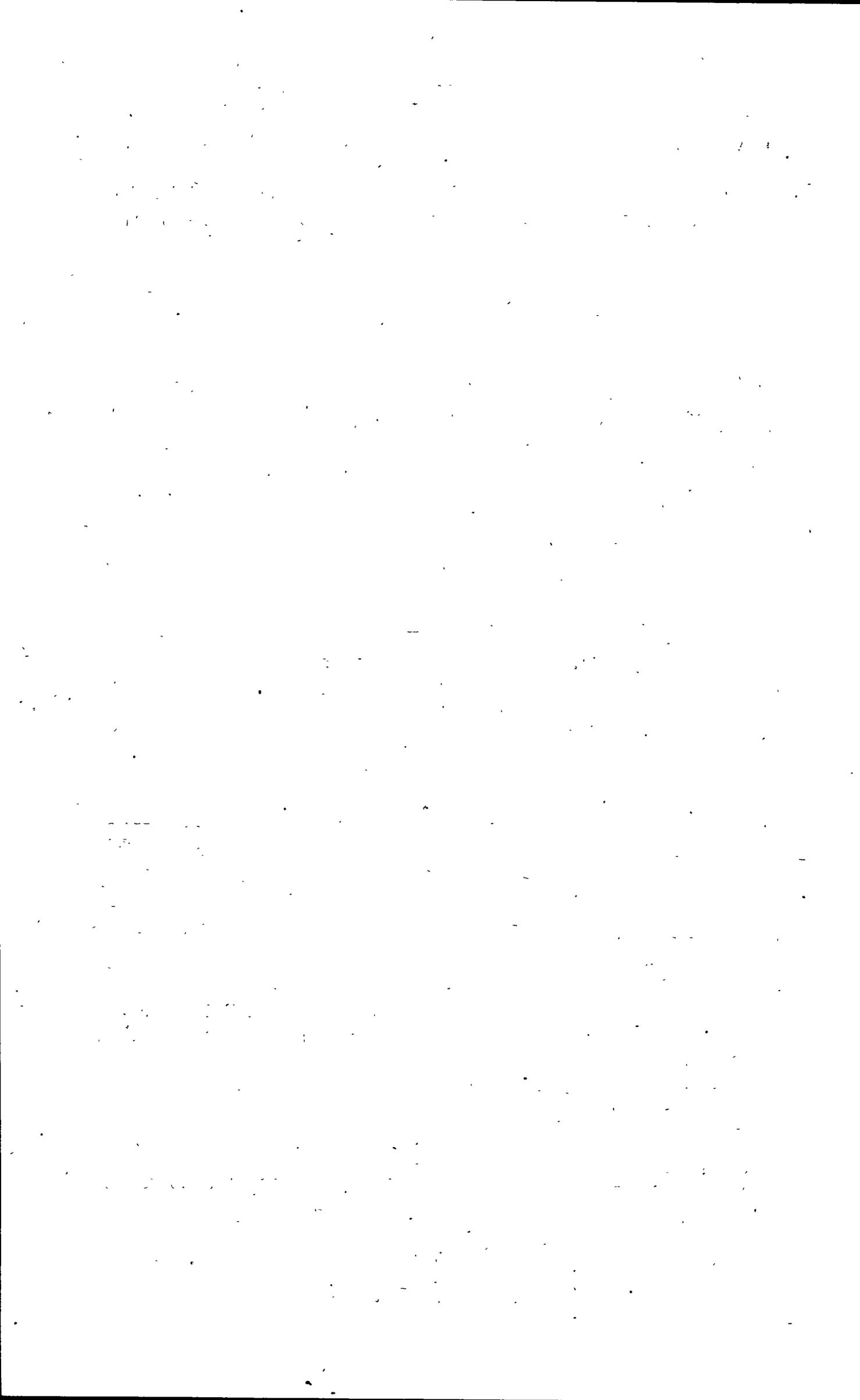
Railway and Public Works Loan Application Bill—[108].

Factories and Shops Bill.—New Clause to be proposed by Mr. Gray on Third Reading. (To Members only.)

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Report of the Minister of Public Instruction for the Year 1898–9. No. 21.

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No. 59.

THURSDAY, 11TH JANUARY, 1900.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. STYLES: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the estimated approximate cost of reducing the present ruling gradients to not less than 1 in 80 on each of the undermentioned railways. Such estimates to include the cost of any deviation of the lines which may be desirable in order to lessen the outlay:—

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Government Business.

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23. SUPPLIES—To be further considered in Committee.
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TUESDAY, 16TH JANUARY.

Questions.

1. MR. VALE: To ask the Honorable the Premier if he will give instructions to one of the clerks in the Census Office to ascertain how many aliens are employed in the Public Service and the Railway Department.

2. **MR. HIGGINS :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction, for the Honorable the Minister of Defence—
1. Who are the manufacturers—(a) of the Martini-Henry rifles and (b) the Maxim guns lately supplied to the Victorian Defence Force.
 2. On whose recommendation were the Maxim guns supplied, and from whom were they purchased.
3. **MR. STERRY :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
1. Is it his intention to so amend the *Vine Disease Act* as to give encouragement to vignerons in phylloxera-infected districts to resuscitate their vineyards by planting phylloxera-resistant vines.
 2. If so, will he take immediate action by introducing cuttings of suitable resistant stock in sufficient quantities to supply all probable demands for next year's planting.
 3. Will he, to give further facilities for re-establishing their vineyards, take such steps as may be deemed necessary for the establishment of nurseries for the propagation of suitable resistant vines in infected districts.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH JANUARY.

Questions.

1. **MR. KEYS :** To ask the Honorable the Premier if, in view of the early closing of the Session, he will appoint the Select Committee on the Local Government Acts a Royal Commission so that the work of the Committee may be proceeded with during the recess.
2. **MR. KEYS :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways when tenders will be called for the erection of the new station buildings at Mentone.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Consideration of Report.
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General Business.

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ORDER OF THE DAY:—

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 11th January.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past eleven o'clock.
LEONGATHA LABOUR COLONY—at twelve o'clock noon.

Tuesday, 16th January.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at three o'clock.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 33.

Factories and Shops Bill—[35]. (To Members of Council only.)

Immigration Restriction Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. Lieut.-Col. Sir F. T. Sargood.
(To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 59.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 60.

TUESDAY, 16TH JANUARY, 1900.

Questions.

1. **MR. VALE** : To ask the Honorable the Premier if he will give instructions to one of the clerks in the Census Office to ascertain how many aliens are employed in the Public Service and the Railway Department.
2. **MR. HIGGINS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction, for the Honorable the Minister of Defence—
 1. Who are the manufacturers—(a) of the Martini-Enfield rifles and (b) the Maxim guns lately supplied to the Victorian Defence Force.
 2. On whose recommendation were the Maxim guns supplied, and from whom were they purchased.
3. **MR. STERRY** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
 1. Is it his intention to so amend the *Vine Disease Act* as to give encouragement to vignerons in phylloxera-infected districts to resuscitate their vineyards by planting phylloxera-resistant vines.
 2. If so, will he take immediate action by introducing cuttings of suitable resistant stock in sufficient quantities to supply all probable demands for next year's planting.
 3. Will he, to give further facilities for re-establishing their vineyards, take such steps as may be deemed necessary for the establishment of nurseries for the propagation of suitable resistant vines in infected districts.
4. **MR. GRAVES** : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—
 1. Are Messrs. Abrahams and Co., of Elizabeth-street, Melbourne, dealers in arms, ammunition, and sundries, "the contractors to the Victorian Government," as they advertise that they are.
 2. If so, what is the date of the last acceptance of the contract of this firm ; and
 3. When will their contracts expire.
5. **MR. JOHN A. ISAACS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
 1. Is it not a fact that imported Bohemian hops realize 1s. 6d. per lb. in our market whilst Tasmanian and Victorian grown hops produce but 1s. 2d. and 10d. per lb. respectively.
 2. Can the Honorable the Minister assign any reason for such disparity in prices.
 3. If not, will he take steps, in the interest of our local hop-growers, to ascertain such reason by having samples of each submitted for expert opinion or otherwise.
 4. Is it not advisable, with a view of assisting the hop-growers, to secure the services of an expert to instruct them in the growing and treatment of hops.
6. **MR. GRAVES** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if he intends to take any action to prevent the illegal occupation of, and to retain for the public estate, the valuable reserve being the foreshore of Port Phillip Bay at Cocoroc or Werribee ; regard being had to the dealings in this transaction by the late Premier, the late Minister of Lands, and the Law Department.
7. **MR. TAVERNER** : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General whether a reply has been received from the solicitors representing the debenture-holders as to the provisions of the proposed Mildura Rating Bill.
8. **MR. GRAVES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction, for the Honorable the Minister of Defence, if any steps will be taken to fix the responsibility of accepting the defective Defence supplies, and the issue of them to the contingent for foreign service, as reported in the Melbourne newspapers of the 11th instant.
9. **MR. BURTON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if any arrangement has yet been made to enable the members of the Mines Ventilation Board who are in the Government Service to devote more time to the inquiry, and so hasten the preparation of a final report on this very vital subject.
10. **MR. MOULE** : To ask the Honorable the Premier—
 1. Under what regulations are free railway passes issued to all Executive Councillors for life.
 2. Will the Honorable the Premier take steps to have such regulations rescinded.

11. **MR. BURTON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines—
1. Has any offer yet been made by the Australian Gold Recovery Company to sell to the Government their patent rights in the use of cyanide of potassium in the colony of Victoria.
 2. If so, what is the sum submitted.
 3. Will the Honorable the Minister state the intentions of the Government in this matter.
12. **MR. MALONEY** : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General—
1. What is the present position of the movement promoted by an English company to acquire rights in respect to electric lighting—(a) for the City of Melbourne; (b) for the suburban municipalities or any of them; (c) whether such movement includes the absorption by such English company of all the local companies, and if the consummation of this movement requires the consent of the Government.
 2. If so, does the Postmaster-General think it consistent with public policy that these privileges should be vested in private hands, or whether steps should be taken whereby such privileges should be possessed by and be exercised for the benefit of the ratepayers.
 3. Whether the Government is prepared to give immediate consideration to a measure to establish a Municipal Trust or otherwise provide for municipalization of electric lighting.
13. **MR. BEAZLEY** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether he intends to bring in a Bill to provide for single electorates for the Legislative Assembly; and, if so, when.
14. **MR. DUGGAN** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if he has succeeded in arranging any terms *re* the purchase of the McArthur-Forest cyanide patent rights; if so, has he any objection to inform the House the nature of such terms.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be further considered.
2. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. LICENCES VALIDATING BILL—Second reading.
4. STATE SCHOOL TEACHERS BILL—Second reading.
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8. ROYAL PARK RECREATION SITE BILL—Second reading.
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Questions.

1. **MR. KEYS** : To ask the Honorable the Premier if, in view of the early closing of the Session, he will appoint the Select Committee on the Local Government Acts a Royal Commission so that the work of the Committee may be proceeded with during the recess.
2. **MR. KEYS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways when tenders will be called for the erection of the new station buildings at Mentone.

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REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at three o'clock.

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

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 60.

Seventh Progress Report of Royal Commission on State Forests and Timber Reserves.—The Forests of the County of Delatite. No. 69.

Eighth Progress Report of Royal Commission on State Forests and Timber Reserves.—Grazing Lands in Parishes of Wurrin, Wangarabell, &c. No. 73.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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No. 61.

