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QUEEN VICTORIA,
To December the 15th, 1900,
In the Sixty-fourth Year of the Reign of
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A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA R.

WHEREAS Our Parliament stands prorogued to Monday the Fifteenth day of January One thousand nine hundred: We, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, hereby issue Our Royal Proclamation, and publish and declare that the said Parliament be further prorogued to Tuesday the Thirtieth day of January One thousand nine hundred; and We do hereby further, with the Advice aforesaid, declare Our Royal Will and Pleasure that the said Parliament shall, on the said Tuesday the Thirtieth day of January One thousand nine hundred, assemble and be held for the despatch of divers urgent and important Affairs: And the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses, and the Commissioners for Shires and Burghs of the House of Commons, are hereby required and commanded to give their Attendance accordingly at Westminster on the said Tuesday the Thirtieth day of January One thousand nine hundred.

Given at Our Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, this Eleventh day of January, in the Year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred, and in the Sixty-third Year of Our Reign.

GOD save The QUEEN.
The Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers: And having returned:

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at Four of the clock; and acquainted the House, That, in pursuance of the directions of the Acts passed in the 24th year of His Majesty King George the Third, c. 26, and in the 21st and 22nd years of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, c. 110, and in the 26th year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, c. 20, he had issued Warrants to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out new Writs for the Election of Members to serve in this present Parliament,

For Clackmannan and Kinross, in the room of the Right Honourable John Blair Balfour, Lord Justice General and Lord President of the Court of Session in Scotland.

For the County of Somerset (Wells Division), in the room of the Honourable Hylton George Hylton Jolliffe, now Lord Hylton, called up to the House of Peers.

Walter Murray Guthrie, Esquire, Member for New Members the Tower Hamlets (Bow and Bromley Division), was sworn.

Sir Edgar Vincent, K.C.M.G., Member for Exeter Borough, was sworn.

Robert Edmund Dickinson, Esquire, Member for the County of Somerset (Wells Division), was sworn.

Eugene Wason, Esquire, Member for Clackmannan and Kinross, was sworn.

Ordered, That all Members who are returned for two or more places in any part of the United Kingdom do make their Election for which of the places they will serve, within one week after it shall appear that there is no question upon the Return for that place; and, if anything shall come in question touching the Return or Election of any Member, he is to withdraw during the time the matter is in Debate; and that all Members returned upon double Returns do withdraw till their Returns are determined.

Resolved, That no Peer of the Realm, except such Peers of Ireland as shall, for the time being, be actually elected, and shall not have declined
Witnesses.

Police.

to serve, for any County, City, or Borough of Great Britain, hath any right to give his vote in the Election of any Member to serve in Parliament.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That it is a high infringement of the liberties and privileges of the Commons of the United Kingdom for any Lord of Parliament, or other Peer or Prelate, not being a Peer of Ireland at the time elected, and not having declined to serve for any County, City, or Borough of Great Britain, to concern himself in the Election of Members to serve for the Commons in Parliament, except only any Peer of Ireland, at such Elections in Great Britain respectively where such Peer shall appear as a Candidate, or by himself, or any others, be proposed to be elected; or for any Lord Lieutenant or Governor of any County to avail himself of any authority derived from his Commission, to influence the Election of any Member to serve for the Commons in Parliament—(Mr. Balfour):

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "Kingdom," in line 2, to the word "for" in line 8.—(Mr. James Lowther.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left stand in part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Sir William Walrond, Mr. Austen-] 337.


So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That it is a high infringement of the liberties and privileges of the Commons of the United Kingdom for any Lord of Parliament, or other Peer or Prelate, not being a Peer of Ireland at the time elected, and not having declined to serve for any County, City, or Borough of Great Britain, to concern himself in the Election of Members to serve for the Commons in Parliament, except only any Peer of Ireland, at such Elections in Great Britain respectively where such Peer shall appear as a Candidate, or by himself, or any others, be proposed to be elected; or for any Lord Lieutenant or Governor of any County to avail himself of any authority derived from his Commission, to influence the Election of any Member to serve for the Commons in Parliament:

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person hath been elected or returned a Member of this House, or endeavoured so to be, by Bribery, or any other corrupt practices, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against such offenders.

Ordered, That if it shall appear that any person hath been tampering with any Witness, in order to influence his evidence to be given to this House, or any Committee thereof, or directly or indirectly have endeavoured to deter or hinder any person from appearing or giving evidence, the same is declared to be a high crime or misdemeanor; and this House will proceed with the utmost severity against such offender.

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person hath given false evidence in any case before this House, or any Committee thereof, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against such offender.

Ordered, That the Commissioners of the Police of the Metropolis do take care that, during the Session of Parliament, the passages through the Strays leading to this House be kept free and open, and that no obstruction be permitted to hinder the passage of Members to and from this House, and that no disorder be allowed in Westminster Hall, or in the passages leading to this House during the Sitting of Parliament, and that there be no annoyance therein or thereabout; and that the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House do communicate this Order to the Commissioners aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by Mr. Speaker; and that he do appoint the printing thereof; and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

Ordered, That a Committee of Privileges be Privileges.

appointed.

A Bill for the more effectual preventing Outlawries. Clandestine Outlawries was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Journal of this House, from the end of the last Session to the end of the present Session, with an Index thereto, be printed.

Ordered, That 500 Copies of the said Journal and Index be printed by the appointment and under the direction of the Clerk of this House.

Ordered, That the said Journal and Index be printed by such Person as shall be licensed by Mr. Speaker, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

The following Papers, presented by Command of Her Majesty during the Recess, were delivered to the Librarian of the House of Commons during the Recess, pursuant to the Standing Order of the 14th August 1896:

Copy of Tenth Report of Her Majesty's Commissioners appointed to carry out a Scheme of Colonisation in the Dominion of Canada of Lands and Islands of Scotland, with Appendices.

Copy of Report of the Judicial Statistics of Scotland for the year 1898.

Copy of Review and Tables relating to the Trade of British India with British Possessions and Foreign Countries for the five years 1894-5 to 1898-9.

Copy of Appendix to Thirtieth Report of the Public Records Office.

Copy of Return of the Number of Evictions from Agricultural Holdings in Ireland which have come to the knowledge of the Constabulary, Sub-Commissions, and Civil Bill Courts, for First and Second Statutory Terms; together with a Return prepared in a similar manner of Judicial Rents that have been revised by the Irish Land Commission on Appeal, as notified in the Irish Land Commission on the Joint Applications of Landlords and Tenants.
Copy of Returns, according to Provinces and Countries, of Judicial Rents fixed by Chief Commission, Sub-Commissions, and Civil Bill Courts for First and Second Statutory Terms; together with a Return prepared in a similar manner of Judicial Rents that have been revised by the Irish Land Commission on Appeal notified during the Months of April and May 1899; also, Rents fixed upon the Returns of Valuers appointed by the Irish Land Commission on the Joint Applications of Landlords and Tenants.


Copy of Returns made to the Board of Trade in pursuance of section 39, sub-section (2), of the Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1898, in respect of the Canals and Navigations in the United Kingdom, for the year 1898.

Copy of Return by the Railway Companies of the United Kingdom on the progress made in the use of Continuous Brakes, &c., for the six months ending the 30th June 1899.

Copy of Report of the Meteorological Council to the Royal Society for the year ending 31st March 1899.

Copy of Reports respecting Peterhead Harbour Works.

Copy of Agreement concerning the Exchange of Postal Parcels concluded between the Post Offices of Great Britain and Ireland and the Postal Administration of Egypt.


Copy of Correspondence relating to the despatch of Colonial Military Contingents to South Africa.

Copy of Reports to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Home Department by Mr. Chester Jones, Barrister-at-Law, and Mr. J. T. Robson, Her Majesty’s Inspector of Mines, on the circumstances attending an Explosion which occurred at the Llet Colliery, Pontypridd, on the 18th August 1899.

Copy of Report by Captain J. H. Thomson, R.A., Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Explosives, to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Home Department, on the circumstances attending an Explosion of Blasting Gelatine which occurred in a mixing house of the Factory of the National Explosives Company, Limited, at Upton Towns, Gwilethian, near Huy, Cornwall, on the 19th October 1899.

Copy of Final Report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the causes of the Accidents, fatal and non-fatal, to Servants of Railway Companies and of Truck Owners, Part I., Report.

Copy of Report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the causes of the Accidents, fatal and non-fatal, to Servants of Railway Companies and of Truck Owners, Part II., Minutes of Evidence and Appendices.


Copy of Additional Articles to the Convention Treaty Series Lords British and France respecting the Exchange of Parcels by Parcel Post, Signed at Paris, 26th October 1899.

Copy of Exchange of Notes between the Treaty Series United Kingdom and France respecting the Waiver of Certificates of Origin.


Copy of Declaration between the United Kingdom and France prolonging for one year the Declaration of 11th December 1888 regulating the Telegraphic Communication between the two Countries. Signed at London, 29th March 1899. Ratifications exchanged at Paris, 30th December 1899.

Copy of Despatch to Her Majesty’s Chargé d’Affaires at Berlin, inclosing Copies of the Convention and Declaration between Great Britain and Germany of 14th November 1899, for the Settlement of the Somoa and other questions.

Copies of Reports, Despatches, and Consular Reports, Treaties and Conventions, Series, Nos. 2363 to 2374.

Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Miscellaneous Series, Nos. 517 to 520.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Copy of the Report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the causes of the Accidents, fatal and non-fatal, to Servants of Railway Companies and of Truck Owners, Part I., Report.

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Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Minutes of Evidence taken before the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the subject of the Water Supply within the limits of the Metropolitan Water Companies, Volume 1.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley also presented the following Sealed Orders of the House of Commons relating to several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Licence, under the Penal Servitude Acts, granted to Susan Honey, a Convict under detention in Aglebyhurst Prison, permitting her to be at large on condition that she enter the Royal Victoria Home, Horfield, Bristol.

Copy of Licence, under the Penal Servitude Acts, granted to Emily Hazelden, a Convict under detention in Aglebyhurst Prison, permitting her to be at large on condition that she enter the Royal Victoria Home, Horfield, Bristol.

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30th January. 1900.

Account of all Deposits received and repaid by the Board of Trade on account of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, during the year ended 20th November 1898, and of the Interest thereon:—Statement showing the Number and Amount of Wages, which have been paid at Ports in the United Kingdom and at Ports Abroad, from 1855 to 31st March 1899; also, Statement showing the Receipts and Payments in connection with the Transmission of Seamen's Wages, Home and Foreign, from 1878 to 31st March 1899.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to Ramsgate Harbour, Lighthouses Abroad, and Seamen's Savings Banks (Money Orders and Transmission of Wages) be printed.

Sir John Gorst presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Brasenose College, Oxford, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on 13th March 1899, altering Statutes III. and XVI. of that College.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to Ramsgate Harbour, Lighthouses Abroad, and Seamen's Savings Banks (Money Orders and Transmission of Wages) be printed.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of further Correspondence relating to Affairs in South Africa. Copy of Correspondence relating to the Defence of Natal. Copy of further Correspondence relating to the proposed Construction of a Cable across the Pacific Ocean.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Account of the Sums received and paid by the Board of Trade in respect of the Wages and Effects of Deceased Seamen in the year ended 31st March 1899. Mr. Ritchie also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Statement of the Receipts and Payments made by the Board of Trade on account of Ramsgate Harbour, for the year ended 31st March 1899, together with an Account of the Receipts and Expenditure incurred, in the Construction, Repair, and Maintenance of Lighthouses in British Possessions Abroad, during the year 1898-99.
University of Aberdeen.
No. 7.

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No. 8.

University of Edinburgh.
No. 9.

University of Edinburgh.
No. 10.

University of Glasgow.
No. 11.

Prisons (Scotland.)

East India (Wars on or beyond the Borders of British India.).
No. 12.

Salisbury Plain (Property purchased.)

Mr. Wyndham presented,—Return to an Address from the House of Commons asking for the Returns of Property purchased by the War Office in Salisbury Plain, showing separately for each Estate purchased at the time of purchase—

(1) The Name and Acreage of the Estate ;
(2) The Name of the Vendor ;
(3) Date of Purchase and manner of Purchase ;
(4) Gross Rental ;
(5) Deductions from such Gross Rental, viz. ;—
   (a) Land Tax, only so far as paid by the Landlord ;
   (b) Rates, only so far as paid by the Landlord ;
   (c) Taxes, only so far as paid by the Landlord ;
   (d) Tithe Rent-charge, only so far as paid by the Landlord ;
   (e) Quit-rents ;
   (f) Fines and Fees in respect of Copy-holds ;
   (g) Any other deductions properly to be made ;
(6) Purchase-money ;
(7) Totals of each column.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bradock presented, by Her Majesty's Trade Reports Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2375 and 2376.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers, pursuant to the direction of County Courts Act, of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk Assistant of the House,—Court of Judicature (Officer's) Act, 1879.

(1.) Copy of Order made by the Lord Chancellor, dated 15th December 1899, directing that William Henry Whitelock, one of the Registrars of the County Court of Warwickshire, held at Birmingham, shall not practice as a Solicitor, and that Section 20 of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) Act, 1879, shall not apply to the Office of William Henry Whitelock, as such Registrar of the said County Court.

(2.) Copy of Report made to the Lord Chancellor, dated the 1st day of April and the 30th day of September 1899.

Mr. Speaker read to the House, as followeth :—

Library, House of Commons.

Sir, 30th January 1900.

I have the honour to acquaint you that as I have been more than Forty-six years in the service of the House of Commons, of which the last Thirty-one years were devoted to the work at the Table of the House, I desire to resign the Patron whereby Her Majesty assigned to me the office with which I have been so highly honoured, of Clerk of the House of Commons. Severance from the performance of such distinguished duties, and, on my part, so long continued, must occasion regret and pain, but I shall be able to retain in cordial remembrance a grateful sense of the generous consideration shown me by yourself and your predecessors in the Chair, and by the honourable Members who have sat in the Eleven Parliaments during which I have been permitted to offer my services to the House of Commons.

I have the honour to be,
Sir, Your obedient humble Servant,
Reginald F. D. Palgrave, K.C.B., the Clerk of this House, which Francis Douce, Francis House, Palgrave, Clerk Mr. Speaker read to the House, as followeth :—

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My Lords, and Gentlemen,

The peace which has recently been broken in South Africa has, I trust, at last been restored to us. The Near East is swimming in the blood of nations. The spirit of My soldiers, the field, and of My sailors and marines, who were landed to co-operate with them, has not fallen short of the noblest traditions of our military history. I am deeply grieved that so many valuable lives should have fallen a sacrifice. But I have witnessed with pride and with the heartiest gratification the patriotic eagerness and spontaneous loyalty with which My subjects in all parts of My dominions have come forward to share in the common defence of their Imperial interests. I have watched with satisfaction the effect which they have had upon their neighbours and their friends, and I shall not look to them in vain when I exhort them to sustain and renew their exertions until they have brought this struggle for the maintenance of the Empire and the assertion of its supremacy in South Africa to a victorious conclusion.

A Treaty has been concluded with the German Emperor for the adjustment of rights claimed by the two Countries in Samoa, Tonga, and other islands in the Pacific. To a portion of these stipulations the Government of the United States has already agreed.

A Bill will be introduced at an early date to give effect to the Scheme of Federation which has been adopted after the most careful consideration by five of My Australian Colonies. I have watched with cordial satisfaction the gradual development of My greater Colonies into self-governing communities. I feel confident that the establishment of the great Federation of Australia will prove advantageous, not only to the Colonies immediately concerned, but also to the Empire at large. The brilliant courage and the soldier-like qualities of the Colonial Forces engaged in South Africa have already earned high admiration. Patriotic offers of assistance, which it was not possible to accept, have come from many other Colonies with populations of various races.

I have received from the Ruling Chiefs of Native States in India numerous offers to place their troops and the resources of their States at My disposal for service in South Africa. These proofs of their loyalty to Myself and of their devotion to the cause of My Empire have afforded Me much gratification. I regret that owing to insufficient rainfall in the autumn over a great part of Western and Central India the harvests and pasturage have failed in North an extent as to create a famine. Tactful measures have been taken by My Government, and by the Rulers of the Native States affected, to relieve suffering and to prevent starvation. I regret to add that the epidemic of plague continues, and that although its severity has not increased since last year, there is at present no prospect of its diminution.

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The Estimates for the Public Service of the year will be laid before you. The provision for military expenditure must be largely increased to accommodate the charges for military operations in South Africa.

The experience of a great war must necessarily afford lessons of the greatest importance to the military administration of My country. You will not, I am convinced, shrink from any outlay that may be required to place our defensive preparations on a level with the responsibilities which the possession of so great an Empire has laid upon us.

At a time when several other nations are perfecting their naval preparations at the cost of increasing efforts and sacrifices, the solicitude with which you have provided for the efficiency of our Navy and of our coast defences will assuredly not be relaxed.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

The time is not propitious for any domestic reforms which involve a large expenditure. Proposals, however, will be made to you for several important changes which are not open to this objection. Amendments are required in the Laws which govern Limited Liability Companies, and in those which relate to Agricultural Tenancies. Measures for amending the Law of Ecclesiastical Assessments, and in regard to Education in England and Wales; for Controlling the Contracts of Money Lenders; for the Amendment of the Factory Law, of the Law of Lunacy, and of the Housing of the Working Classes Act.

The labours of the Commission appointed by Me to inquire into the nature and causes of Accidents to Railway Servants are now completed. A Bill, framed with the object of lessening the number of such accidents, will be laid before you. Your attention will also be invited to proposals for better enabling Local Authorities to aid Secondary and Technical Education in England and Wales; for Controlling the Contracts of Money Lenders; for the Amendment of the Factory Law, of the Law of Lunacy, and of the Housing of the Working Classes Act.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as followeth:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty’s most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Majesty for the gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament—(Captain Petyman);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding at the end thereof the words, "but we humbly express our regret at South African policy, "the want of knowledge, foresight, and judgement displayed by Your Majesty’s advisers, "the want of self-governing communities in South Africa, "the want of much gratification for the war not proceeding." (Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And,
And, it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Wednesday, 31st January, 1900:

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit till one minute after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Wednesday, 31st January, 1900.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

SEVERAL Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Wars on or beyond the Borders of British India), which was presented upon the 30th day of this instant January, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Satisfactory Plain (Property purchased), which was presented upon the 30th day of this instant January, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Prisons (Scotland), which was presented upon the 30th day of this instant January, be printed.


Ordered, That the Return under Section 7 of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887, of the Number of Eviction Notices filed in the High Court of Justice and County Courts in Ireland during the Quarter ended 31st December 1899.

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Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to several Acts of Parliament, to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, (Ireland.)

Copies of Four Orders in Council, dated 1st November 1899, for the holding of Winter Assizes at certain Places in Ireland.

Copy of Order in Council, under the Supreme Court of Judicature Act (Ireland), 1877, amending Order of 25th February 1889, re-arranging the Circuits in Ireland.

Copy of Order in Council, under the Supreme Court of Judicature Act (Ireland), 1877, giving effect to Rules of Court under the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898.

Copy of Order in Council under the Supreme Court of Judicature Act (Ireland), 1877, giving effect to Rules of Court (Bankruptcy).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the Consolidated directions of several Acts of Parliament,—

Abstract Account, showing the issues made from the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, in the Financial Year ended 31st March 1899, for the Interest and Management of the Debt, for the Civil List, for Services charged directly on the said Fund; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Abstract Accounts of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests and Land Revenues, for the Year ended 31st March 1899; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Appropriation Accounts of the Sums granted by Parliament for Civil Services, Classes I. to VII., and the Revenue Departments (including the Post Office Packet and Telegraph Services), for the Year ended 31st March 1899; together with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and certain Returns upon Store Accounts.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk Assistant of the House,—

An Account of the Amount of all Exchequer Bills and other Government Securities, which have been purchased by the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, or on which any Sum or Sums have been lent and advanced for the Public Service by the Governor and Company of the said Bank, in the Year ending 5th January 1900, showing what Amount of such Exchequer Bills or other Government Securities, which was in the hands of the Governor and Company of the said Bank on the 5th day of January 1900 aforesaid:—And an Account of the Amount of Sums issued for the Payment of Dividends due, and not demanded, and which remained in the hands of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England on certain days, being those next before the issue from the Exchequer of Money for the Payment of Dividends on Account of the National Debt, for each of the four preceding Quarters respectively.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his North East Lancashire (Rossendale Division) Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a New Warrant in the name of a Member, to serve in this present Parliament for the Wiltshire County of Lancaster, North East (Rossendale Division), in the room of John Henry Maden, Esquire, Vol. 155.
Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Naturalisation of Aliens who have been issued, and whose Oaths of Allegiance have, between the 1st day of January 1899 and the 31st day of December 1899, been registered at the Home Office, giving the County and Place of Residence of the person naturalized, and including information as to any Aliens who have during the same period obtained Acts of Naturalization from the Legislature in the United Kingdom, the Total Number and, as far as possible, the Number in each Class of Electors on the Register now in Force; and also showing the Population and Inhabited Houses in each Constituency (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 78, of Session 1899.).—(Sir Charles Dilke.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Naturalisation of Aliens who have been issued, and whose Oaths of Allegiance have, between the 1st day of January 1899 and the 31st day of December 1899, been registered at the Home Office, giving the County and Place of Residence of the person naturalized, and including information as to any Aliens who have during the same period obtained Acts of Naturalization from the Legislature (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 149, of Session 1899.).—(Mr. Jesse Collings.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That no Bills, other than Government Bills, be introduced in anticipation of the Ballot, and that all Members who desire to ballot, whether for Bills, or Motions for the first four Tuesdays of the Session, do hand in their names at the Table during the sitting of the House on the first or second day of the Session, and that a copy of such Notices be handed in at the latest during the sitting of the House on the third day of the Session:

That the ballot for the precedence of the said Bills and Motions be taken on the third day of the Session at a convenient time and place to be appointed by Mr. Speaker, and that the introduction and First Reading of Bills be taken during the sitting of the House on the first or second day of the Session, as soon after Three o'clock as Mr. Speaker may deem convenient.—(Mr. Balfour)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, to add the words "but we policy," and the words "humbly regret at the want of knowledge, foresight, and judgment displayed by Your Majesty's advisers, alike, in their conduct of South African affairs since 1895, and in their preparations for the war now proceeding."—(Lion Edmund Fitzmaurice);

And the Question being again proposed, That those words be there added.—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till To-morrow.

And then the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Five of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

Resolved, That the ballot for the precedence of the said Bills and Motions be taken on the third day of the Session at a convenient time and place to be appointed by Mr. Speaker, and that the introduction and First Reading of Bills be taken before Questions and introduction and First Reading of Bills, in anticipation of the third day of the Session:

That the ballot for the precedence of the said Bills and Motions be taken on the third day of the Session at a convenient time and place to be appointed by Mr. Speaker, and that the introduction and First Reading of Bills be taken during the sitting of the House on the first or second day of the Session, as soon after Three o'clock as Mr. Speaker may deem convenient.—(Mr. Balfour)

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And the Question being again proposed, That those words be there added.—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till To-morrow.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That Standing Order 196 be Private Bills, suspended, and that the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills to the House (which shall have been previously endorsed by the Examiners) be extended to Friday the 9th day of this instant February.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions were read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Wages and Effects of Deceased Seamen, which was presented upon the 30th day of this instant January last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the College Charter Act, 1871 (University of Birmingham), which was presented upon the 30th day of January last, be printed.