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4. **MR. HIGGINS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works what is the reason for the delay in fulfilling the promise made by the late Commissioner of Public Works to make provision for the case of Mr. John Bright, injured during the progress of the Yarra improvement works.
5. **MR. TAVERNER** : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General when he expects to be in a position to deal with the proposal to connect South Africa and Victoria by cable.
6. **MR. LANGDON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture whether he is aware that the sparrows have, during the late harvest, committed great ravages among the standing grain and other crops; if so, will the Government take such steps as may be deemed necessary, either by legislative action or otherwise, to deal with this plague.
7. **MR. CRAVEN** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture if it is his intention to introduce a Registration of Brands Bill; and, if so, when.
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9. **MR. CRAVEN** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if he is taking steps to secure a large block of land for subdivision for the purposes of closer settlement; and, if so, is he in a position to give any public information bearing upon the matter.
10. **MR. J. B. TUCKER** : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 1. If it is intended to give effect to clause 138 of the Report of the Royal Commission on Law Reform, viz., that one or two shorthand writers be permanently employed in the Law Courts.
 2. If so, can he give any approximate date when such appointments will be made.
 3. Will candidates for such positions be selected from persons licensed by the Supreme Court, or will they have to pass a further competitive examination.
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17. MR. RUSSELL : To ask the Honorable the Premier if he can inform the House of the circumstances under which the salute to the departing Governor was fired to a cargo steamer instead of to the *Sunbeam*, and whether this mistake does not suggest a laxity of rules and discipline which in a time of war might lead to great loss and disaster to this colony.
18. MR. HIGGINS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he can give the members of the Queensland Military Contingent, when they reach Geelong in the *Maori King*, railway facilities to see the neighbourhood of Geelong and the fortifications of Queenscliff, if any should think fit.

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5. MR. MURRAY : To move, That in the opinion of this House the claim of the Warrnambool Hospital against the Railway Department for £44 for maintenance and treatment of Thomas Bruton, fatally injured at a railway crossing, is a just and equitable one, and should be at once paid.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST JANUARY.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 17th January.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past eleven o'clock.
LEONGATHA LABOUR COLONY—at half-past eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 11TH JANUARY, 1900.

- Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 33.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 34.
Mining Development Bill—[57]. (To Members of Council only.)
Municipal Overdrafts (Indemnity) Bill—[85]. (To Members of Council only.)
Railway Loan Application Bill—[96]. (To Members of Council only.)
Water Supply Loans Application Bill—[98]. (To Members of Council only.)
Railway and Public Works Loan Application Bill—[108]. (To Members of Council only.)
Water Bill.—Amendments made by the Legislative Council—How dealt with by the Legislative Assembly.
(To Members of Council only.)
Hawkers and Peddlers Bill.—Amendments made by the Legislative Council disagreed with by the Legislative Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)
Factories and Shops Bill—
Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. Lieut.-Col. Sir F. T. Sargood. (To Members of Council only.)
Further Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. Lieut.-Col. Sir F. T. Sargood. (To Members of Council only.)
Local Government Bill (No. 2).—Amendments made by the Legislative Council disagreed with by the Legislative Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)
Trading Coupons Abolition Bill.—Amendment to be proposed by the Hon. Lieut.-Col. Sir F. T. Sargood. (To Members of Council only.)
Report of Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the Trading Coupons Abolition Bill; together with Proceedings of Committee, &c. D 1.

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 59, 60, and 61.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 61.

Weekly Report of Divisions. No. 10.

Vegetation Diseases Bill—[8]. (To Members only.)

Companies Bill—[100]. (To Members only.)

Licensing Bill—[104].

Land Bill—[105].

Land Bill—

New Clause to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Taverner. (To Members only.)

Amendments and New Clauses to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Best. (To Members only.)

New Clause to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Higgins. (To Members only.)

Report of the Council of Judges. No. 70.

First Report from the Committee of Public Accounts. D.—No. 2.

Regulations under various Acts of Parliament. Extracted from *Government Gazette* of 12th January, 1900.

No. 2. (To Members only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 62.

THURSDAY, 18TH JANUARY, 1900.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. MALONEY: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total loans granted to the 30th June, 1899, the amount advanced, the interest paid, the interest outstanding, and the balance due after deducting the amounts written off by the *Water Supply Advances Relief Act 1899*, so far as regards each Local Governing Body, Waterworks Trust, and Irrigation and Water Supply Trust respectively.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. LICENCES VALIDATING BILL—Second reading.
3. STATE SCHOOL TEACHERS BILL—Second reading.
4. MEAT SUPERVISION BILL—Second reading.
5. LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. INFANT LIFE PROTECTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. ROYAL PARK RECREATION SITE BILL—Second reading.
8. COMPANIES (RULES AND ORDERS) BILL—Second reading.
9. VEGETATION DISEASES ACT 1896 CONTINUATION BILL—Second reading.
10. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
11. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC AND BANK HOLIDAYS BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 23RD JANUARY.

Questions.

1. MR. CRAVEN: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture if it is his intention to introduce a Registration of Brands Bill; and, if so, when.
2. MR. MCLEOD: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways when tenders will be called for the erection of the new station buildings at Portland.
3. MR. KIRTON: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture whether it is his intention to establish a dairying school in the vicinity of Ballarat.
4. MR. MCLEOD: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. Is it the invariable practice for the Railways Department to adhere to its published rates for carriage of goods over our Victorian lines, or does it make concessions in favour of individuals or localities carrying goods at a less rate than those published.
 2. If the latter, will the Honorable the Minister cause such undesirable practice to be discontinued.
5. MR. METHVEN: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways when tenders will be called for the erection of the new station buildings at Northcote.
6. MR. MCLEOD: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if, during the recess, he will give consideration to, and have report made on, the advisability of connecting the South Australian railway system terminating at Mount Gambier with the Victorian system terminating at Portland.
7. MR. MALONEY: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will arrange so that the Revision Courts where necessary may be held at night, in order to save expense to citizens unable to attend during the day.

8. **MR. METHVEN** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will lay before this House a copy of all papers in connexion with the charge of sweating made by one P. J. McCormick against one John Searson, cartage contractor to the Railways Department, so that Members can have an opportunity of knowing why the continued delay is made in inquiring into such charge of sweating.
9. **MR. JOHN A. ISAACS** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs—
1. In view of the present depressed state of the tobacco industry, and the fact that the excise duty on the locally produced article was increased from 6d. to 9d. per lb., is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill for the abolition or reduction of the excise duty.
 2. If a reduction be contemplated, to what amount will such duty be proposed to be reduced.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH JANUARY.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. TRENWITH** : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the settlement of industrial disputes by means of conciliation and arbitration.
2. **MR. CAMERON** : To move, That in the opinion of this House the Government should proceed without further delay to construct the line of railway from Heidelberg to Eltham, as authorized by the *Heidelberg and Eltham Railway Construction Act 1893*.
3. **MR. GRAVES** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the sale by the Government of certain reserves in the parishes of Cohuna and Gunbower and at Barr Creek at the price of £2 per acre, and to the subsequent reported sale on the 14th day of February last by public auction of the Barr Park Estate, which included the above lands, to Mr. Aitken at £4 15s. per acre; such Committee to be appointed by ballot, or by the Government, or by other such means as the House shall decide, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
4. **MR. BENNETT** : To move, That in the opinion of this House it is advisable that all those railway pensioners who were discharged prior to 1895, and who are in receipt of less than £30 per annum, should have their pensions increased to that amount.
5. **MR. MURRAY** : To move, That in the opinion of this House the claim of the Warrnambool Hospital against the Railway Department for £44 for maintenance and treatment of Thomas Bruton, fatally injured at a railway crossing, is a just and equitable one, and should be at once paid.

WEDNESDAY, 31st JANUARY.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
3. CREMATION BILL—Second reading.
4. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG ALDERMEN ELECTION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
5. VICTORIAN RAILWAYS BALANCE-SHEET—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House it has now become expedient to have a proper balance-sheet drawn up, with the assistance of independent experts, showing the position of the Victorian Railways as a going concern, and showing under separate heads (as far as possible) the values, with particulars, of the several classes of assets.
6. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REFORM—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House provision should be made for the reduction of the property qualification of Members and electors of the Legislative Council, and the division of the provinces into single electorates.
7. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. HACKNEY CARRIAGES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
10. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
11. LAND ACT 1898 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
12. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
13. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
14. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS DEPOSIT REDUCTION BILL—Second reading.
15. GRIFFITH'S ISLAND NATIONAL PARK BILL—Second reading.
16. HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
17. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
18. PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BILL—Second reading.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 18th January.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past eleven o'clock.
LEONGATHA LABOUR COLONY—at half-past eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 23rd January.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (JOINT)—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 17TH JANUARY, 1900.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 35.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 62.

Land Bill—

- New Clause to be proposed in Committee by Mr. McBride. (To Members only.)
- Amendments to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Morrissey. (To Members only.)
- New Clause to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Maloney. (To Members only.)
- Amendment and New Clause to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Best. (To Members only.)



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 63.

TUESDAY, 23RD JANUARY, 1900.

Questions.

1. **MR. CRAVEN** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture if it is his intention to introduce a Registration of Brands Bill ; and, if so, when.
2. **MR. MCLEOD** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways when tenders will be called for the erection of the new station buildings at Portland.
3. **MR. KIRTON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture whether it is his intention to establish a dairying school in the vicinity of Ballarat.
4. **MR. MCLEOD** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. Is it the invariable practice for the Railways Department to adhere to its published rates for carriage of goods over our Victorian lines, or does it make concessions in favour of individuals or localities carrying goods at a less rate than those published.
 2. If the latter, will the Honorable the Minister cause such undesirable practice to be discontinued.
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 1. In view of the present depressed state of the tobacco industry, and the fact that the excise duty on the locally produced article was increased from 6d. to 9d. per lb., is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill for the abolition or reduction of the excise duty.
 2. If a reduction be contemplated, to what amount will such duty be proposed to be reduced.
10. **MR. COOK** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
 1. Is it true that a certain firm of shipping agents have a monopoly of the customs business connected with the export of produce.
 2. Is there any agreement existing between the Government and the firm ; and, if so, when was it made and when will it terminate.
 3. What was the total amount of fees paid to the firm for 1899.
 4. Does the Honorable the Minister not think that tenders should be called for this work, or a Government clerk specially delegated to this duty.
11. **MR. O'NEILL** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction, for the Honorable the Minister of Defence—
 1. If it is the intention of the Government to enroll any of the applicants for positions in the so-called Bushmen's Corps with a view to having them drilled, so that the colony may be prepared for any emergency that may arise.
 2. If so, what number is it proposed to so enroll.
12. **MR. COOK** : To ask the Honorable the Premier whether he intends making the Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company's Act 1893 Amendment Bill (as introduced by Mr. Bromley) a Government measure ; if not, what steps he intends taking towards getting the grievances of the employes redressed.

13. MR. GRAY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
1. Has it been a practice in the past to transfer deserving men from the Non-clerical to the Clerical Division after a trial as acting clerks.
 2. Will the Commissioner transfer those acting clerks who are performing solely clerical duties, and have been so doing for over twelve months and are now acting as booking clerks in the Traffic Branch.
14. MR. BENNETT : To ask the Honorable the Premier when it is intended to resume granting furlough to the Public Service according to section 87 of Act 773.
15. MR. BEAZLEY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
1. Whether the officers of his Department are aware that the Yarra at Dight's Falls Weir contains hundreds of tons of disease-laden filth from which poisonous gases are constantly escaping; and which is a menace to the health of the residents of the surrounding districts.
 2. Will he take steps to remedy this evil.
16. MR. HIGGINS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction, for the Honorable the Minister of Defence—
1. On what ground was the Martini-Enfield rifle recommended to and selected by the Defence Department in preference to a magazine rifle.
 2. What regular troops have used the Martini-Enfield rifle, and when last.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. MALONEY : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total loans granted to the 30th June, 1899, the amount advanced, the interest paid, the interest outstanding, and the balance due after deducting the amounts written off by the *Water Supply Advances Relief Act 1899*, so far as regards each Local Governing Body, Waterworks Trust, and Irrigation and Water Supply Trust respectively.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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9. VEGETATION DISEASES ACT 1896 CONTINUATION BILL—Second reading.
10. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC AND BANK HOLIDAYS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH JANUARY.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. TRENWITH : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the settlement of industrial disputes by means of conciliation and arbitration.
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7. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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W. V. ROBINSON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,

Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 23rd January.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past eleven o'clock.
 LEONGATHA LABOUR COLONY—at half-past two o'clock.
 LIBRARY (JOINT)—at three o'clock.