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Sir John Gorst presented, pursuant to the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, for the discontinuance as regards all such matters and cases as come within the jurisdiction of the Japanese Courts, of the operation of the Orders in Council regulating Her Majesty's Consular Jurisdiction in Japan as from 4th August 1899.

Copy of Order in Council of 7th October 1899, under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, which entitled the East Africa Order in Council, 1899.
Copy of Order in Council of 7th October 1899, under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, entitled the Somaliland Order in Council, 1899.

Copy of Order in Council of 27th December 1899, under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, entitled the Northern Nigeria Order in Council, 1899.

Copy of Order in Council of 27th December 1899, under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, entitled the Southern Nigeria Order in Council, 1899.

Copy of Order in Council of 27th December 1899, under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, entitled the Lagos Protectorate Order in Council, 1899.

Copy of Order in Council of 11th January 1900, under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, entitled the Somaliland and Broueni (Repeal) Order in Council, 1900.

Copy of Order in Council of 7th October 1899, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, approving certain Pilotage Bye-laws made by the Cork Harbour Commissioners.

Copy of Order in Council of 28th November 1899, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, approving certain Pilotage Bye-laws made by the Barry Pilotage Board.

Copy of Order in Council of 28th November 1899, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, approving certain Bye-laws made by the Scowen Sea Harbour Trustees.

Copy of Order in Council of 28th November 1899, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, for the following Bye-laws made by the Corporation of Trinity House.

Copy of Order in Council of 28th November 1899, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, extending the provisions of Section 44 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894 (Load Line), to India.

Copy of Order in Council of 27th December 1899, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, approving certain Pilotage Bye-laws made by the Belfast Harbour Commissioners.

Copy of Order in Council of 28th December 1899, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, approving certain Bye-laws made by the Scowen Sea Harbour Trustees.

Copy of Order in Council of 28th November 1899, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, authorizing the Governor of India to issue the following Bye-laws.

Copy of Order in Council of 28th November 1899, under the Government of India Act, 1858, approving a Statement of new and revised Appointments, alterations of Salaries, and abolition of Appointments in the Establishment of the Secretary of State for India in Council.

Copy of Order in Council of 28th November 1899, under the Land Transfer Act, 1897, postponing the operation of the Land Transfer Order in Council of 18th July 1899 in certain portions of the County of London.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return showing the Names of all Officers of the Royal Irish Constabulary now in receipt of Pensions, of all Head Constables, Sergeants, and Constables, and of all Widows and Children, to whom Pensions have been granted since the Constabulary Estimate for 1899—1900 was prepared, with Amount and Date of Pension in each Case.  

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account showing all the Sums which have been received into the Treasury Chest, and which have been paid out of the same, between the 1st April 1898 and the 31st March 1899, and of the Liabilities and Assets of the Treasury Chest on the latter day; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.  

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Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Trade and Navigation. No. 20.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Accounts relating to Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom for each Month during the Year 1900.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Return.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Reginald Francis Douce Palgrave, K.C.B., in his retirement from the Office of Clerk of this House, the assurance of its sincere appreciation of the valuable aid it has derived from his intimate acquaintance with the law and custom of Parliament, acquired during upwards of forty-six years of devoted service in different offices, of which thirty-one have been passed at the Table, where his accurate knowledge and ready advice has rendered constant assistance to the House and its Members in the conduct of its ever increasing business. — (Mr. Balfour.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, with the 30th day of January last, was proposed to be made to the Question proposed upon the 30th day of January last, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as followeth:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament— (Captain Protymen) ;

And which Amendment was, at the end of the Question, to add the words " But we humbly urge, regret, and deplore this want of knowledge, foresight, and judgment displayed by Your Majesty's advisers, alike, in their conduct of " South African affairs since 1895, and in their preparations for the war now proceeding "— (Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice) ;

And the Question being again proposed, That those words be there added; The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned— (Mr. Labouchere) ;

The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noses to the Left.


So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That those words be there added;—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And, it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Corporal Punishment: And that Mr. Wharton, Sir John Dorington, Mr. Halev, Sir Mark McGaughran Stewart, Mr. Jeffrys, and Sir John William M'Clure do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to restrict the Hours of Labour in Mines to Eight Hours a Day from bank to bank: And that Mr. Herbert Bate, Mr. William Abraham (Rhoadle), Mr. Thomas Boyley, Sir Charles Dilke, Mr. Walter Foster, Mr. Jacoby, Colonel Mellor, Mr. Pickard, Mr. Ernest Spencer, Sir Albert Rolliit, Mr. Woods, and Mr. Yozell do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to secure the better Training of Midwives, and to regulate their Practice: And that Mr. Alan de Tatton Egerton, Sir William Hoke Dyke, Mr. Skehane, Mr. Hazell, Mr. Haywood Stonem, Mr. Burrell, Mr. Flower, and Mr. Tennant do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1897: And that Mr. Giles, Mr. Goulding, Colonel Chaloner, Lord Willsoughby de Eresby, Mr. Harry Foster, Mr. Strutt, Sir Cameron Gull, and Mr. Carville do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Registration of Firms: And that Mr. Emmott, Mr. M'Kenna, Mr. Barlow, Sir Charles Dilke, Mr. Robert Cameron, Mr. John Wilson (Durham), Mr. Atherley-Jones, Mr. Fenwick, Mr. Woods, and Mr. Yozell do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confer Pensions upon Aged Persons: And that Mr. Jacoby, Mr. Rodcliffe Cook, General Goldsworthy, Mr. Boulnois, Mr. Pierpoint, Mr. Dencombe, Sir George Fardell, Mr. Arnold Fosster, Colonel Sundys, and Mr. Nielbathan do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Acts: And that Mr. Barlow, Sir Charles Dilke, Mr. Robert Cameron, Sir John Wilson (Durham), Mr. Atherley-Jones, Mr. Fenwick, Mr. Woods, and Mr. Yozell do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to promote the efficiency of Fire Brigades, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Pym, Captain Bowles, Mr. Malcolm, Mr. Cameron, and Sir George Fardell do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Cheap Trains Acts, 1883: And that Mr. Schwann, Mr. Lough, Mr. William Whiteley, Mr. John Burns, Sir Frederick Dixon-Hartland, and Mr. Brig do prepare, and bring it in.

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Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) Act, 1894, and to relieve members of Friendly Societies of certain Disqualifications Vol. 155.
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to the election and proceedings of Town Councillors in Scotland: And that Mr. Asher, Sir Herbert Maxwell, Mr. Thomas Shaw, Dr. Clark, Mr. Parker Smith, Mr. Alexander Crum, Mr. Gordon, and Mr. Dewar do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Manhood Bill to establish Manhood Suffrage in Ireland: Suffrage and that Mr. Field, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Timothy Healy, and Mr. Clancy do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend and extend the Law relating to Intoxicating Liquors to Children, and for other purposes (No. 2.) connected therewith: And that Mr. Soutar, Sir Robert Reid, Sir James Haslett, Sir Thomas Gibson-Carmichael, Mr. Herbert Pike Pease, Mr. Whitaker, Mr. Herbert Rochfort, Mr. Pconcept, and Mr. Douglas do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Occupying Tenants of Houses and Places of Business to purchase the Fee-simple of mne, rt.:

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Leaseholders to become Free-Enfranchisees: And that Sir Charles Dilke, Mr. William Abraham (Rhodull), Mr. William Allen, Mr. Thomas Bayley, Sir Walter Foster, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Jacoby, Mr. M'Kenna, Mr. Pickard, Mr. Randell, Mr. Woods, and Mr. Yoxall do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to re-afforestation of Waste Lands in Afforestation Places of Business to purchase the Eco-simple of their Holdings: And that Mr. Bentley and General Goldsworthy do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Waste Lands Bill for the re-afforestation of Waste Lands in Ireland: And that Mr. Engledow, Sir Thomas Esmond, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Maurice Healy, and Captain Donelan do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Leasehold Bill to enable Leaseholders to become Freeholders: And that General Lowe, Sir John and Wikes.) Dillwyn-Llewellin, Sir John Jenkins, Mr. Kenyon, Mr. Lofjone, Mr. Cohen, Sir Albert Rollit, and Sir George Fardell do prepare, and bring it in.
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1897: And that Mr. Woods, Mr. John Burns, Mr. Pickard, and Mr. Steadman do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Public Health Acts: And that Sir Alfred Hickman, Mr. Ernest Spencer, Mr. Heath, and Mr. Galloway do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Sunday Closing (Wales) Act, 1881: And that Mr. Herbert Roberts, Mr. Alfred Thomas, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Hedderwick, and Mr. Wason do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors (Ireland) Act (1854) Amendment Act. And that Sir Thomas Leo, Mr. Justin McCarthy, Colonel Smancander, Mr. Maurice Healy, Mr. William Johnston, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Bentoal, Mr. Eyiende, Mr. Arnold-Foster, and Mr. Pinkerton do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to secure Compensation for Damage to Crops by Fires caused by sparks from Railway Engines: And that Mr. Jeffery, Mr. Crippe, Mr. Channing, Mr. James Latham, Captain Prettoy, Mr. Grant Lawson, Mr. Strachey, and Major Rusch do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Workmen's Compensation Acts: And that Mr. Maclean do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Women to be elected and act as County Councillors in Scotland: And that Mr. Douglas, Mr. Faithfull Beag, Mr. Munro Ferrier, Mr. M'Crae, Captain Sinclair, and Mr. Wason do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Women to be elected and act as Councillors: And that Mr. Charming, Mr. James Lowther, Captain Gordon, Mr. Jonathan Samuel, Mr. John Wilson (Durham), Mr. Jacoby, Mr. Pickergill, and Mr. Allison do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide Pensions in Old Age to the Member of Women's Provident Poor: And that Mr. Bartley and Mr. Maclean do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish a single Franchise and to remove the Disabilities of Women: And that Sir Charles Dike, Mr. John Burns, Dr. Clark, Mr. Athereley-Jones, Mr. Logan, Mr. Maddison, and Captain Norton do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide Pensions in Old Age to the Children of Women: And that Sir Charles Dike, Mr. John Burns, Dr. Clark, Mr. Athereley-Jones, Mr. Logan, Mr. Maddison, and Captain Norton do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide Pensions for Casualties arising from a Discharge of a Merchant Ship, and thereby to establish a better and simpler system for the recovery of the possession of Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments when Rent is in arrear: And that Mr. Bertie, Sir Charles Dille, and Mr. William Johnston do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the abolition of the right of Distress by a Landlord against a Tenant, and to substitute for it a better and simpler system for the recovery of the possession of Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments when Rent is in arrear: And that Mr. Bertie, Sir Charles Dille, and Mr. William Johnston do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in an Amendment of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1897: And that Mr. Woods, Mr. John Burns, Mr. Pickard, and Mr. Steadman do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide to the Liability of Shipowners; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 14th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Spiker presented a Bill to extend to and include Monmouthshire in the Sunday Closing (Wales) Act, 1881: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of April next; and to be printed.

Colonel Chaloner presented a Bill to amend Workmen's Compensation Acts, and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon the 7th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Wharton presented a Bill to amend the Corporal Punishment Act, 1897: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Herbert Lewis presented a Bill to restrict Mines (Right the Hours of Labour in Mines to Eight Hours a Day) Bill. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of this instant February; and to be printed.
Mr. J. H. M. Campbell presented a Bill to amend the Laws relating to Beer Retailers' and Spirit Grocers' Licences in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Alan de Tatten Egerton presented a Bill to secure the better training of Midwives, and to regulate their Practice: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 25th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Giles presented a Bill to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1897: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Mr. Emmott presented a Bill for the Registration of Firms: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Orpen presented a Bill for the Restoration to their Holdings of certain Evicted Tenants in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Mr. Camerson presented a Bill to prohibit the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 11th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Harris Foster presented a Bill to extend the Benefits of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1897, to Agricultural Labourers: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Galloway presented a Bill to amend the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) Act, 1894, and to relieve Members of Friendly Societies of the Benefits of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1897: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Loder presented a Bill to assimilate the County Council and Borough Council Franchise in London: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Selwood presented a Bill to amend the Cheap Trains Act, 1883: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 12th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Tully presented a Bill to amend the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Mr. Laugh presented a Bill to amend the London Government Act, 1899, in respect of the eligibility of Women as Councillors and Aldermen: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Barlow presented a Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Acts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Jacoby presented a Bill to control and regulate Street Noises: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Finch presented a Bill to promote the efficiency of Fire Brigades and to secure the better training of Midwives, and to regulate their Practice: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 14th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Andrew presented a Bill to amend the Public Houses Licensing (Scotland) Act, 1853: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 7th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. James Fortescue presented a Bill to amend the Mines and Quarries Bill: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 16th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Alfred Pease presented a Bill to amend the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1848: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 25th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Thomas presented a Bill to exempt from Poor and other Local Rates all Registered Institutions for the Care, Training, and Education of Idiots and Imbeciles: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 7th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. William Moore presented a Bill to amend the Laws relating to Beer Retailers' and Spirit Grocers' Licences in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. MacAuley presented a Bill for improving the condition of Tenants in Towns in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 7th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Florence presented a Bill for the removal of certain Disabilities affecting Roman Catholics in Great Britain and Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 14th day of March next; and to be printed.
Mr. Engledow presented a Bill to the re-afforestation of Waste Lands in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of May next; and to be printed.

General Laurie presented a Bill to enable Leaseholders to become Freeholders: And the same was the first reading; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Mr. Cornwallis presented a Bill to amend the Law respecting the Supply of Water by Companies and other Bodies and Persons: And the same was the first reading; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 14th day of March next; and to be printed.

Sir Albert Rolitt presented a Bill to amend the Borough Funds Act, 1872, and the Borough Funds (Ireland) Act, 1888: And the same was the first reading; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Woods presented a Bill to amend the Workmen’s Compensation Act, 1897: And the same was the first reading; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of May next; and to be printed.

Sir Alfred Hickman presented a Bill to amend the Public Health Acts and to extend the Law relating to the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in Ireland on Saturdays and Sundays, and for other purposes connected therewith: And the same was the first reading; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of May next; and to be printed.

Sir Wilfred Lowen presented a Bill to enable Local Veto Societies to prevent the issue of Licences for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors: And the same was the first reading; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Sir Geoffrey presented a Bill to secure Compensation for Damage to Crops and other Property caused by sparks from Railway Engines: And the same was the first reading; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Douglas presented a Bill to enable Women County Councillors to be elected and act as County Councillors in Scotland: And the same was the first reading; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 14th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Herbert Roberts presented a Bill to amend the Sunday Closing (Wales) Act, 1881, and to make further provision respecting the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in Wales: And the same was the first reading; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of May next; and to be printed.
Mr. William Johnston presented a Bill to enable the Local Government Electors of any locality to veto the issue of Licences for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 7th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Stracey presented a Bill to relieve members of Friendly Societies of certain Disqualifications arising from the receipt of Temporary Outdoor Relief: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 13th day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Sir Charles Dilke presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Shops: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 13th day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Sir Charles Dilke presented a Bill to establish a single Franchise at all Elections, and thereby to abolish University Representation, and to remove the Disabilities of Women: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 4th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Faithfull Beegy presented a Bill to amend the Conveyances Acts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 4th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Bartley presented a Bill to provide for the Abolition of the Right of Distress by a Landlord against a Tenant, and to substitute for it a better and simpler system for the Recovery of Possession of Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments when Rent is in Arrear: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Bartley presented a Bill to provide Penisons in Old Age to the Provident Poor: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Bartley presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Outdoor Relief in Sickness and Widowhood to the Provident Poor: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of March next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 30th day of January last, was proposed to be made to the Question proposed upon the 30th day of January last, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as followeth:—

"preparations for the war now proceeding "—

(Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice); And the Question being again proposed, That those words be there added:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And, it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Saturday, 3rd February, 1900:

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till one minute after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

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Monday, 5th February, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

**PRAYERS.**

**SEVERAL Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.**

Mr. W. Gladstone presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of the Amount due by the Public to Depositors in Military Savings Banks on the 31st March 1898, and of the Receipts, Interest, and Disbursements in the said Military Savings Banks during the year next ensuing, ending on 31st March 1899, &c.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and to be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to the Prisons directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of (Ireland.) Order in Council approving of a Rule made by the General Prisons Board for Ireland, dated the 9th August 1899, in pursuance of the Fine or Imprisonment (Scotland and Ireland) Act, 1899.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, Penal Ser- tificate Acts (Conditional License.) purant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Licence, under the Prevention of Crimes Act, 1871, granted by Her Majesty to Clara Jane Mason, a Convict under detention in Aylesbury Prison, permitting the said Clara Jane Mason to be at large on condition that she enters the Royal Victoria Home, Horfield, Bristol.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by South Africa. Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notice issued by the High Commissioner for South Africa, on 26th January 1900, relating to Forfeitures, &c., of Property situated in the South African Republic or in the Orange Free State declared subsequently to 10th October 1899.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain also presented, Saint Lucia, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulation amending Rule 282 of the Rules for the Government of Prisons in Saint Lucia with respect to Interviews between Prisoners awaiting their trial and their Legal Advisers.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by South Africa. Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Minute of the Committee of Council on Education in Scotland, dated 5th February 1900, relative to the Minute
Minute of 18th May 1899, as to the application of Article 21 and Chapter IX. of the Code of 1899.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk Assistant of the House,—Further Return to an Order, dated the 2nd day of August 1894, for a Return comprising (1) the Reports made to the Charity Commissioners, in the result of an Inquiry held in every Parish wholly or partly within the Administrative County of London into Endowments subject to the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Acts, 1869 to 1891, and appropriated in whole or in part for the benefit of that County or of any part thereof, together with the Reports on those Endowments of the Commissioners for inquiring concerning Charities, 1818 to 1857 (2) a Digest showing in the books of each such Parish whether any, and, if any, what such Endowments are recorded in the Books of the Charity Commissioners in the Parish; and (3) an Index, alphabetically arranged, of Names and Places mentioned in the Reports.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were also laid upon the Table by the Clerk Assistant of the House,—(1.) Copy of Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General upon the Account of the Irish Land Commission in respect of Church Temporalities in Ireland, for the year ended 31st March 1899, together with the Account for the above period, and that from 26th July 1869 (the Date of the Irish Church Act) to the 31st March 1899.

(2.) Copy of Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General upon the Account of the Irish Land Commission for the year ended 31st March 1899, together with the Account for the above period, and that from 22nd August 1881 to 31st March 1899.

(3.) Copy of Account of Receipts and Expenditure of the Royal University of Ireland for the year ended 31st March 1899; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a New Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Nottingham (Newark Division), in the room of Charles William Sydney Pierrepont, commonly called Viscount Newark, now Earl Mansfield, called up to the House of Peers.—(Sir William Walrond.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon a motion last, was proposed to be made to the Question, proposed upon the 30th day of January last, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as followeth—:

Most Gracious Sovereign, We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament—(Captain Preston)—And which Amendment was, at the end of the Question, to add the words, "But we humbly

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express our regret at the want of knowledge, foresight, and judgment displayed by Your Majesty's advisers, alike, in their conduct of "South African affairs since 1895, and in their preparations for the war now proceeding"—(Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice).

And the Question being again proposed, That those words be there added.—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Borough Second Reading of the Borough Funds Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of May next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till three minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

Tuesday, 6th February, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the Select Committee Standing on Standing Orders do consist of Thirteen Members:—Mr. Buchanan, Sir William Cold- clington, Mr. John Edward Ellis, Sir Thomas Esmonde, Sir Edward Gourley, Mr. Halsey, Mr. Humphrey-Owen, Mr. James Lowther, Mr. Mount, Mr. William Redmond, Sir Mark McTaggart Stewart, Mr. Whitmore, and Mr. Wedgwood were accordingly nominated Members of the Committee.—(Mr. Halsey.)

Ordered, That the Committee of Selection do Selection consist of Eleven Members:—Mr. Blake, Mr. Sydney Buxton, Sir John Burton, Sir William Hart Dyke, Dr. Farquharson, Mr. Albert Spicer, Mr. Philip Stanhope, Sir Mark McTaggart Stewart, Mr. Wharten, Mr. Wolmer, and the Chairman of the Select Committee on Standing Orders were accordingly nominated Members of the Committee.—(Mr. Halsey.)

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his War- Warrants to the Clerk of the Crown in Ireland, to make out a New Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Mayo (South Mayo), in the room of Michael Davitt, Esquire, who, since his election for the said County, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Manor of Northstead, in the County of York.—(Sir Thomas Esmonde.)

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, Private Bills. That, in accordance with Standing Order 79, he had conferred with the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords, for the purpose of determining in which House of Parliament the respective Private Bills should be first considered, and they had determined that the Bills contained in the following List should originate in the House of Lords, viz.:—

1. Army and Navy Investment Trust.
2. Aston Manor Tramways.
3. Barley Railway (Steam Vessels).
5. Brewery Corporation (Stock).
7. Birmingham (King Edward the Sixth) School.
8. Birmingham University.
10. Brewery
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13. Burry and District Water (Transfer).
15. Cardiff Corporation.
20. Cork, Bandon, and South Coast Railway.
22. Conwy Pier.
24. Dearne Valley Railway.
25. Donegal Railway.
27. Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway.
29. Dundee Harbour.
32. Edinburgh Corporation.
33. Edinburgh District Lunacy Board.
34. Exmouth Urban District Water.
35. Exmouth and District Water.
36. Falkirk and District Water.
37. Falkirk Corporation.
38. Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours.
39. Fishguard and Water and Gas.
40. Folkestone, Sandgate, and Hythe Tramways.
41. Glasgow and South Western Railway.
42. Glasgow Building Regulations.
43. Glasgow District Tramways.
44. Great Southern and Western Railway.
45. Governments Stock and other Securities.
46. Great Western Railway.
47. Great Central Railway.
48. Great Grimsby Street Tramways.
49. Great Southern and Western Railways (Steam Vessels).
50. Great Southern Railway.
51. Gun Barrel Proof Act, 1898, Amendment.
52. Great Harrowden Water.
53. Great Eastern Railway.
54. Great North of Scotland Railway.
55. Great Northern Railway.
56. Great Western Railway.
57. Great Western Railway.
58. Great Western Railway Companies Amalgamation.
59. Great Western Railway Companies (Steam Vessels).
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Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Accounts and Charges Act, 1891, dated 26th January 1900, directing, in pursuance of Section 2 (3) of the Public Accounts and Charges Act, 1891, that, where any sum is, by application as an Appropriation-in-Aid of the Vote for the Royal Irish Constabulary, the sum paid in ordinary course, have been applied as an Appropriation-in-Aid of that Vote.

Copy of Treasury Minute under the Supersession of the Vote for the Royal Irish Constabulary, the sum deducted in lieu thereof shall be similarly applied as an Appropriation-in-Aid of that Vote.

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Small Arms Department, War Office Department, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate through inadvertence on the part of the Head of his Department.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Name, Tonnage, and Speed of each Vessel employed to convey Troops to South Africa since the 1st day of July last, the Date and Port of her Departure from these shores, and arrival at Capetonen, Durban, or elsewhere, respectively, including Arrival at and Departure from intermediate Port of call; the Number of Troops and Horses or Mules carried on each occasion, the Number of Horses or Mules lost on Voyage, Vessels provided with new Pattern Fittings, Vessels provided with Slinging for each Horse or Mule, Vessels not so provided; and the time occupied by each Vessel in making the Voyage, in the following form:

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Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable School Boards in certain County Boroughs to make Grants in Aid of efficient Voluntary Schools, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Lawrence, Sir James Warr, Sir William Dunn, Mr. Heiderwick, Mr. M. Leod, and Dr. Clark do prepare, and bring it in.