Wednesday, 24th January.

CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE BILL—at eleven o'clock.

Thursday, 25th January.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (JOINT)—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 18TH JANUARY, 1900.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 34.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 63.

Statistical Register of the Colony of Victoria for the Year 1898.—Part VII.—Production. No. 67.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 64.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH JANUARY, 1900.

Questions.

1. MR. O'NEILL : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction, for the Honorable the Minister of Defence—
 1. If it is the intention of the Government to enroll any of the applicants for positions in the so-called Bushmen's Corps with a view to having them drilled, so that the colony may be prepared for any emergency that may arise.
 2. If so, what number is it proposed to so enroll.
2. MR. BENNETT : To ask the Honorable the Premier when it is intended to resume granting furlough to the Public Service according to section 87 of Act 773.
3. MR. MCBRIDE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will arrange with the Commissioner, during the months of February and March, when the wheat traffic is at its heaviest, to carry manures at the agricultural produce rate, and thus avoid the necessity of returning empty trucks to the agricultural centres.
4. MR. STILES : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether the Government intends restoring during the current financial year the pay of the Naval Brigade and the Militia to the rates in force before the retrenchment reductions were made.
5. MR. E. D. WILLIAMS : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if, in view of a number of trappers having been thrown out of employment in consequence of poison having been laid to destroy rabbits, he will give instructions to discontinue the practice, especially in districts where trappers are at work.
6. MR. J. W. MASON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
 1. If his attention has been called to the statements lately appearing in the press concerning the adulteration of colonial wine.
 2. Will the Honorable the Minister take immediate steps to ascertain if the statement is correct, and endeavour to prevent a continuance of this injurious practice.
7. MR. WHITE : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works whether it is his intention to bring in a Bill to indemnify municipal councillors against any personal liability which they may incur by agreeing to the granting by municipalities of subscriptions to the various funds that are being raised to defray the cost of despatching troops to South Africa or for the relief of the relatives of the killed and wounded soldiers of the Queen and Empire.
8. MR. FOSTER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines—
 1. Has any alteration been made in the policy pursued by the late Government with regard to the issue of leases for dredging for gold and for hydraulic sluicing.
 2. Does the Honorable the Minister specially consult his colleagues the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey and the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture as to the advisability of issuing such leases.
9. MR. HIGGINS : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs—
 1. Is it true that the amount allowed for rebate of sugar duties to breweries, jam factories, &c., has of late been greatly increased.
 2. Is there any objection to laying before the House comparative returns on the subject.
 3. Is there any foundation for the statement that some of the breweries, jam factories, &c., when allowed the rebate for their manufacturing purposes, supply certain grocers with sugar for sale.
10. MR. FOSTER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if it is the intention of the Government to take such steps as may be necessary to provide railway facilities in Gippsland East.
11. MR. GRAY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. Will he state how many men in the Service have been transferred from the daily-paid to the salaried staff as clerks during the last six years.
 2. Has the Commissioner lately received an application from acting clerks performing purely clerical duty as booking clerks for a transfer to the salaried staff.
 3. If so, will the Commissioner grant it.

12. **MR. J. B. TUCKER** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether it is the intention of the Government to carry out the promise made by the late Premier, Sir George Turner, to issue a voter's certificate to every elector who recorded his vote at the late Referendum for or against the Commonwealth Bill ; if so, can he state when such certificates will be issued.
13. **MR. MAUGER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
1. Is it a fact that increments due to certain officers and employes as from 1st July, 1899, are now to be paid from 1st January, 1900 ; if so, why are these employes to be deprived of this amount.
 2. When may the employes concerned expect payment.
 3. What is the cause of the distinction between clerks engaged in booking-office duties and those engaged at the Traffic Office Buildings with regard to payment for overtime—the former getting absolutely no allowance, whilst the latter receive an allowance termed "tea money" when overtime is worked.
14. **MR. TAVERNER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
1. If he will state what has been the total quantity of butter exported since the reductions of freight under contract dated 1st May, 1896, up to 31st December, 1899.
 2. What has been the total saving in freight to the producers up to that date.
15. **MR. BAILES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if he will lay on the table of the Library all the correspondence and reports in connexion with the recent serious accident at the Ulster Mine, Bendigo.
16. **MR. VALE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction, for the Honorable the Minister of Defence, if, as the bulk of the time of the drill instructors is taken up with purely clerical work, he will so arrange their duties as to allow instruction in drill to all who desire to acquire the same.
17. **MR. TAVERNER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
1. If he will inform the House what is the result of the experiments conducted by Mr. Potts at the Kyneton Butter Factory in pasteurizing and ripening butter with pure culture.
 2. What is the estimated increase in the value of butter manufactured under the above treatment, and, with its general application in the manufacture of butter, what would be the estimated increase in the value per ton on the butter exported.
18. **MR. VALE** : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if the Government will consider the advisability of procuring from the United States of America magazine rifles, .303 bore, with the necessary ammunition.
19. **MR. HIGGINS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture if it is his intention to fix a site for the dairying college before the Commission on Technical Education has reported on the subject.
20. **MR. VALE** : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if he will forward to the Honorable the Premier at Sydney a proposal to establish for Australia a factory to manufacture cordite.
21. **MR. J. B. TUCKER** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if it is the intention of the Government to pay the junior police constables the extra 6d. per day promised by the late Government as from the 1st of January, 1900 ; and, if so, will the men be paid the extra rate this current month.
22. **MR. MORRISSEY** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture what was the quantity of pulp fruit exported during the year 1899 and the average price realized exclusive of the bonus.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
2. LICENCES VALIDATING BILL—Second reading.
3. STATE SCHOOL TEACHERS BILL—Second reading.
4. MEAT SUPERVISION BILL—Second reading.
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10. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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ORDER OF THE DAY:—

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WEDNESDAY, 31ST JANUARY.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. **MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL**—To be further considered in Committee.
2. **VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)**—Second reading.
3. **CREMATION BILL**—Second reading.
4. **MELBOURNE AND GEELONG ALDERMEN ELECTION BILL**—To be further considered in Committee.
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7. **LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
8. **CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
9. **HACKNEY CARRIAGES LAW AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
10. **TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL**—To be further considered in Committee.
11. **LAND ACT 1898 AMENDMENT BILL**—To be further considered in Committee.
12. **FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
13. **MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
14. **LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS DEPOSIT REDUCTION BILL**—Second reading.
15. **GRIFFITH'S ISLAND NATIONAL PARK BILL**—Second reading.
16. **HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
17. **COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
18. **PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BILL**—Second reading.

W. V. ROBINSON,
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Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 24th January.

CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE BILL—at eleven o'clock.
PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past eleven o'clock.

Thursday, 25th January.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (JOINT)—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 18TH JANUARY, 1900.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 35.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 36.

Local Government Bill—[62]. (To Members of Council only.)

Hamilton Mechanics' Institute Land Bill—[66]. (To Members of Council only.)

Preston Loan Bill—[99]. (To Members of Council only.)

Land Bill—[105]. (To Members of Council only.)

Factories and Shops Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. Lieut.-Col. Sir F. T. Sargood. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 62, 63, and 64.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 64.

Licensing Bill.—Amendment to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Gillott. (To Members only.)

Income Tax Bill.—To be proposed by Mr. Shiels in Committee of Ways and Means. (To Members only.)

Progress Report from the Select Committee upon the Leongatha Labour Colony. D.—No. 3.

Regulations under various Acts of Parliament. Extracted from the *Government Gazette* of 19th January, 1900. No. 3. (To Members only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 65.

THURSDAY, 25TH JANUARY, 1900

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
2. LICENCES VALIDATING BILL—Second reading.
3. STATE SCHOOL TEACHERS BILL—Second reading.
4. MEAT SUPERVISION BILL—Second reading.
5. LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. INFANT LIFE PROTECTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. ROYAL PARK RECREATION SITE BILL—Second reading.
8. COMPANIES (RULES AND ORDERS) BILL—Second reading.
9. VEGETATION DISEASES ACT 1896 CONTINUATION BILL—Second reading.
10. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—
To be considered.
11. HAWKERS AND PEDLERS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—
To be considered.
12. MUNICIPAL VALUATIONS BILL—MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
13. BAILIWICKS BOUNDARIES BILL—Second reading.
14. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HAMILTON: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The names of all mechanics' institutes, reading clubs, and literary associations participating in the annual Government grant to institutions of this character, and the amount of money granted to each during each of the last five years.
 2. The amounts granted to the Melbourne Public Library during each of the last five years.
 3. The amounts expended in literature, buildings, salaries, maintenance, and sundry expenses in the Melbourne Public Library and in institutions mentioned in No. 1.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC AND BANK HOLIDAYS BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 30TH JANUARY.

Questions.

1. MR. METHVEN: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he has any objection to lay before this House a copy of all papers in connexion with the charge of sweating made by one P. J. McCormick against one John Searson, cartage contractor to the Railways Department, so that Members can have an opportunity of knowing why the continued delay is made in inquiring into such charge of sweating.
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Government Business.

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1. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE'S REPORT—To be considered.

Private Bill Business.

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 25th January.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past eleven o'clock.
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (JOINT)—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 24TH JANUARY, 1900.

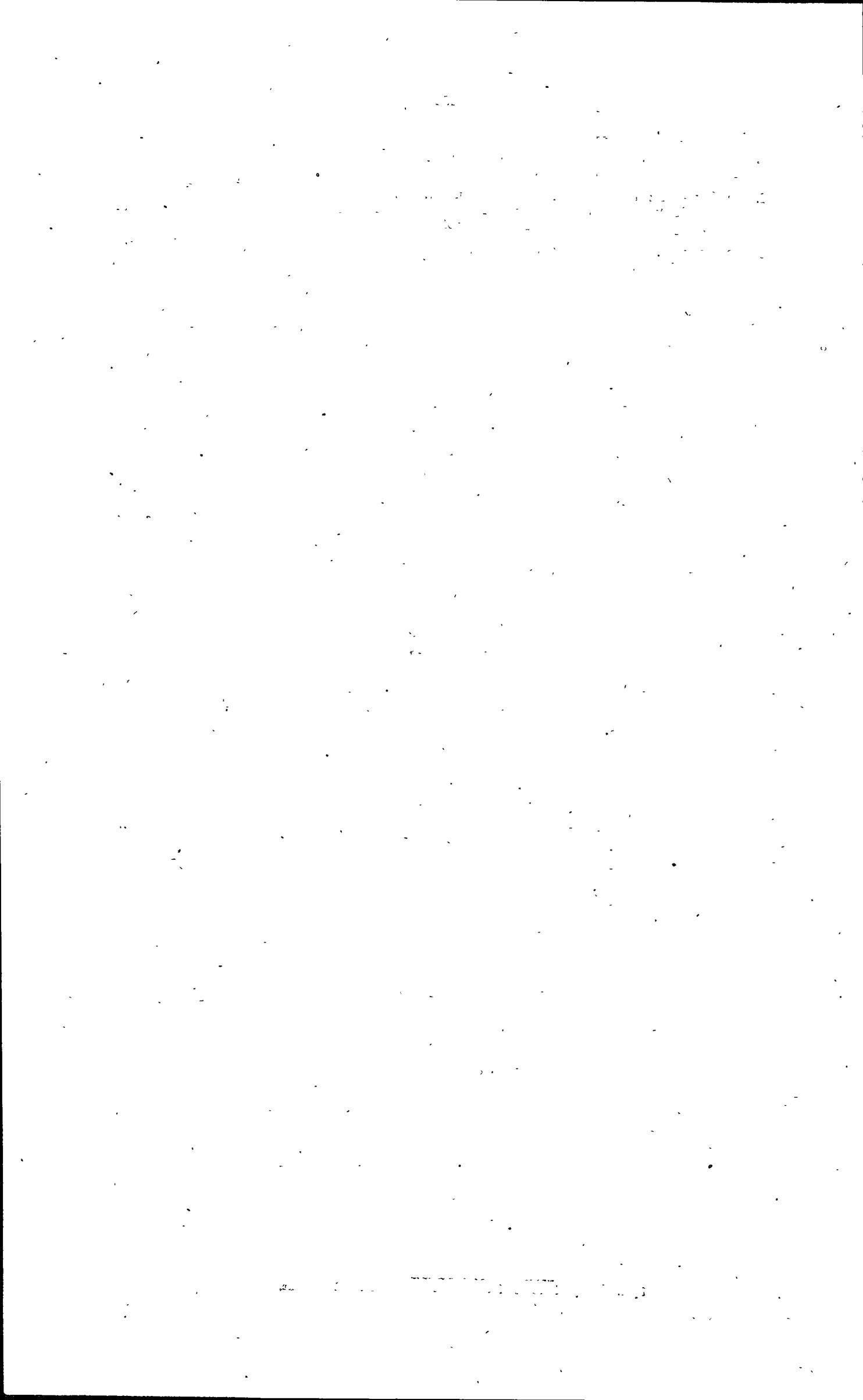
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 37.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 65.