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Mr. John Wilson (Govan) presented a Bill to Liquor Traffic give the Ratepayers the direct Control of the Local Veto in their respective Areas in Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Dooge presented a Bill for the further Vagrants' Protection of the Children of Vagrants: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Lawrence presented a Bill to enable School Boards in certain County Boroughs to make Grants in Aid of efficient Voluntary Schools, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of May next; and to be printed.

Sir Charles Cameron presented a Bill for the Local Values Taxation for local purposes of Land Values in Burghs in Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Herbert Roberts presented a Bill to Liquor Traffic Owners and Occupiers in Wales to have effectual Control over the Liquor Traffic: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. McKenna presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Qualification and Registration of Electors at any Election in England and Wales:

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 30th day of January last, was proposed to be made to the Question proposed upon the 30th day of January last, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as followeth:—

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of
of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament.—(Captain Pretyman);

And the Amendment was, at the end of the Question, to add the words, "But we humbly express our regret at the want of knowledge, foresight, and judgment displayed by Your Majesty's advisers, alike in their conduct of South African affairs since 1896, and in their preparations for the war now proceeding."—(Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice);

And the Question being again proposed, That those words be there added.—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning:

**Wednesday, 7th February, 1900:**

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the
Mr. Herbert Gladstone. 139.
Mr. William M'Arthur: 352.
Mr. Sir William Walrond. 368.
Mr. Anstruther: 102.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being again proposed:

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

**Wednesday, 7th February, 1900.**

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Miscellaneous Series, No. 521. Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, No. 2378.

Copy of Convention between Her Majesty and the United States of America supplementary to the Convention of 19th April 1850, relative to the establishment of a Communication by Ship Canal between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Signed at Washington, 5th February, 1900.

Ordered, That the said Papers be laid upon the Table.

Sir Albert Rollit presented a Bill to amend the Trustee Savings Banks Acts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 30th day of January last, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as followeth:—

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament.—(Captain Pretyman);

And the Question being again proposed:

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding at the end thereof the words, "But we humbly represent to Your Majesty that the time has come when the war should be brought to a close, on the basis of recognising the independence of the Transvaal and the "Orange Free State."—(Mr. John Redmond.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there added;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the
Mr. Thomas Esmonde, 66.
Mr. William Walrond, 368.
Mr. Anstruther: 102.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being again proposed:

And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till tomorrow.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Six of the clock, adjourned till tomorrow.

**Thursday, 8th February, 1900.**

The House met at Three of the clock.

**ORDERED.** That the Examiners have laid the following Petition for Bill on the Table:

1.**Public Petitions.**

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

**Trade Reports.**

Several Trade Reports were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

**Trade Reports (Miscellaneous Series).**

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Ordered, That the said Papers be laid upon the Table.

**Trustee Savings Bank Bill.**

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The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 30th day of January last, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as followeth:—

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament.—(Captain Pretyman);

And the Question being again proposed:

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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And the Question being put, That those words be there added;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the
Mr. Thomas Esmonde, 66.
Mr. William Walrond, 368.
Mr. Anstruther: 102.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being again proposed:

And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till tomorrow.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Six of the clock, adjourned till tomorrow.

**Friday, 9th February, 1900.**

The House met at Six of the clock.

**ORDERED.** That the Examiners have laid the following Petition for Bill on the Table:

1.**Public Petitions.**

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.
Mr. Wyndham, presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Estimate of the additional Number of Men and of the further Amount required in the year ending 31st March 1900, in consequence of the War in South Africa.

Ordered, That the said Estimate do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Hanbury, presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Estimates for Civil Services and Revenue Departments for the year ending 31st March 1901, together with a Copy of the Memorandum from the Financial Secretary to the Treasury relating thereto.

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of the Imperial Ottoman Guaranteed Loan of 1853, for the year 1899, prepared under the Act 18 & 19 Vic. c. 99, s. 3.

Ordered, That the said Paper and Estimates do lie upon the Table; and that the said Estimates be printed.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Copy of all Applications made by the First Lord of the Treasury and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to the Governor and Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, for Advances to Government, authorised by Parliament, from the 5th January 1899 to the 5th January 1900, with a Copy of the Minutes of the Court of Directors thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing Aggregate Naval Expenditure on Seagoing Forces; Aggregate Revenue; Aggregate Tonnage of Mercantile Marine; Annual Clearances of Shipping in the Foreign Trade; Annual Clearances of Shipping in the Coasting Trade; Annual Value of Imports by Sea, including Bullion and Specie; and Annual Value of Exports by Sea, including Bullion and Specie, of various Countries, exclusive of China and South American Republics, but including British Self-governing Colonies, for the year 1899 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 310, of Session 1899).—(Sir John Colbron.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return under Administrative Counties and County Boroughs, of particulars with respect to the Evening Continuation Schools.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Return of the Number of Aliens that arrived from the Continent at Paris in the United Kingdom in each Month of the Year 1900.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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The Order of the day being read, for resuming Queen's Speech the Adjourned Debate on the Main Question (Motion for an Address).

Most Gracious Sovereign,
We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament.—(Captain Pritam saw)

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding at the end thereof the words " But we desire humbly to represent to Your Majesty that it is the duty of Your War (Application of Patriotic Fund.)

And the Main Question being again proposed;

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding at the end thereof the words " But we humbly represent to Your Majesty that it is the duty of Your War (Application of Patriotic Fund.)

The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Herbert Gladstone. 113. Yes.

Tellers for the Mr. William McArthur; 186. No., Sir William Walrond.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being again proposed:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till To-morrow.

And then the House, having continued to sit till five minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.
Friday, 9th February, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in respect of the Bills comprised in the List reported by the Chairman of Ways and Means as intended to originate in the House of Lords, they have certified that the Standing Orders have been complied with, in the following cases, viz.:

Army and Navy Investment Trust.
Aston Manor Tramways.
Bessemer Railway (Steam Vessels).
Birmingham Corporation (Stock).
Birmingham (King Edward the Sixth) Schools.
Birmingham University.
Bournemouth Corporation.
Brewery and Commercial Investment Trust.
Bristol Water.
Burnley Corporation.
Bury and District Water (Transfer).
Caledonian Railway.
Church's Patent.
Clyde Navigation.
Commercial Union Assurance Company.
Cork, Bandon, and South Coast Railway.
Cowes Pier.
Crystal Palace Company.
Deane Valley Railway.
Donegal Railway.
Dorking Water.
Dublin, Wicklow, and Waterford Railway.
Dundee Harbour.
East Staffordshire Water.
East Stirlingshire Water.
Edinburgh Corporation.
Edinburgh District Lunacy Board.
Exmouth and District Water.
Exmouth Urban District Water.
Falkirk and District Water.
Falkirk Corporation.
Fishguard and Rossallare Railways and Harbours.
Fishguard Water and Gas.
Glasgow and South Western Railway.
Glasgow Building Regulations.
Glyncorrwg Urban District Council Gas.
Governments Stock and other Securities Investment Company.
Great Birkhamstead Water.
Great Central Railway.
Great Southern and Western and Waterloo Central Railway Companies Amalgamation.
Great Southern and Western, and Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation.
Great Southern and Western Railway.
Gun Barrel Proof Act, 1868, Amendment.
Gwyfryn Rural District Council Water.
Hensel Hempsted Corporation (Water).
Higham Ferrers Water.
Ipswich Corporation Railways.
Kingston-upon-thames Corporation.
Kingston-upon-Thames Gas.
Lancashire Inebriates Acts Board.
Lincoln Corporation (Tramways).
Liverpool Overhead Railway.
London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway.
London Hydriante Power Company.
London Sea Water Supply.
Manchester Corporation Tramways.
Manchester Ship Canal.
Marygate Corporation.
Marygate Pier and Harbour.
Menstone Water (Transfer).
Mersey Docks and Harbour Board.
Mersey Railway.
Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland.
Milford Docks.
Morley Corporation.
Motherwell and Bellahill Railway.
Motherwell Water.
Mountain Ash Water.
Muirkirk, Mauchline, and Dalnottar railways.
Neth Harbour.
Newport Corporation.
Newport (Monmouthshire) Gas.
New Russia Company.
Neutron and Llanhecholchirn Urban District Gas.
North British Railway.
North Eastern Railway.
North Eastern Railway (Steam Vessels).
Otley Urban District Council Water.
Paignton Urban District Water.
Preston Corporation.
Purfleet and Gravesend Junction Railway.
Rannagate Corporation Improvements.
Ravensworth Urban District Council (Tramways).
Rhymney Iron Company.
Rheims Railway.
Rotherham Corporation.
Rotherhithe and Rotcliff Tunnel.
Salford Corporation.
Scottish American Investment Company.
Scottish Widows' Fund and Life Assurance Society.
Sheffield Corporation.
Sheffield District Railway.
Southampton Harbour.
South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railways.
South Eastern Railway.
South Essex Water.
South Essex Water Board.
South Shields Corporation.
South Staffordshire Tramways.
Sunderland Corporation.
Taff Valley Railway.
Universal Life Assurance Society.
Westgate and Birkenhead Water.
Whitechapel and Bow Railway.
Wirral Railway.
Withington Urban District Council.
Workington Railways and Docks.
And that they have certified that the Standing Orders have not been complied with in the following case, viz.:

Cardiff Corporation.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report Private Bill from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Petitions for the following Bills, originating in the Lords, Orders not complied with.)

Airtride and Coaltarbridge Tramways Bill.
Dublin Electric Lighting Bill.
Dover Corporation Bill.
Neath, Ready, and Tyman Light Railway Bill.
Shannon Water and Electric Power Bill.
Ordered, That the Reports be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report Private Bill from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Petitions for the following Bills, originating in the Lords, Orders not complied with.)
Trust.

Police and Aberdeen Railway.

County Down and Waterloo Corporation.

Belfast and Bradford with, viz.:

the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.: Carrif Corporation Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of the City and Royal Burgh of Aberdeen, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of the City and Royal Burgh of Aberdeen to make certain Bridge and Street Improvements, to confer upon them new Powers with respect to Police matters, Streets and Buildings, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Bryce and Mr. Pirie.

A Petition of the Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of the Burgh of Coatbridge, the Provost, Magistrates, and Town Councils of the Burgh of Airdrie and the County Council of the County of Lanark, to transfer to and vest in such Trust the lands, for the protection of their Water Supply, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. John Wilson (Falkirk), Mr. Charles Douglas, and Mr. McKillop.

A Petition of the Bedford Gas Light Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers on the Bedford Gas Light Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Pym and Mr. Thornton.

A Petition of the Belfast and County Down Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Belfast and County Down Railway Company to construct a Railway from Newcastle to join the Railway of the Great Northern Railway Company (Ireland) at Ballymoney; to run over and use a portion of the Railway of that Company; to enter into working and other Agreements with that Company; to confer further Powers upon the Company with reference to Steam Vessels, and further Powers in connection with their Undertaking, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Blackston Houston and Mr. M'Curtain.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Bradford, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Bradford, in the County of York, to construct and additional Tramways in and near the City, to acquire Lands, for the protection of their Water Supply, to purchase the Undertakings of the Clayton, Airdale, and Thornton Gas Company, the North British Gas Company, the Ecclesfield and Bolton Gas Company, and the Airdale Gas Company; to purchase Gas from the Drighlington and Bierley Gas Company, the Eccleskill and Bolton Gas Company, and the Airedale Gas Company; to enter into Agreements with that Company; for the purpose of their Undertaking, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Skewes-Cox.

A Petition of the Bray and Enniskerry Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Bray and Enniskerry Railway Company to make certain Extensions of their authorised Railway, and to work same by Electrical Power, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Harrington and Mr. Clancy.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgess of the County Borough of Bright\on, Corporation for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgess of the County Borough of Brighton to construct and work Tramways, to erect Electric Generating Stations, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Loder, Mr. Wentworth, and Sir Henry Fletcher.