Bailiwicks Boundaries Bill—[110].

Marine Bill—Amendments of the Legislative Council—how dealt with. (To Members of Assembly only.)

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13. **MR. MALONEY** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if, in view of the slow speed of ordinary trains, averaging about 17 miles per hour, he will arrange that rabbits be sent from Wanganaratta by express train during the hot months, as was done up to last year.
14. **MR. COOK** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
1. Is it true that the salaried officers when absent on sick leave get full pay, whilst the daily-paid men (whether the leave be the result of an accident or ordinary complaint) only receive half-pay.
 2. If true, does the Minister propose taking any action to place both classes on an equal footing.
15. **MR. MALONEY** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary will the Government cause notices to be issued giving the fullest information to all the citizens desirous of having their names inserted on the roll.
16. **MR. HIGGINS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction, for the Honorable the Minister of Defence—
1. Is it true that the Defence Department is still introducing from England Martini-Enfield rifles.
 2. Is it true that the Martini-Enfield rifles are originally Martini-Henry rifles manufactured by the Maxim-Nordenfeldt Company but reduced in bore at the Government Enfield Works.
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17. **MR. MALONEY** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
1. Is it a fact that 9s. per week were the wages paid by one John Searson, cartage contractor to the Victorian Railways, to one McCormack; if not, what were they.
 2. What were the names of the men employed by said John Searson from the 10th May to 4th October, 1899, on the said contract and the wages paid to them.
 3. What are the wages that the said Searson should have paid to each of said men in accordance with section 4 of the conditions of the contract signed by him with the Railway Department.
 4. What are the names of the men now working for Searson and the wages paid them.
 5. What was the name of the contractor who held the contract previous to Searson, and what were their respective tenders for the present contract and the date of tendering.
 6. What wage did he pay his men.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. MCCOLL** : To move, That in the opinion of this House it is expedient to acquire for the purpose of closer settlement the Wando Vale Estate, particulars of which are included in the Provisional Contract and Statement placed upon the Table of the Legislative Assembly on the 25th day of January, 1900.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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2. LICENCES VALIDATING BILL—Second reading.
3. STATE SCHOOL TEACHERS BILL—Second reading.
4. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE'S REPORT—To be considered.
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General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

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Private Bill Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE BILL—Third reading.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST JANUARY.

General Business.

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Monday, 29th January.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at ten o'clock.

Tuesday, 30th January.

LEONGATHA LABOUR COLONY—at half-past two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 25TH JANUARY, 1900.

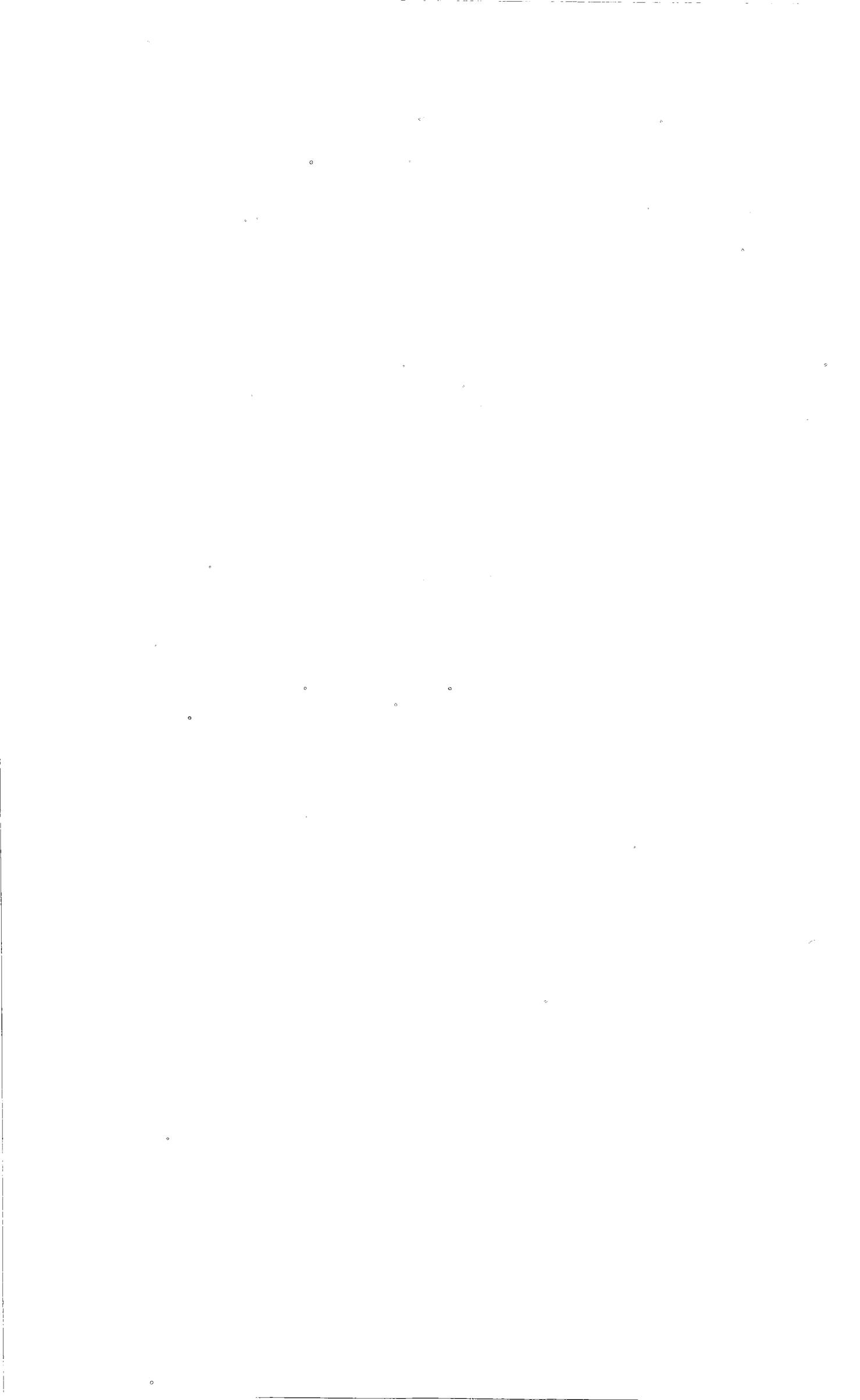
Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. No. 65.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 66.

Weekly Report of Divisions. No. 11.

Meat Supervision Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by Mr. Graham. (To Members only.)

Acquisition of Wando Vale Estate Land for the purpose of Closer Settlement.—Statement giving particulars of Land included in Provisional Contract. (To Members only.)



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 67.

WEDNESDAY, 31st JANUARY, 1900.

Questions.

1. **MR. GAVAN DUFFY** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways when he expects to be in a position to deal with the cases of fire alleged to have been caused by a railway engine at Kilmore and Broadford.
2. **MR. STYLES** : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether the Government intends restoring during the current financial year the pay of the Naval Brigade and the Militia to the rates in force before the retrenchment reductions were made.
3. **MR. MAUGER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. Is it true that the junior hand in the Truck Department at the Newport Workshops has recently been promoted to a position of leading hand with men at work under him.
 2. If so, on what grounds is a junior employé put into such a position over the heads of some 40 others, some of whom have been in the Department over twenty years.
 3. Are there no regulations guiding such promotions recognising seniority or merit; if not, will he take steps to place the matter on a more satisfactory basis.
4. **MR. VALE** : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if the relative number of troops furnished by Victoria compared to that of New South Wales for service in South Africa has any bearing upon the relative prices of our stocks in London.
5. **MR. DUGGAN** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture if, in view of the proportions the sparrow pest is attaining in this colony, he will consent to offer a suitable reward for an effective and cheap method of eradicating the pest.
6. **MR. MCGREGOR** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction, for the Honorable the Minister of Defence, if in the case of the death of any member of the Victorian Contingent who is entitled to any decorations for bravery he will see that such decorations are handed over to the nearest relative of the deceased.
7. **MR. STERRY** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction whether in passing the State School Teachers Bill he will be prepared to so amend that measure as to give effect to the recommendation of the Anomalies Board, viz., that two further increments be paid to 6th-class teachers.
8. **MR. T. SMITH** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction, for the Honorable the Minister of Defence, when it is intended to inform Parliament as to who were the parties responsible for the defective saddles, &c., supplied to the Second Contingent.
9. **MR. BENNETT** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether it is correct that when the police are called upon to work overtime on special duty no time allowance is granted to them.
10. **MR. GROSE** : To ask the Honorable the Premier whether, in view of the urgency of securing a just proportion of representation in the Federal Parliament, he will consider the advisableness of taking a census on an early date.
11. **MR. T. SMITH** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if it is a fact that the casual employés at the Newport Workshops are being stopped two days' pay this fortnight contrary to the usual practice; if so, what is the reason for such stoppage.
12. **MR. RAWSON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if it is true that line repairers, for many years employed on the permanent way, have been changed to other work because their sight became impaired, and when so changed their wages were reduced; if so, will the Honorable the Minister take steps to secure for these men a continuance of the payment of the wages which they had been receiving.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. MCLEAN** : To move, That the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into and report as to the advisability of building and maintaining Cool Stores and of establishing a Central Wine Depôt having incurred liabilities to the amount of the maximum expenditure fixed by this House on 11th July, 1899, and not yet having completed such inquiry; the House concurs in the expenditure by such Royal Commission for the purposes of their inquiry and report of a further sum of £20.

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2. MR. McLEAN : To move, That the Sessional Order limiting the time for calling on fresh business be suspended for the remainder of the Session so far as to allow Government Business to be called on up to half-past eleven o'clock.
3. MR. McLEAN : To move, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at two o'clock p.m.
4. MR. McLEAN : To move, That during the remainder of the Session the House shall meet on Friday in addition to the present days of sitting, that ten o'clock a.m. be the hour of meeting on that day, and that Government Business shall have precedence during the whole of the sitting.
5. MR. McCOLL : To move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following resolution :—
That in the opinion of this House it is expedient to acquire for the purpose of closer settlement the Wando Vale Estate, particulars of which are included in the Provisional Contract and Statement placed upon the Table of the Legislative Assembly on the 25th day of January, 1900.
6. MR. OUTTRIM : To move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following resolution :—
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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
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3. STATE SCHOOL TEACHERS BILL—Second reading.
4. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE'S REPORT—To be considered.
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14. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
15. BAILIWICKS BOUNDARIES BILL—Second reading.
16. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
3. CREMATION BILL—Second reading.
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11. LAND ACT 1898 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
12. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
13. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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17. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
18. PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BILL—Second reading.
19. TRADING COUPONS ABOLITION BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
20. PUBLIC AND BANK HOLIDAYS BILL—Second reading.

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 2. That the present method of fixing the boundaries of the country electorates is inequitable.
 3. That the number of Members of the Victorian Legislative Assembly should be reduced to not exceeding 86 Members, the number there were anterior to 1886.

Private Bill Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE BILL—Third reading.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 31st January.

MR. ANGUS ROBERTSON AND THE NATIONAL BANK—at a quarter to one o'clock.
PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at two o'clock.
LEONGATHA LABOUR COLONY—at half-past two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 25TH JANUARY, 1900.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. Nos. 36 and 37.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 38.

Factories and Shops Bill—

Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. J. M. Davies. (To Members of Council only.)

Further Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. Lieut.-Col. Sir F. T. Sargood. (To Members of Council only.)

Land Bill.—Amendments and New Clause to be proposed by the Hon. J. M. Davies. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 66 and 67.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 67.

Trading Coupons Abolition Bill—[91]. (To Members only.)

Water Bill.—Amendments of the Legislative Council—how dealt with. (To Members only.)

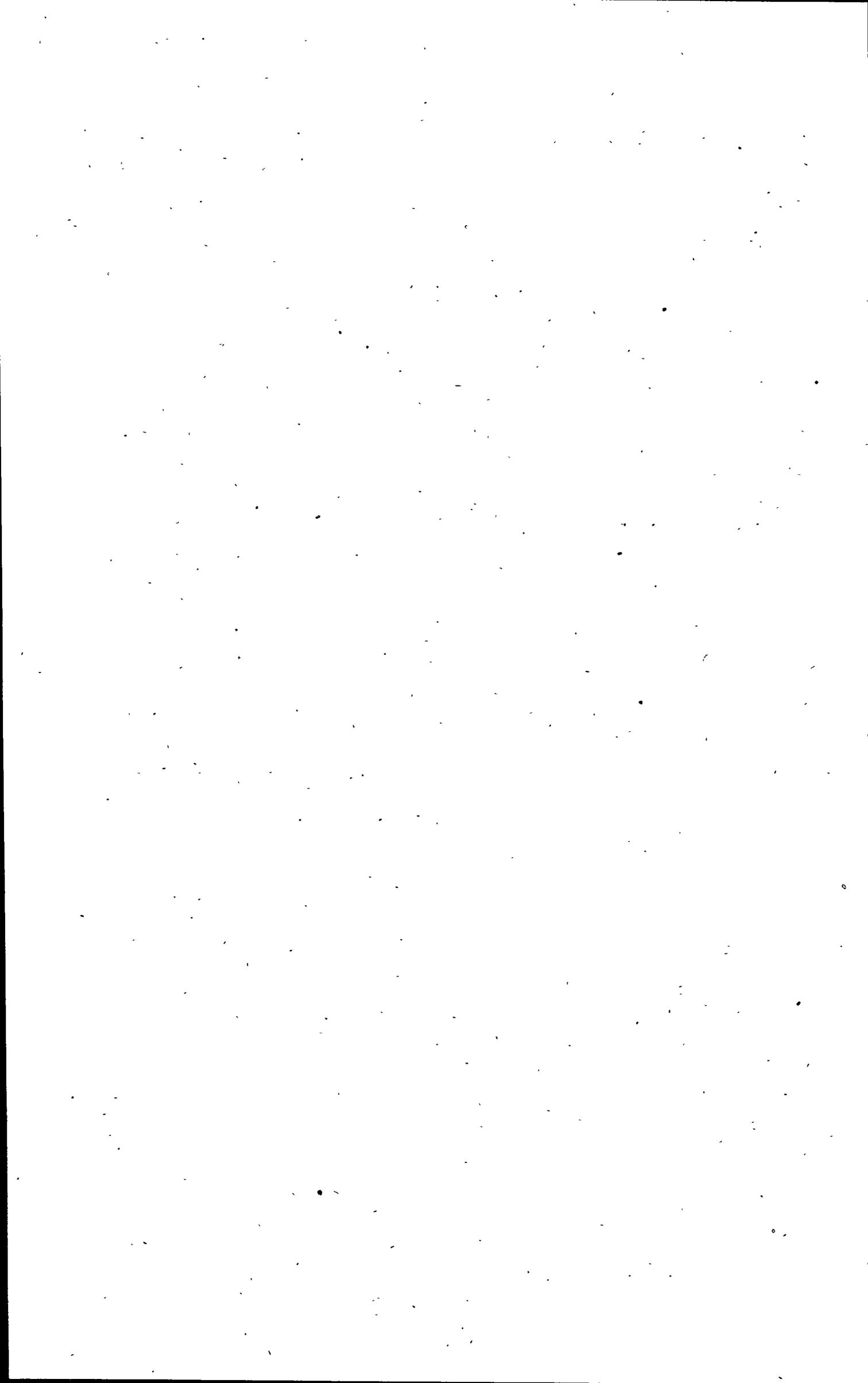
Licensing Bill.—New Clause to be proposed in Committee by Mr. T. Smith. (To Members only.)

Twenty-first Annual Report on Friendly Societies. No. 26.

First Report from the Select Committee upon Standing Orders. D.—No. 4.

Report from Select Committee of Legislative Assembly upon Congregational College Bill; together with Proceedings of Committee and Minutes of Evidence. (To Members of Assembly only.)

Regulations under various Acts of Parliament. Extracted from *Government Gazette* of 25th January, 1900. No. 4. (To Members only.)



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 68.

THURSDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, 1900

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. MCCOLL:** To move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following resolution:—

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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. **SUPPLY**—To be further considered in Committee.
2. **WAYS AND MEANS**—To be further considered in Committee.
3. **LICENCES VALIDATING BILL**—Second reading.
4. **STATE SCHOOL TEACHERS BILL**—Second reading.
5. **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE'S REPORT**—To be considered.
6. **MEAT SUPERVISION BILL**—Second reading.
7. **LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
8. **INFANT LIFE PROTECTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
9. **ROYAL PARK RECREATION SITE BILL**—Second reading.
10. **COMPANIES (RULES AND ORDERS) BILL**—Second reading.
11. **VEGETATION DISEASES ACT 1896 CONTINUATION BILL**—Second reading.
12. **MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL**—MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
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14. **MUNICIPAL VALUATIONS BILL**—MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
15. **WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL**—MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
16. **BAILLWICKS BOUNDARIES BILL**—Second reading.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. **PUBLIC AND BANK HOLIDAYS BILL**—Second reading.

FRIDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY.

Questions.

1. **MR. BENNETT:** To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether it is correct that when the police are called upon to work overtime on special duty no time allowance is granted to them.
2. **MR. GURR:** To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if line repairers' assistants at present receiving £84 per annum will be given the benefit of the recommendation of the Anomalies Board that their salaries should be raised to £102 per annum, as from the 1st January, 1900.

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3. **MR. MALONEY :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction—
1. When will the new truant officers be appointed.
 2. How many will be appointed.
 3. Will he, in the interests of true economy, fill the vacancies from the list of officers returned as "surplus in their Departments," in answer to a circular issued by the late Government.
4. **MR. LANGDON :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways what action the Government intends taking in reference to the desired removal of the double grain freight rates now charged on certain lines of railway.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. TRENWITH :** To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the settlement of industrial disputes by means of conciliation and arbitration.
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3. **MR. GRAVES :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the sale by the Government of certain reserves in the parishes of Cohuna and Gunbower and at Barr Creek at the price of £2 per acre, and to the subsequent reported sale on the 14th day of February last by public auction of the Barr Park Estate, which included the above lands, to Mr. Aitken at £4 15s. per acre; such Committee to be appointed by ballot, or by the Government, or by other such means as the House shall decide, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
2. CREMATION BILL—Second reading.
3. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG ALDERMEN ELECTION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. VICTORIAN RAILWAYS BALANCE-SHEET—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House it has now become expedient to have a proper balance-sheet drawn up, with the assistance of independent experts, showing the position of the Victorian Railways as a going concern, and showing under separate heads (as far as possible) the values, with particulars, of the several classes of assets.
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W. V. ROBINSON,
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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 1st February.

LEONGATHA LABOUR COLONY—at twelve o'clock.

Tuesday, 6th February.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

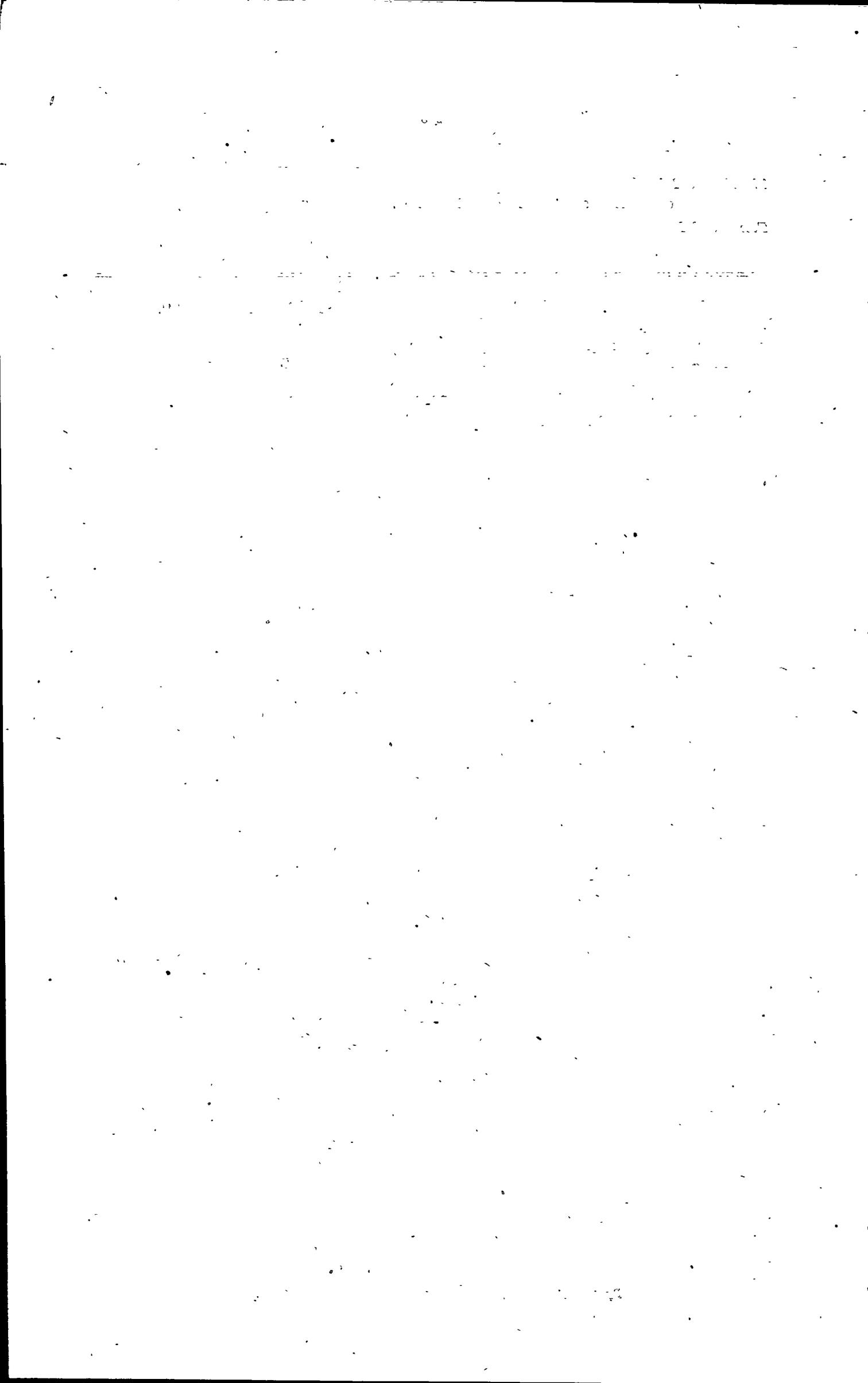
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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 39.