A Petition of the British Gas Light Company, British Gas Limited, for leave to bring in a Bill for empowering the British Gas Light Company, Limited, to erect new Works and to expend further Capital for their Undertaking, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Aird and Mr. Skene-Cox.

A Petition of the Brompton and Pecwallom and Circus Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the time for the compulsory purchase of Lands and for the construction and completion of the Brompton and Piccadilly Circus Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Allan Gibbs and Mr. Whitmore.

A Petition of the There-undersigned, for Buckingham, Towcester, and Metropolitan Junction Railway Company, and for empowering them to construct a Railway from Verney Junction, in the County of Buckingham, to Towcester, in the County of Northampton, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir John William Mecenery, Sir Benjamin Stone, and Mr. Cartlidge.

A Petition of the Charing Cross and Strand Electric Supply Corporation Limited, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Charing Cross and Strand Electricity Supply Corporation, Limited, to construct a Generating Station in the Parish of West Ham, and to lay Mains connecting their Generating Stations, and to acquire Lands and to construct a short line of Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Seton-Karr and Mr. Faithfull Begg.

A Petition of the Charing Cross, Easton, and Hampton Railroad Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Powers of the Charing Cross, Easton, and Hampton Railroad Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Bonar and Mr. Lawson Walton.

A Petition of the Governor and Company of Chelsea Water, Chelsea Waterworks, for leave to bring in a Bill...
to confer further Powers upon the Governor and Company of Chelsea Waterworks; to declare valid the creation and issue by them of certain Shares and Stock, and the payment of Dividends thereon, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Boulnois and Captain Bowles.

A Petition of the Clontarf Urban District Council, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Clontarf Urban District Council to construct Works for Sewage and Drainage purposes; to erect a Sewage Wall, to acquire Lands, to borrow Money, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Carson, Mr. J. H. M. Camp- bell, Captain Philipps, and Mr. William Moore.

A Petition of the Colonial Bank, for leave to bring in a Bill to increase the Limit of the Note Issue of the Colonial Bank, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Hoare and Mr. Alban Gibbs.

A Petition of the City of London Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the City and South London Railway Act, 1893, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Kimber and Mr. Bond.

A Petition of the City of London Electric Lighting Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the City of London Electric Lighting Company, Limited, to acquire Lands and work Generating Stations, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Henderson and Mr. Jackson.

A Petition of the Co-operative Wholesale flights Company, Limited, to acquire Lands and work Generating Stations, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Charles Murray and Mr. Needlegate.

A Petition of the City and South London Rail- way Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Corporation of Croydon to construct additional Tramways, and to work the Tramways in the Borough to execute certain Street Improvements; to make further provision for the Government and for the Preservation of the Health of the Inhabitants of the County Borough of Croydon, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir James Ferguson and Mr. Bosanquet.

A Petition of the several Persons whose Durham names are thereunto subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating and conferring further Powers upon the County of Durham Electric Power Supply Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Atherley-Jones and Mr. Samuel Evans.

A Petition of the East London Waterworks Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the East London Waterworks Company to construct additional Storage Reservoirs and other Works, to take further Water from the River Thames in cases of exceptional Drought, and other emergency; to raise further Money, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Lockwood, Mr. Banbury, and Mr. Bunyon.

A Petition of the County of London and Brush Provincial Electric Lighting Company, Limited, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the County of London and Brush Provincial Electric Lighting Company, Limited, to purchase Lands and construct Generating Stations, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Boulnois and Sir Weetman Pearson.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Coventry, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Corporation of Coventry to make certain Street Works, and to confer further Powers on them in regard to Streets, Buildings, and Sewers, and the Health, Local Government and Improvement of the City, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Charles Murray and Mr. Needlegate.

A Petition of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of Gravesham, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Corporation of Gravesham to construct additional Tramways, and to work the Tramways in the Borough to execute certain Street Improvements; to make further provision for the Government and for the Preservation of the Health of the Inhabitants of the County Borough of Gravesham, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Boulnois and Sir Weetman Pearson.

A Petition of the Cheshire Lines Committee, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Cheshire Lines Committee to make further provisions for the Health of the Inhabitants of the County Borough; to unite the Parishes within the extended City into one Parish; to authorise the reconstruction of the Exe Bridge and the construction of certain Street Works, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Edward Clarke and Sir Albert Rollit.

A Petition of the Farnworth Urban District Council, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the
the Urban District Council of Farnworth to construct additional Tramways, and to work Tramways and to make further provision for the good Government of the said District, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Mellor and Mr. Cuney.

Gas Light and Coke Company.

A Petition of the London County Council, for leave to bring in a Bill for making further provision as to testing the Illuminating Power of Gas supplied by the Gas Light and Coke, the South Metropolitan Gas, and the Commercial Gas Companies in the Administrative County of London, and for regulating the supply by those Companies of Prepayment Meters and Fittings in connection therewith, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Sturt and Mr. John Burns.

Glasstone and Street Gas.

A Petition of the Glastonbury Gas and Coke Company, Limited, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Gas Light and Coke Company to raise additional Moneys, and to purchase, take, and hold Lands, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Bond and Mr. Aird.

Glasstone Corporation Gas.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Glastonbury, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Glastonbury to supply Gas and to provide for the transfer of the Undertaking of the Glastonbury Gas and Coke Company, Limited, to the Corporation, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Dickinson and Mr. Watchhouse.

Grantham Gas.

A Petition of the Grantham Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers on the Grantham Gas Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Lopes and Mr. Younger.

Great Eastern Railway.

A Petition of the Great Eastern Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers upon the Great Eastern Railway Company (Ireland), for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir James Haslett and Mr. J. H. M. Campbell.

Great Northern Railway.

A Petition of the Great Northern Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers upon the Great Northern Railway Company (Ireland), was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Jackson and Mr. Fison.

A Petition of the Great Northern Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring further Powers upon the Great Western Railway Company in respect of their own Undertaking, and upon that Company and the Landau and North Western Railway Company in respect of Undertakings in which they are jointly interested, and upon the Great Western and Great Central Railways Joint Committee in respect of their Undertaking; for vesting the Undertakings of the Staines and West Drayton and the Birmingham and Henley-in-Arden Railway Companies in the Great Western Railway Company; for transferring to that Company the Powers of the Birningham, North Warwickshire, and Stratford-upon-Avon Railway Company, and extending the time for the construction of certain authorised Railways of that Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir William Henry Willis and Mr. Llewellyn.

A Petition of the Great Yarmouth Port and Great Yarmouth Port and Haven Commissioners, for leave to bring in a Bill for enlarging the Powers of the Commissioners of the Port and Haven of Great Yarmouth, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Harry Ballard and Sir John Colomb.

Great Yarmouth.

A Petition of the Guild of the Burgesses of the County Borough of Great Yarmouth, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Boundaries of the County Borough of Great Yarmouth, and to empower the Corporation to construct additional Tramways, Street Widenings, and Improvements; to confer further Powers with respect to their Waterworks Undertaking, and in regard to Streets, Buildings, and Drains, and for the Health, Local Government, and Improve ment of the Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Billson and Mr. Arnold.

Hastings Gas.

A Petition of the Provost, Magistrates, and Hamilton Councillors of the Burgh of Hamilton, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Hamilton Burgh Act, 1878, with regard to Assessments, and to the Common Good of the Burgh, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Coldwell and Mr. John Wilson (Falkirk).

Hartlepool Gas and Water.

A Petition of the Hartlepool Gas and Water Corporation, for leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate and convert the Capital of the Hartlepool Gas and Water Company, and to enable that Company to raise additional Moneys, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Thomas Richardson and Mr. Richardson.

Hastings Corporation.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of Hastings, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers on the Corporation of the County Borough of Hastings with respect to the Improvement and good Government of the Borough; to
amend and extend provisions of the Local Acts, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Lucas-Shadwell and Mr. Brookfield.

A Petition of the Hastings Harbour Commissioners, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the periods limited for the purchase of Lands for and for the completion of the Harbour Works; to enable the Commissioners to borrow further Money; and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Lucas-Shadwell and Mr. Brookfield.

A Petition of the Jarrow and Improvement Corporation, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Jarrow and Urban District of Hebburn Company, and to empower them to construct Railways in the Counties of Co. Durham, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Timothy M. Healy, Mr. John Redmond, Mr. MacAteer, and Mr. Daly.

A Petition of the Jodrell, Sir Elliott Lees, and Mr. Yerburgh.

A Petition of the Huddersfield and West Kirby Improvement, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Huddersfield Tramways Company, and to empower that Company to make and maintain Tramways and other Works in the County Borough of Huntingdon, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Lucas-Shadwell and Mr. Brookfield.

A Petition of the Urban District Council of Hoylake and West Kirby, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer Powers upon the Urban District Council of Hoylake and West Kirby, for the construction of a Parade, new Streets, Pier, and other Works, to authorise the inclosure of the Great Meals Commons, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir James Woodhouse, Sir James Kilton, and Sir Albert Bailli.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgess of the Borough of Huntingdon, for leave to bring in a Bill to vest in the Corporation of Huntingdon certain Commons and Burlks and Freeman's Rights of PAS, in certain Lammas Lands, to transfer certain Rents and Moneys to the Corporation, to empower the Corporation to form Public Parks and Recreation Grounds, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Smith-Butty and Mr. Fellowes.

A Petition of the Urban District of Ilfracombe, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Urban District Council of Ilfracombe, in the County of Devon, to construct additional Waterworks for the supply of their District; and the Parishes of Berrynarbor, Combe Martin and Mortlow, and to make further and better provision for the Improvement, Health, Local Government, and Finance of the District, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Cameron Gull and Mr. Lambert.

A Petition of the Walker and Willand Union Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Walker and Willand Union Gas Company to supply Electricity within the Borough of Jarrow and Urban District of Hebburn, in the County of Durham; to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Cradock and Mr. Joseph Albert Pons.

A Petition of the Here-underigned, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Kingscourt, Redlyn, and Armagh Railway Company, with relation to the Counties of Cavan, Monaghan, and Armagh, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Timothy M. Healy, Mr. John Redmond, Mr. MacAteer, and Mr. Daly.

A Petition of the Urban District Council of Hoylake and West Kirby, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer Powers upon the Urban District Council of Hoylake and West Kirby, to construct additional Tramways in and adjacent to the Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir James Woodhouse, Sir James Kilton, and Sir Albert Bailli.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgess of the Borough of Huntingdon, for leave to bring in a Bill to vest in the Corporation of Huntingdon certain Commons and Burlks and Freeman's Rights of PAS, in certain Lammas Lands, to transfer certain Rents and Moneys to the Corporation, to empower the Corporation to form Public Parks and Recreation Grounds, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Smith-Butty and Mr. Fellowes.

A Petition of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring further Powers on the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company with relation to their own Undertaking, and upon that Company and the London and North Western Railway Company with relation to the Preston and Wyre Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir William Hornby and Mr. Lee Knowles.

A Petition of the Lancashire and Derbyshire and East Coast Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers on the Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Brindley, Mr. Thomas Bageley, Mr. Odroyd, Mr. Perks, and Mr. Pollock.

A Petition of the Lancashire and Newcastle Corporation, being Suitsors for a Bill for effecting the objects of Electric Power, thereafter mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers on the Lancashire Electric Power Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Macdonald and Mr. James Bailey.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Lancaster Burgess of the Borough of Lancaster, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring further Powers on the Lancaster Electric Power Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Macdonald and Mr. James Bailey.

A Petition of the Lancashire and Derbyshire and East Coast Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers on the Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Brindley, Mr. Thomas Bageley, Mr. Odroyd, Mr. Perks, and Mr. Pollock.