Congregational College Bill—[97]. (To Members of Council only.)

Land Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. Lieut-Col. Sir F. T. Sargood. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 68.



SITTING OF THE HOUSE.

MR. SPEAKER WILL TAKE THE CHAIR AT *half-past ten o'clock.*

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 69.

FRIDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY, 1900.

Questions.

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General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC AND BANK HOLIDAYS BILL—Second reading.

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

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TUESDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY.

Questions.

- *1. MR. BEAZLEY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether the officers of his Department have taken into consideration the many advantages of erecting a station at the Collingwood Town Hall Reserve on the Collingwood to Melbourne line.
- *2. MR. METHVEN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
1. Is it a fact that all men in the Railway Department other than permanent men are employed through the Labour Office ; if not, how are they employed in connexion with railway construction works.
 2. Is it a fact that the Registration of Unemployed Department insist, when unemployed men cannot go through sickness when called upon, that they must go to the expense of obtaining a medical certificate before being re-registered.
- *3. MR. COOK : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture what reasons are there for the granting to Messrs. Mullaly and Byrne the monopoly of Customs work in connexion with the export of produce ; and what objection is there to each shipper employing whom he pleases to prepare his entries and bills of lading.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY.

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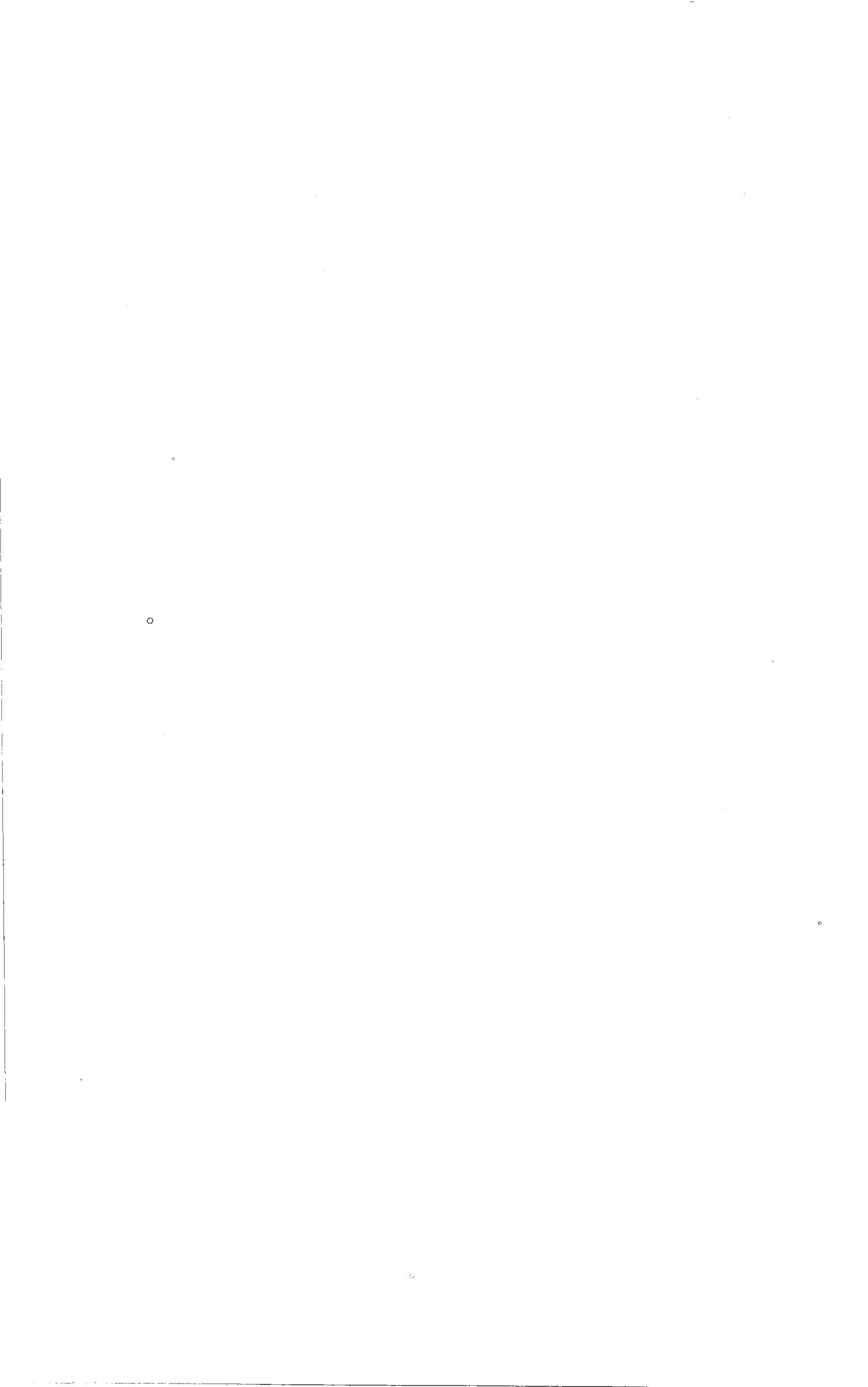
MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 6th February.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.
LEONGATHA LABOUR COLONY—at half-past eleven o'clock.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 70.

TUESDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

Questions.

1. **MR. BEAZLEY :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether the officers of his Department have taken into consideration the many advantages of erecting a station at the Collingwood Town Hall Reserve on the Collingwood to Melbourne line.
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 1. Is it a fact that all men in the Railway Department other than permanent men are employed through the Labour Office; if not, how are they employed in connexion with railway construction works.
 2. Is it a fact that the Registration of Unemployed Department insist, when unemployed men cannot go through sickness when called upon, that they must go to the expense of obtaining a medical certificate before being re-registered.
3. **MR. COOK :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture what reasons are there for the granting to Messrs. Mullaly and Byrne the monopoly of Customs work in connexion with the export of produce; and what objection is there to each shipper employing whom he pleases to prepare his entries and bills of lading.
4. **MR. BENNETT :** To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether it is correct that when the police are called upon to work overtime on special duty no-time allowance is granted to them.
5. **MR. LANGDON :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways what action the Government intends taking in reference to the desired removal of the double grain freight rates now charged on certain lines of railway.
6. **MR. J. B. TUCKER :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. Whether the Victorian Railways employés (tradesmen and others) are paid their yearly increments in their order of seniority in the service, or in their order of classification; if not, under what system are such moneys allocated.
 2. In what month or months of the year are such moneys paid.
 3. Will he inform the House what officers have the allocation of such moneys.
 4. How many years must artisans and others serve to reach the maximum of their respective classes.
7. **MR. MALONEY :** To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 1. Is a person paying rent for a house entitled to a vote for the Legislative Assembly.
 2. If not, how is it that persons paying rent for offices in the city without residence can obtain such votes.
 3. Is it necessary, as stated by an inspector, to obtain a ratepayer's vote that the tenant must personally pay the rates.
8. **MR. J. B. TUCKER :** To ask the Honorable the Premier—
 1. When he intends to establish a Department of Labour, as promised to the country in his recent speech at Bairnsdale.
 2. Does he intend to appoint an extra Minister, responsible to Parliament, to supervise and direct the working of such Department.
9. **MR. GURR :** To ask the Honorable the Premier—
 1. If written instructions have been forwarded to every Department of the State as well as to the head of each branch in these Departments prohibiting—
 - (a) The purchase of dutiable goods in bond unless the duty thereon is paid by the vendor.
 - (b) The importation of any dutiable goods unless the prices at which they are supplied includes the amount of duty being paid by the consignor.
 2. Will the Honorable the Minister for each Department see that the instructions given are fully understood and carried out.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. OUTTRIM: To move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following resolution:—

That it is desirable to complete the Conditional Agreement set out in recent correspondence between the Honorable the Minister of Mines and the Australian Gold Recovery Company Limited with regard to the purchase by the Government of the said company's cyanide patent rights in Victoria.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
2. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
3. WANDO VALE ESTATE PURCHASE BILL—Second reading.
4. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.
5. LICENCES VALIDATING BILL—Second reading.
6. STATE SCHOOL TEACHERS BILL—Second reading.
7. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE'S REPORT—To be considered.
8. MEAT SUPERVISION BILL—Second reading.
9. LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
10. INFANT LIFE PROTECTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. ROYAL PARK RECREATION SITE BILL—Second reading.
12. COMPANIES (RULES AND ORDERS) BILL—Second reading.
13. VEGETATION DISEASES ACT 1896 CONTINUATION BILL—Second reading.
14. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
15. HAWKERS AND PEDLERS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
16. MUNICIPAL VALUATIONS BILL—MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
17. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
18. BAILIWICKS BOUNDARIES BILL—Second reading.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC AND BANK HOLIDAYS BILL—Second reading

WEDNESDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY.

General Business

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. TRENWITH: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the settlement of industrial disputes by means of conciliation and arbitration.
2. MR. CAMERON: To move, That in the opinion of this House the Government should proceed without further delay to construct the line of railway from Heidelberg to Eltham, as authorized by the *Heidelberg and Eltham Railway Construction Act 1893*.
3. MR. GRAVES: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the sale by the Government of certain reserves in the parishes of Cohuna and Gunbower and at Barr Creek at the price of £2 per acre, and to the subsequent reported sale on the 14th day of February last by public auction of the Barr Park Estate, which included the above lands, to Mr. Aitken at £4 15s. per acre; such Committee to be appointed by ballot, or by the Government, or by other such means as the House shall decide, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
4. MR. BENNETT: To move, That in the opinion of this House it is advisable that all those railway pensioners who were discharged prior to 1895, and who are in receipt of less than £30 per annum, should have their pensions increased to that amount.
5. MR. MURRAY: To move, That in the opinion of this House the claim of the Warrnambool Hospital against the Railway Department for £44 for maintenance and treatment of Thomas Bruton, fatally injured at a railway crossing, is a just and equitable one, and should be at once paid.
6. MR. GRAVES: To move—
 1. That in the opinion of this House the promises made to this Parliament and the country frequently during the last five years by the late Government and by the Right Honorable Sir George Turner in favour of the principle of single electorates should be adopted, in view of the fact that this reform is now especially urgently required as there must be a general election for the Victorian Assembly within a very few months, and at the present time there are 73 single electorates and eleven double electorates.
 2. That the present method of fixing the boundaries of the country electorates is inequitable.
 3. That the number of Members of the Victorian Legislative Assembly should be reduced to not exceeding 86 Members, the number there were anterior to 1886.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
2. CREMATION BILL—Second reading.
3. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG ALDERMEN ELECTION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. VICTORIAN RAILWAYS BALANCE-SHEET—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House it has now become expedient to have a proper balance-sheet drawn up, with the assistance of independent experts, showing the position of the Victorian Railways as a going concern, and showing under separate heads (as far as possible) the values, with particulars, of the several classes of assets.
5. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REFORM—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House provision should be made for the reduction of the property qualification of Members and electors of the Legislative Council, and the division of the provinces into single electorates.
6. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. HACKNEY CARRIAGES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
10. LAND ACT 1898 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
11. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
12. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
13. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS DEPOSIT REDUCTION BILL—Second reading.
14. GRIFFITH'S ISLAND NATIONAL PARK BILL—Second reading.
15. HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
16. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
17. PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BILL—Second reading.
18. TRADING COUPONS ABOLITION BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 6th February.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.
LEONGATHA LABOUR COLONY—at half-past eleven o'clock.
PRINTING—at half-past three o'clock.