A Petition of the Lancashire and Newcastle Corporation, being Suitsors for a Bill for effecting the objects of Electric Power, thereafter mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers on the Lancashire Electric Power Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Macdonald and Mr. James Bailey.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Lancaster Burgess of the Borough of Lancaster, for leave to bring in a Bill for the acquisition by that Company of the Undertaking of the Garstang and Knott End Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir John William Macbere, Mr. Firbank, and Mr. Timothy M. Healy.

A Petition of the Company of Proprietors of the Lambeth Waterworks, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Company of Lambeth Waterworks to execute further Works, to purchase and lease additional Lands, to take further Waters from the River Thames, and to raise further Money, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir John William Macbere, Mr. Firbank, and Mr. Timothy M. Healy.
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A Petition of the Latimer Road and Acton Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for the Abandonment of the Latimer Road and Acton Railway, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Oldroyd and Mr. Lawson Walton.

A Petition of the Lee Conservancy Board, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Constitution and amend and extend the Statutory Powers of the Lee Conservancy Board, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Frederick Dixon-Hartland, Mr. Evelyn Cecil, and Mr. Courtenay Warner.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Liverpool, for leave to bring in a Bill for authorising the Corporation of the City of Liverpool to execute certain Street Improvements; for making further provisions for the protection of the Public Health; for amending various local Acts in force within the City; for authorising the Corporation to raise Money by the issue of Bills, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Warr and Mr. Charles McArthur.

A Petition of the London and India Docks Joint Committee, for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal exemptions from Rates or Charges of certain Craft using the Docks under the management of the London and India Docks Joint Committee, and of goods discharged or received by such Craft, and to empower the Joint Committee to levy Rates or Charges thereon, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Bonser and Mr. Cripps.

A Petition of the London and North Western Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for empowering the London and North Western Railway Company to construct additional Dock Works at Garston, and for conferring further Powers upon that Company in relation to their own Undertaking, and upon that Company and the Great Western Railway Company in relation to their joint Undertaking, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir William Holdsworth, Colonel Lockwood, and Mr. Macartney.

A Petition of the London and North Western Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring further Powers upon the London and North Western Railway Company for the construction of Works and acquisition of Lands in Wales, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir William Holdsworth, Colonel Lockwood, and Mr. Macartney.

A Petition of the London and Saint Katharine Docks Company, and the East and West India Dock Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for the Amalgamation of the Undertakings of the London and Saint Katharine Docks Company and the East and West India Dock Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Bonser and Mr. Cripps.

A Petition of the London and South Western Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers upon the London and South Western Railway Company, to authorise them to execute further Works, to acquire additional Lands, and to raise further Money; and to vary in certain respects the provisions of the South Western Railway Act, 1899, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Beach, Sir Barrington Simeon, and Colonel Williams.

A Petition of the London County Council, for London County leave to bring in a Bill to confer on the London County Council certain General Powers for taking Houses, Buildings, and Lands for purposes of Street Improvements, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Stuart and Mr. John Burns.

A Petition of the London County Council, for London County leave to bring in a Bill to enable the London County Council to purchase Lands for various purposes; to provide for Contributions by the Council and certain Vestries and District Boards of Works towards the acquisition of Land for Open Spaces; to extend the time limited for the purchase of certain Lands by the Council; to confer Powers on the Vestry of Saint Mary Battersea, as to the "Latchmere Allotments" and Lands for an Electric Station, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Stuart and Mr. Whitmore.

A Petition of the London County Council, for London County leave to bring in a Bill to empower the London County Council to make an Extension of the Thames Embankment, and a new Street and Improvements at Westminster, to widen More Street, Hackney, and to make other Street Improvements and Works in the Administrative County of London, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Stuart and Mr. Whitmore.

A Petition of the London County Council, for London County leave to bring in a Bill to empower the London County Council to acquire Spitalfields Market (Spiritsfields Market) in the Parish of Christchurch, Spitalfields, and to make various provisions with reference thereto, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Stuart and Mr. John Burns.

A Petition of the London, Walthamstow, and Epping Forest Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the London, Walthamstow, and Epping Forest Railway Company to construct a portion of their authorised Railway in Tunnel instead of in Cutting; to extend the time for the compulsory purchase of Lands and for the construction and completion of their authorised Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Lafone and Mr. Wansley.

A Petition of the London County Council, for London Water leave to bring in a Bill to empower the London County Council to acquire the Undertakings of the London Water Companies, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Stuart and Mr. John Burns.

A Petition of the London County Council, for London Water leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the construction of Reservoirs and Works in Wales, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Stuart and Mr. John Burns.

A Petition of the London County Council, for London Water leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the construction of Aqueducts and Works for the supply of Water to London and Neighbourhood, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Stuart and Mr. John Burns.
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Lowestoft Railway.

A Petition of the Thrice-undersigned, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating the Lowestoft Railway Company, and authorising them to construct Railways in the Counties of Norfolk and Suffolk, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Lyttelton and Mr. Clough.

Maidenhead Gas.

A Petition of the Maidenhead Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Maidenhead Gas Act, 1876, and to confer further Powers upon the Maidenhead Gas Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. George William Palmer and Commander Young.

Manchester and Liverpool Electric Railway.

A Petition of the several Persons whose names are thereunto subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers upon the Manchester and Liverpool Electric Express Railway Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir James Ferguson, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Schuman, Sir John Withers, Mr. Galloway, and Mr. Ware.

Manchester City Railway.

A Petition of the Thrice-undersigned Persons, on behalf of themselves and others, for leave to bring in a Bill for making a Railway from the Warrington and Stockport Railway at Eccles (otherwise Northern Eccles), in the County of Chester, to the City of Manchester, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir James Ferguson, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Schuman, Sir John Withers, Mr. Galloway, and Mr. Dieraci.

Market Weighton Drainage and Navigation.

A Petition of the Trustees acting in execution of the Market Weighton Drainage and Navigation Act, 1772, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating and making better provisions for the Meetings and Proceedings of the Trustees of the Market Weighton Drainage and Canal, in the East Riding of the County of York; for better defining the Lands subject to taxation by the said Trustees, and making other provisions relative thereto; for relieving the said Trustees from their obligations to maintain the said Canal; for conferring further Powers on the said Trustees, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Great Lawson and Mr. Wilson Tidd.

Metropolitan District Railway.

A Petition of the Metropolitan District Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for empowering the Metropolitan District Railway Company to erect a Station for Generating Electrical Energy and thereby work certain Railways; to acquire Lands, to extend the time for the completion of certain Railways and compulsory purchase of Lands; to make certain provisions with respect to the Ealing and South Harrow and Brompton and Pecosball Railway; to raise further Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Charles Dilke and Mr. Aird.

Metropolitan Water Companies.

A Petition of the several Companies whose Common Seals are thereunto affixed, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers upon the Local Government Board, and to impose further obligations upon the Metropolitan Water Companies with a view to providing for the future needs of the Metropolis in regard to the supply of Water, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Holdsworth and Colonel Lockwood.

A Petition of the Mid-Kent Water Company, Mid-Kent for leave to bring in a Bill for extending the Limits of Supply of the Mid-Kent Water Company, and for conferring further Power on the Company for the construction of Works, the raising of Capital, and otherwise, in relation to their Undertaking, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Todd, Major-General Goulsworthy, and Mr. Aird.

A Petition of the Midland Railway Company, Midland for leave to bring in a Bill to confer additional Powers upon the Midland Railway Company and upon the Midland and North Eastern Railway Companies Committee and upon the Midland and Great Northern Railways Joint Committee for the construction of Works and the acquisition of Lands; to empower the Midland Railway Company to subdivide towards the Undertaking of the Yorkshire Dales Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Frederick Mappin and Mr. Allison.

A Petition of the Morecambe Urban District Council, for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the transfer of the Undertaking of the Morecambe Gas and Light Company to the Morecambe Urban District Council, and to confer further Powers on the said Council with respect to the supply of Gas, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Burt, Mr. Allan, and Mr. Joseph Albert Pease.

A Petition of the several Persons whose names are thereunto subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill for extending the limits of Supply of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Electric Supply Company Limited, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers upon the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Electric Supply Company Limited, for the construction of Works, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Burt, Mr. Allan, and Mr. Joseph Albert Pease.

A Petition of the North Metropolitan Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for extending the limits of Supply of the North Metropolitan Railway and Canal Company; to amend in certain respects the Acts relating to the Company; to change the name of the Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Albert Rollett and Mr. Aird.

A Petition of the North Warwickshire Water Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the North Warwickshire Water Company to extend their Limits of Supply, to construct additional Waterworks, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Joseph Leese and Sir Harry Ballard.

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A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of Oldham, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Corporation of Oldham to make certain Street Improvements, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Bond and Mr. Yoxall.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Ossett, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Undertaking of the Ossett Gas Company to the Corporation of Ossett, and to empower the Corporation to supply Gas within the Borough of Ossett and places adjacent thereto, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Alfred Hutton and Mr. Oldroyd.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Rugeley, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer Powers upon the Rugeley Gas Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Ernott and Mr. Runciman.

A Petition of the Guardians of the Poor of Pontefract Park, for leave to bring in a Bill for regulating the rating of Pontefract Park, in the West Riding of the County of York, in respect of Poor Rates, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Jackson, Mr. Fison, and Mr. Aird.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Scarborough, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Corporation of Scarborough to make an Approach Road to the New Marine Drive, to alter the line of the Sea Wall of the said Drive, to widen and improve the Ramside Valley Bridge, and to construct a Street Tramway, to make further and better provision for the Improvement, Health, and good Government of the Borough of Scarborough, to alter the constitution of the Scarborough Harbour Commissioners, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir John Aird and Mr. Oldroyd.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Southport, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Southport to carry out Street Improvements and other Works, and to make further provisions for the Improvement and good Government of the said Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir George Pilkington and Sir Joseph Leese.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Southport, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Boundaries of the Borough of Southport, to authorise the construction of Tramways, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Heath and Mr. Henderson.

A Petition of the Saint Alban's Waterworks Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the said Company to acquire further Lands, and to raise further Moneys, and to extend their Limits of Supply, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Heaton and Mr. Verey Gibbs.

A Petition of the Saint David's Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the construction of Railways in the County of Pembroke, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Philipps, General Laurier, and Mr. Rendell.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Southport, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Corporation of Southport to construct a Street Tramway, to make further and improve the Ramsdale Valley Bridge, and to widen and improve the Sea Wall of the said Drive, to alter the line of the Tramways, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Brickett and Mr. Rickett.

A Petition of the There-undersigned, for leave South Lancashire Tramways, to bring in a Bill to incorporate the South Lancashire Tramways Company, and to empower that Company to make Tramways and Street Improvements, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir John Williams and Mr. Briggs.

A Petition of the South Metropolitan Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the South Metropolitan Gas Company to alter the provisions as to the Standard Price and Illuminating Power of the Gas supplied by the Company; to construct a Railway in the Parish of Greenwich, and to purchase by Agreement so much of the Southern Portion of the Undertaking of the Gas Light and Coke Company as is situate in the County of London, south of the Thames, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Banbury and Mr. Woodville.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Southport Burgesses of the Borough of Southport, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Southport to carry out Street Improvements and other Works, and to make further provisions for the Improvement and good Government of the said Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir George Pilkington and Sir Joseph Leese.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Southport Burgesses, of the Borough of Southport, in the County of Lancaster, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Boundaries of the Borough of Southport, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Aird and Mr. Oldroyd.

A Petition of the Redhill Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers upon the Redhill Gas Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Alexander Acland-Hood and Mr. Bonsor.

A Petition of the Rickmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water Company, for leave to extend the Limits of Supply of and conferring further Powers upon the Rickmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Albion Gibbs and Mr. Aird.

A Petition of the Rugeley Gas Company, Limited, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers upon the Rugeley Gas Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Heath and Mr. Henderson.

A Petition of the Saint Alban's Waterworks Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the sale of the Undertaking of the Saint Alban's Waterworks Company, for furthering Market Hall; to confer further Powers upon the Corporation with regard to Sanitary and other Matters, and to make better provision for the Health, Local Government, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Hinoton and Mr. Verey Gibbs.