Wednesday, 7th February.

LIBRARY (JOINT)—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 2ND FEBRUARY, 1900.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 40.
Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company's Bill—[39]. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 68, 69, and 70.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 70.
Factories and Shops Bill.—Amendments of the Legislative Council. (To Members of Assembly only.)
Land Bill.—Amendments of the Legislative Council. (To Members of Assembly only.)

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 71.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

Questions.

1. **MR. BENNETT** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether it is correct that when the police are called upon to work overtime on special duty no time allowance is granted to them.
2. **MR. LANGDON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways what action the Government intends taking in reference to the desired removal of the double grain freight rates now charged on certain lines of railway.
3. **MR. GURR** : To ask the Honorable the Premier—
 1. If written instructions have been forwarded to every Department of the State as well as to the head of each branch in these Departments prohibiting—
 - (a) The purchase of dutiable goods in bond unless the duty thereon is paid by the vendor.
 - (b) The importation of any dutiable goods unless the prices at which they are supplied includes the amount of duty being paid by the consignor.
 2. Will the Honorable the Minister for each Department see that the instructions given are fully understood and carried out.
4. **MR. CRAVEN** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines—
 1. Is he aware that the Report of the Mining Department was formerly presented to the Legislative Assembly each year.
 2. If so, does he not think it advisable to revert to that practice.
5. **MR. BAILES** : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General when it is intended to provide more suitable post-office vans on the Bendigo to Melbourne line of railway.
6. **MR. KENNEDY** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if, in view of the fact that a large number of men are desirous of obtaining village settlement areas, he will at an early date make available areas of suitable lands in order to meet the demand that at present exists for such holdings.
7. **MR. STYLES** : To ask the Honorable the Premier—
 1. When will the salaries and wages of those servants of the State who were members of the Defence Forces, who left their employment during working hours for the purpose of taking part in the send-off given to the First South African Contingent, be paid, as promised by his predecessor on the 1st November last.
 2. Will the Government also pay the salaries and wages of those servants of the State who were members of the Defence Forces, who left their employment during working hours in order to take part in the send-off given to the Second Australian Contingent.
 3. If so, when will the payments be made.
8. **MR. HIGGINS** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs can he, without putting his officers to undue trouble, ascertain and state—
 1. The cost of the railway pier at Geelong.
 2. The annual expenditure thereon since it was built.
 3. The annual receipts.
9. **MR. STYLES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture whether it is the intention of the Government to act upon the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Cool Storage, &c., before submitting the Commission's Report to this House.
10. **MR. BROWN** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply when effect will be given to the decision of this House for the nationalization of Casey's and Gowangardie Weirs.
11. **MR. VALE** : To ask the Honorable the Premier—
 1. If the employés in the Public Service and the Railway Department have taken the oath of allegiance to Her Majesty.
 2. If not, what is the reason they have not.
 3. Will the Government bring in a measure providing that all present and future employés of the Government should take such oath of allegiance.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. OUTTRIM: To move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following resolution:—

That it is desirable to complete the Conditional Agreement set out in recent correspondence between the Honorable the Minister of Mines and the Australian Gold Recovery Company Limited with regard to the purchase by the Government of the said company's cyanide patent rights in Victoria.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. STATE SCHOOL TEACHERS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. LICENCES VALIDATING BILL—Second reading.
3. MEAT SUPERVISION BILL—Second reading.
4. APPROPRIATION BILL—Second reading.
5. LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. INFANT LIFE PROTECTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. ROYAL PARK RECREATION SITE BILL—Second reading.
8. COMPANIES (RULES AND ORDERS) BILL—Second reading.
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12. MUNICIPAL VALUATIONS BILL—MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
13. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
14. BAILIWICKS BOUNDARIES BILL—Second reading.

General Business

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. TRENWITH: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the settlement of industrial disputes by means of conciliation and arbitration.
2. MR. CAMERON: To move, That in the opinion of this House the Government should proceed without further delay to construct the line of railway from Heidelberg to Eltham, as authorized by the *Heidelberg and Eltham Railway Construction Act 1893*.
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 2. That the present method of fixing the boundaries of the country electorates is inequitable.
 3. That the number of Members of the Victorian Legislative Assembly should be reduced to not exceeding 86 Members, the number there were anterior to 1886.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
2. CREMATION BILL—Second reading.
3. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG ALDERMEN ELECTION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. VICTORIAN RAILWAYS BALANCE-SHEET—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House it has now become expedient to have a proper balance-sheet drawn up, with the assistance of independent experts, showing the position of the Victorian Railways as a going concern, and showing under separate heads (as far as possible) the values, with particulars, of the several classes of assets.
5. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REFORM—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House provision should be made for the reduction of the property qualification of Members and electors of the Legislative Council, and the division of the provinces into single electorates.

6. LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. HACKNEY CARRIAGES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
10. LAND ACT 1898 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
11. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
12. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
13. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS DEPOSIT REDUCTION BILL—Second reading.
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15. HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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19. PUBLIC AND BANK HOLIDAYS BILL—Second reading.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 7th February.

LEONGATHA LABOUR COLONY—at half-past eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past eleven o'clock.

LIBRARY (JOINT)—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 2ND FEBRUARY, 1900.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. Nos. 38, 39, 40, and 41.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 41.

Factories and Shops Bill.—Amendments made by the Legislative Council—How dealt with by the Legislative Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Land Bill.—Amendment made by the Legislative Council—How dealt with by the Legislative Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company's Act 1883 Further Amendment Bill.—Petition of the Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company Limited. E 1. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. No. 71.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 71.

Weekly Report of Divisions. No. 12.

Wando Vale Estate Purchase Bill—[112].

Licensing Bill.—New Clause to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Foster. (To Members only.)

Statistical Register of Victoria for 1898.—Part VIII.—Accumulation. No. 72.

SITTING OF THE HOUSE.

MR. SPEAKER WILL TAKE THE CHAIR AT *half-past ten o'clock*.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 72.

THURSDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. OUTTRIM: To move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following resolution:—

That it is desirable to complete the Conditional Agreement set out in recent correspondence between the Honorable the Minister of Mines and the Australian Gold Recovery Company Limited with regard to the purchase by the Government of the said company's cyanide patent rights in Victoria.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. STATE SCHOOL TEACHERS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. LICENCES VALIDATING BILL—Second reading.
3. MEAT SUPERVISION BILL—Second reading.
4. APPROPRIATION BILL—Second reading.
5. LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. INFANT LIFE PROTECTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. ROYAL PARK RECREATION SITE BILL—Second reading.
8. COMPANIES (RULES AND ORDERS) BILL—Second reading.
9. VEGETATION DISEASES ACT 1896 CONTINUATION BILL—Second reading.
10. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
11. HAWKERS AND PEDLERS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
12. MUNICIPAL VALUATIONS BILL—MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
13. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
14. BAILIWICKS BOUNDARIES BILL—Second reading.
- *15. MUNICIPAL COUNCILS (MILITARY CONTINGENTS) CONTRIBUTION BILL.—Second reading.
- *16. VICTORIAN MILITARY CONTINGENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.

General Business

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. TRENWITH: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the settlement of industrial disputes by means of conciliation and arbitration.
2. MR. CAMERON: To move, That in the opinion of this House the Government should proceed without further delay to construct the line of railway from Heidelberg to Eltham, as authorized by the *Heidelberg and Eltham Railway Construction Act 1893*.
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5. MR. MURRAY: To move, That in the opinion of this House the claim of the Warrnambool Hospital against the Railway Department for £44 for maintenance and treatment of Thomas Bruton, fatally injured at a railway crossing, is a just and equitable one, and should be at once paid.

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1. That in the opinion of this House the promises made to this Parliament and the country frequently during the last five years by the late Government and by the Right Honorable Sir George Turner in favour of the principle of single electorates should be adopted, in view of the fact that this reform is now especially urgently required as there must be a general election for the Victorian Assembly within a very few months, and at the present time there are 73 single electorates and eleven double electorates.
 2. That the present method of fixing the boundaries of the country electorates is inequitable.
 3. That the number of Members of the Victorian Legislative Assembly should be reduced to not exceeding 86 Members, the number there were anterior to 1886.
- *7. MR. ANDERSON: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for the purpose of giving opportunity to the citizens between the ages of 17 and 45 years to enrol as soldiers of the Queen for defence purposes.
- *8. MR. METHVEN: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
1. The expenses incurred by ex-Ministers in travelling to Europe and adjoining colonies during the present Parliament.
 2. The cost to the colony of Victoria of the Greater Britain or Earl's Court Exhibition.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
2. CREMATION BILL—Second reading.
3. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG ALDERMEN ELECTION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. VICTORIAN RAILWAYS BALANCE-SHEET—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House it has now become expedient to have a proper balance-sheet drawn up, with the assistance of independent experts, showing the position of the Victorian Railways as a going concern, and showing under separate heads (as far as possible) the values, with particulars, of the several classes of assets.
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15. HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
16. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
17. PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BILL—Second reading.
18. TRADING COUPONS ABOLITION BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
19. PUBLIC AND BANK HOLIDAYS BILL—Second reading.

FRIDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY.

Questions.

1. MR. LANGDON: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways what action the Government intends taking in reference to the desired removal of the double grain freight rates now charged on certain lines of railway.
- *2. MR. BROMLY: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
 1. What are the names of the trustees of the Melbourne General Cemetery who have taken fees for attending the trustees' meetings during the years 1888 to 1899 inclusive.
 2. What is the total amount received by each trustee, and the date of the commencement and cessation of such payments to each trustee.
 3. How much has been repaid (if any), and the name of the trustee or trustees making such repayment, and the date thereof.
 4. Have the amounts received by the trustees been stated in the annual statement of accounts annually presented to Parliament in accordance with the Cemeteries Act.
 5. Will the Honorable the Minister of Health direct the Central Board of Health to take evidence and report to Parliament, as soon as possible, showing what means are available to properly maintain and keep in good order the Melbourne, St. Kilda, and Boroondara Cemeteries after they cease to sell land or obtain burial fees, and from what source they will obtain their wage fund.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 8th February.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past eleven o'clock.
LEONGATHA LABOUR COLONY—at twelve o'clock noon.

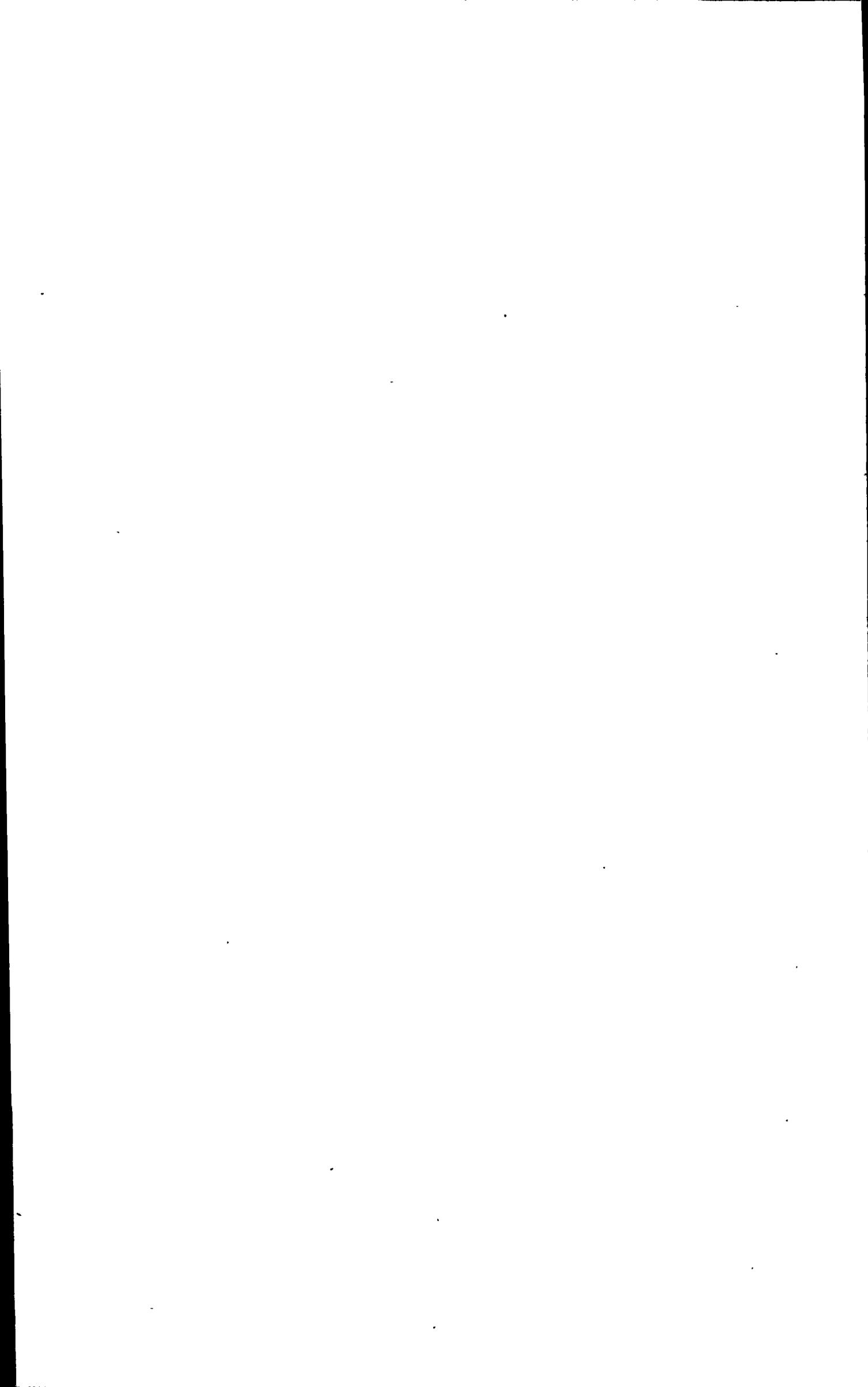
Friday, 9th February.

MR. ANGUS ROBERTSON AND THE NATIONAL BANK—at half-past nine o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 7TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 42.
Wando Vale Estate Purchase Bill—[112]. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 72.
Victorian Third Military Contingent Bill—[113].
South African Contingents Contribution Bill—[114].



SITTING OF THE HOUSE.

MR. SPEAKER WILL TAKE THE CHAIR AT *half-past ten o'clock.*

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 73.

FRIDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

Questions.

1. MR. LANGDON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways what action the Government intends taking in reference to the desired removal of the double grain freight rates now charged on certain lines of railway.
2. MR. BROMLEY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction, for the Honorable the Minister of Health—
 1. What are the names of the trustees of the Melbourne General Cemetery who have taken fees for attending the trustees' meetings during the years 1888 to 1899 inclusive.
 2. What is the total amount received by each trustee, and the date of the commencement and cessation of such payments to each trustee.
 3. How much has been repaid (if any), and the name of the trustee or trustees making such repayment, and the date thereof.
 4. Have the amounts received by the trustees been stated in the annual statement of accounts annually presented to Parliament in accordance with the Cemeteries Act.
 5. Will the Honorable the Minister of Health direct the Central Board of Health to take evidence and report to Parliament, as soon as possible, showing what means are available to properly maintain and keep in good order the Melbourne, St. Kilda, and Boroondara Cemeteries after they cease to sell land or obtain burial fees, and from what source they will obtain their wage fund.
- *3. MR. MALONEY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. Is it true that one John Searson, cartage contractor, has been proved to have sweated his employes, notably one J. J. McCormick.
 2. What is the money difference between the amount received by McCormick and the sum he should have received, and will the Honorable the Minister see that he obtains such difference.
 3. In view of the assistance rendered to the Railway Department by Mr. McCormick in so exposing the sweating practices of one of its contractors, will the Honorable the Minister take the necessary steps to secure for him the amount of expense he has been compelled to incur.
- *4. MR. TAVERNER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply if he will urge upon the Railways Standing Committee the desirability of reporting on the Lake Lonsdale scheme as early as possible.
- *5. MR. MALONEY : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if, in his opinion, it is legal for the Serjeant-at-Arms to retain fees paid to him under Standing Order No. 107 notwithstanding section 115 of *Public Service Act* 1890 and section 3 of *Public Moneys Act* 1890.
- *6. MR. HIGGINS : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if he will state—
 1. What has been the total expenditure of the State in connexion with the late Earl's Court Exhibition.
 2. What has been the expenditure under different heads.

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3. MR. GRAVES: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the sale by the Government of certain reserves in the parishes of Cohuna and Gunbower and at Barr Creek at the price of £2 per acre, and to the subsequent reported sale on the 14th day of February last by public auction of the Barr Park Estate, which included the above lands, to Mr. Aitken at £4 15s. per acre; such Committee to be appointed by ballot, or by the Government, or by other such means as the House shall decide, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
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5. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REFORM—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House provision should be made for the reduction of the property qualification of Members and electors of the Legislative Council, and the division of the provinces into single electorates.
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7. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. HACKNEY CARRIAGES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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10. LAND ACT 1898 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
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18. TRADING COUPONS ABOLITION BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
19. PUBLIC AND BANK HOLIDAYS BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY.

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- *1. MR. MALONEY: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if, while protecting our forests by issuing licences for splitting, he will forego the licence-fee in the case of old splitters who produce reliable proof of being 60 years of age and in impoverished circumstances.
- *2. MR. MALONEY: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General whether the master of the s.s. *Malloo*, Captain Sim, was within his rights in ordering a man named William Bayst to be locked up in a water-closet on board that vessel while coming from Sydney to Melbourne.

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Friday, 9th February.

MR. ANGUS ROBERTSON AND THE NATIONAL BANK—at half-past nine o'clock.

Tuesday, 13th February.

LEONGATHA LABOUR COLONY—at twelve o'clock noon.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 8TH FEBRUARY, 1900:

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 43.

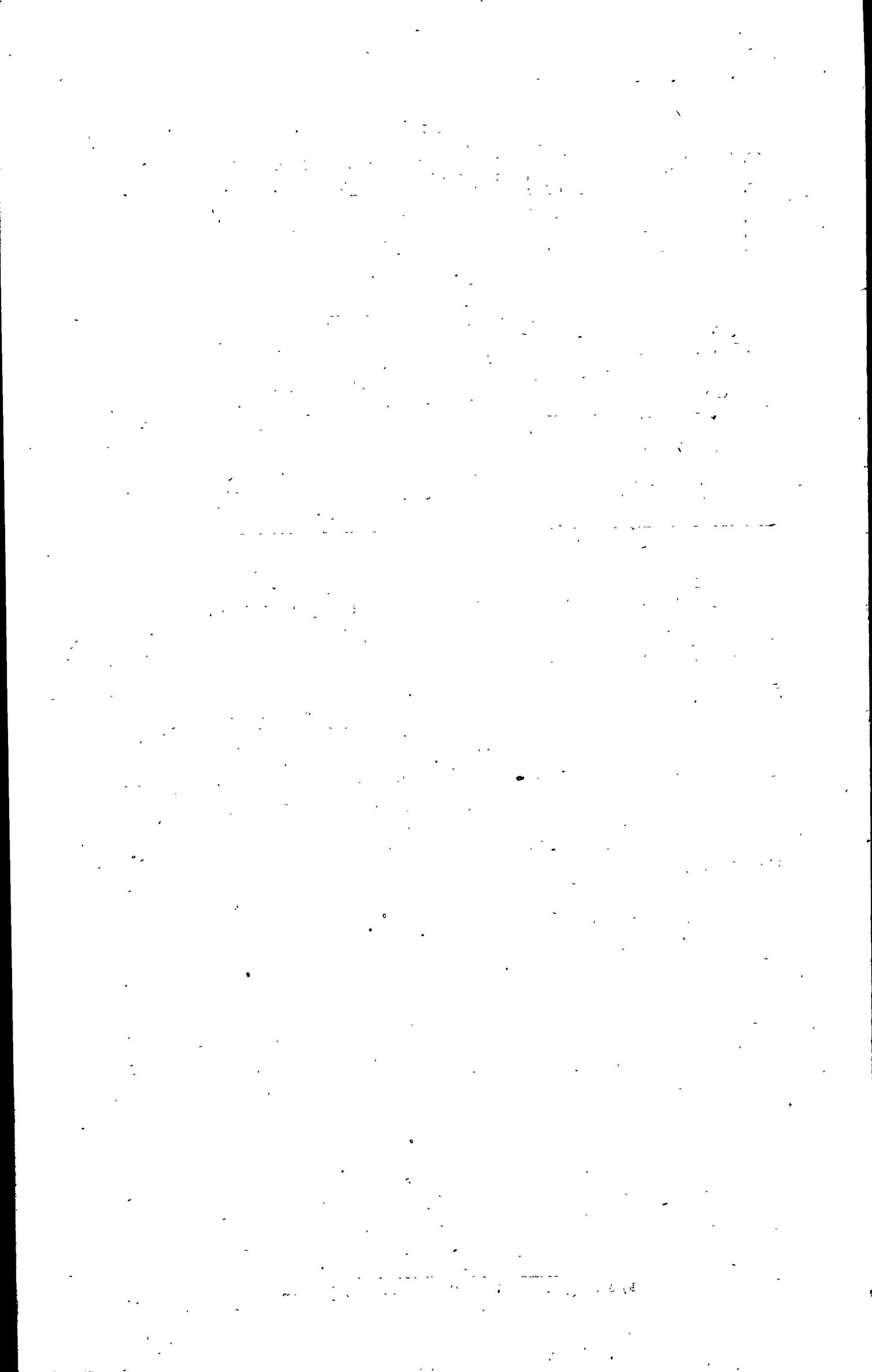
Teachers Bill—[33]. (To Members of Council only.)

Teachers Bill.—New Clause to be proposed by the Hon. Lieut.-Col. Sir F. T. Sargood. (To Members of Council only.)

Factories and Shops Bill.—Recommendations of the Free Conference. (To Members of both Houses.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 73.

Royal Park Bill—[70].



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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No. 74.

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2. MR. STYLES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will see that the duty on the girders and other imported ironwork intended for the extension of the Dudley-street bridge is paid to the Customs Department.
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NOTICE OF MOTION (*to take precedence*):—

1. MR. HIGGINS : To move, That in the opinion of this House the near approach of the Federal elections renders of supreme importance the solidarity of the Liberal party; and the existence of the present Government, being an obstacle to the unity of the party, is contrary to the best interests of the country.

Government Business.

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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 13th February.

LEONGATHA LABOUR COLONY—at twelve o'clock noon.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 44.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 74.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 75.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

Questions.

1. MR. MALONEY : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs if, in view of the customs duties being handed over to the Federal Government, he will reserve the harbor dues for the Melbourne Harbor Trust, to be expended for the benefit of the Port.
2. MR. E. D. WILLIAMS : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General when he intends to deal with the overtime question of the Postal officials, especially the mail guards.

Government Business.

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2. MR. OUTTRIM : To move, That the question of connecting Walhalla by a railway, either on a broad or narrow gauge, with the existing railway system be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report.

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General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 14th February.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past eleven o'clock.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 45.

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

Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company's Act 1883 Further Amendment Bill.—Petition of the Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company Limited. E 1. (Issue completed.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. No. 72, 73, and 75.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 75.

Discussion on Estimates of Railway Department.—Paper circulated by direction of the Minister of Railways for the information of the Legislative Assembly.