A Petition of the Saint David's Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the construction of Railways in the County of Pembroke, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Philipps, General Laurier, and Mr. Rendell.
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Tramways, and to confer further Powers on the Corporation with respect to the supply of Gas and Electricity, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir George Pilkington and Sir Joseph Leece.

Southport Water Company.

A Petition of the Southport Waterworks Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for the granting of further Powers to the Southport Waterworks Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Kenyon and Colonel Motier.

South Wales Electrical Power Distribution.

A Petition of the There-undersigned, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers on the South Wales Electrical Power Distribution Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Samuel Evans and Mr. Alfred Thomas.

Spalding Urban District Council (Water).

A Petition of the Spalding Urban District Council, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Urban District Council of Spalding to purchase the Undertaking of the Spalding Waterworks Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. George Whitelaw and Mr. Metiville.

Stockport Corporation Tramways.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Stockport, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of Stockport to construct Tramways in the Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. George Whitelaw and Mr. Metiville.

Taunton Corporation.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Taunton, for leave to bring in a Bill to make provision in regard to the Water Undertaking of the Corporation of the Borough of Taunton, and to the Health, Local Government, Improvement, and Finance of the said Borough; to empower the said Corporation and the Trustees of the Markets of the Borough to erect a Town Hall, and to make further provision in regard to the said Markets, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Welby and Sir Alexander Acland-Hood.

Tottenham Urban District Council.

A Petition of the Tottenham Urban District Council, for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for vesting in the Urban District Council of Tottenham, in the County of Middlesex, the Lammas Lands in the District; to confer various Powers with respect to Commons, Open Spaces, and Recreation Grounds, the supply of Electricity, Streets, Buildings, and other matters of Local Government, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Howard and Sir Frederick Dixon-Hartland.

Tynside Electric Power.

A Petition of the there-undersigned Persons, being Suitors for a Bill for effecting the objects therefrom mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers on the Tynside Electric Power Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Joseph Albert Pease, Mr. Craddas, Sir James Joicey, and Mr. Allan.

Wakefield Corporation Market.

A Petition of the Wakefield Corporation, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Wakefield, to confer further Power upon the Corporation of the City of Wakefield to raise additional Capital, to construct Works, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Pickard and Mr. Oldroyd.

Wanderworth and Putney Gaslight and Coke Company.

A Petition of the Wanderworth and Putney Gaslight and Coke Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to convert the Capital of the Wanderworth and Putney Gaslight and Coke Company to raise additional Capital, to construct Works, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Spencer, Sir Alfred Hickman, Sir Henry Meysey Thompson, Mr. Brooke Robinson, and Mr. Parkes.

West Bromwich Corporation.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and West Bromwich Burgess of the Borough of West Bromwich, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer Powers upon the Corporation of the County Borough of West Bromwich with respect to Tramways and to their Electric Lighting and other Undertakings; to make further provision for the Improvement and good Government of the Borough; to amend and extend the provisions of the Local Acts relating to the Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Grey and Major Raebel.

Wetherby District Water.

A Petition of the Wetherby District Water Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Wetherby District Water Company to extend their Limits of Supply, construct additional Waterworks, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Gunner and Mr. Lyttleton.

Wolverhampton and Cannock Chase.

A Petition of the There-undersigned, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the construction of a Bridge across the River Mersey and Manchester Ship Canal, between Widnes and Runcorn, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Cotton-Jodrell and Sir John Bromer.

Wolverhampton Ealing and Cannock Chase.

A Petition of the There-undersigned, for leave to bring in a Bill in the County of Stafford from Wolverhampton to Ealing and Cannock Chase, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Vaughan-Davies and Colonel Pryce-Jones.
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proposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by
Sir Alfred Hickman, Colonel Milheord, and Mr. Courtenay Warner.

A Petition of the Worlehamton Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring further
Powers on the Worlehamton Gas Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was
ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Stanley Hill and Sir Alfred Hickman.

A Petition of the thereundersigned James
Grimmwood, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorp-
orating the Woodbridge District Water Company, and
empowering them to construct Works and supply Water, and for other purposes, was
presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Captain Prettymen
and Mr. Fletcher Moulton.

A Petition of the there-undersigned Promoters,
for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the
Airrie and Coatbridge Tramways, and
empowering that Company to make and maintain
Tramways in the City of Dubhlin, and for other
purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of the Dubhlin Electric Lighting Syndicate, Limited, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorp-
orating the Dubhlin Electric Lighting Company, and
empowering them to light by Electricity the City of Dubhlin and the Urban Districts of New Kilmainham, Drumcondra, Om-
life, and Glasnevin and Clontarf, in the County of Dubhlin, and for other purposes, was presented,
and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Bur-
gesses of the Borough of Doncaster, for leave to bring in a Bill for the Corporation with respect to Streets and other
matters, and in regard to the Health, Local
Government, and Improvement of the said
Borough; to make further provision for the
Collection and Recovery of Rates, for the borrow-
ing of Money for other purposes, was pre-
sented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of the thereundersigned Promotor,
for leave to bring in a Bill in a Bill for making and maintaining Railways in the Counties of
Down, Armagh, and Monaghan, to be called the Neary, Kosely, and Tyrnan Light Railway, and for other
purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of the thereundersigned Parties,
being suitors for the Bill thereto annexed, for
leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers on the Shannon Water and Electric Power Company, was presepted,
and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a
Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Secretary of State, under the Military Lands Act, 1892: And
that Mr. Wynham and Mr. Powell-Williams do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Wynham accordingly presented a Bill to the House to give effect to a Provisional Order of the Secretary of State, under the Military Lands Act, 1892: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Com-
mand,—Copy of Order made by the Light Rail-
way Commissioners, under the Light Railways
Act, 1896, and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of
Light Railways in the County of Essex from Kelvedon to Coggeshall (Coggeshall Light Rail-
way Order, 1899).

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Light Railways
Commissioners, under the Light Railways Act, 1896,
and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of Light
Railways in the County of Lincoln, from Lincoln to Scunthorpe (North Lindsey Light Rail-
way Order, 1900).

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Light Railways
Commissioners, under the Light Railways Act, 1896,
and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of a Light
Railway in the West Riding of the County of York, from Bradford to Leeds (Bradford and
Leeds Light Railway Order, 1899).

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Light Railways
Commissioners, under the Light Railways Act, 1896,
and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of Light
Railways in the Counties of Worcester and Warwick, from Redditch to Astwood Bank (Redditch and District Light Railways Order, 1900).

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Light Railways
Commissioners, under the Light Railways Act, 1896,
and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of Light
Railways in the County of Kent, between Cranbro-
ok and Tenterden, in extension of the Rother Valley (Light) Railway, and the construction and working of that Railway as a Light Railways
(Cranbrook and Tenterden Light Railway Order, 1899).

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Light Railways
Commissioners, under the Light Railways Act, 1896,
and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of a Light
Railway,
Railway in the County of Calthorpe, between Wick and Lydster (Wick and Lydster Light Railway Order, 1899)

Light Railways Act, 1896.

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Commissioners, under the Light Railways Act, 1896, and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, amending the Basingstoke and Alton Light Railway Order, 1897 (Basingstoke and Alton Light Railway (Amendment), Order, 1900).

Mr. Ritchie also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of General Rules made, pursuant to Section twenty-six of the Companies (Winding-up) Act, 1890, dated 28th December 1899.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Eighteenth Report of the Royal University of Ireland, being for the year 1899.

Ordered, That the said Estimate do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Goschen, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of General Rules made, pursuant to Section twenty-six of the Companies (Winding-up) Act, 1890, dated 28th December 1899.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Chaplin presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the licensing of Boozehouses and Places for the Sale of Cider and Wine by Retail in England and Wales; And that Mr. Herbert Lewis, Mr. Courtney, Mr. Cameron Gull, and Mr. Cameron Corbett do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the licensing of Boozehouses and Places for the Sale of Cider and Wine by Retail in England and Wales; And that Mr. Herbert Lewis, Mr. Courtney, Mr. Cameron Gull, and Mr. Cameron Corbett do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to alter the Law relating to the Hours during which Premises licensed for the Sale of Excisable Liquors may be open in Scotland; And that Mr. Provand, Captain Sinclair, Mr. Cotelle, Mr. Ure, and Mr. Caldwell do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, so as to facilitate the provision of Cottages by Rural Authorities; And that Sir Walter Potter, Mr. Channing, Mr. Steetsman, Mr. Price, Mr. Broadhurst, Mr. Bilton, Mr. Frederick Wilson, and Mr. Sommes do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to restrict the Hours of Labour in Bakehouses to Forty-eight per Week; And that Mr. Woods, Mr. John Burns, and Mr. Steadman do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to grant Certificates to Persons in charge of Beerhouses, Steam Engines and Boilers; And that Mr. Jonathan Samuel, Mr. Joseph Albert Peace, Mr. Holdtane, Mr. Helder, Colonel Denzy, Mr. Fenwick, Mr. John Wilson (Dorkham), Mr. Paulson, Mr. Joseph Walton, and Mr. Holland do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Steadman presented a Bill to amend the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, so as to facilitate the provision of Cottages by Rural Authorities; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 19th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Herbert Lewis presented a Bill to amend the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, so as to facilitate the provision of Cottages by Rural Authorities; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 20th day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Mr. Provand presented a Bill to alter the Law relating to the Hours during which Premises licensed for the Sale of Excisable Liquors may be open in Scotland; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Sir Walter Foster presented a Bill to amend the Housing of the Working Classes (Rural Districts) Bill.

Wine and Beerhouse Acts Amendment Bill.

Examiner's Command, Copy of Eighteenth Report of the Royal University of Ireland, being for the year 1899.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Chaplin presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee on the Financial Aspects of the Proposals made by the Select Committee of the House of Commons in Session 1899 about the Aged Deserving Poor, with Appendices.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, that the Proceedings on the Address, if under discussion at Twelve o'clock this night, be not interrupted under the Standing Order, Situations of the House (Exemption from the Standing Order),

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right ;

The Noes, Mr. Balfour:—

Tellers for the Yes, Mr. Arunstruther:

For, Mr. William Walrond, 226.

For, Mr. Thomas Emmott, 86.

Mr. Arunstruther:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Housing of the Working Classes; And that Mr. Steedman, Mr. John Burns, Captain Norton, and Mr. Woods do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the licensing of Boozehouses and Places for the Sale of Cider and Wine by Retail in England and Wales; And that Mr. Herbert Lewis, Mr. Courtney, Mr. Cameron Gull, and Mr. Cameron Corbett do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to alter the Law relating to the Hours during which Premises licensed for the Sale of Excisable Liquors may be open in Scotland; And that Mr. Provand, Captain Sinclair, Mr. Cotelle, Mr. Ure, and Mr. Caldwell do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, so as to facilitate the provision of Cottages by Rural Authorities; And that Sir Walter Potter, Mr. Channing, Mr. Steetsman, Mr. Price, Mr. Broadhurst, Mr. Billson, Mr. Frederick Wilson, and Mr. Sommes do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to restrict the Hours of Labour in Bakehouses to Forty-eight per Week; And that Mr. Woods, Mr. John Burns, and Mr. Steadman do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to grant Certificates to Persons in charge of Beerhouses, Steam Engines and Boilers; And that Mr. Jonathan Samuel, Mr. Joseph Albert Peace, Mr. Holdtane, Mr. Helder, Colonel Denzy, Mr. Fenwick, Mr. John Wilson (Dorkham), Mr. Paulson, Mr. Joseph Walton, and Mr. Holland do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Steadman presented a Bill to amend the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, so as to facilitate the provision of Cottages by Rural Authorities; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 25th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Herbert Lewis presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the licensing of Beerhouses and Places for the Sale of Cider and Wine by Retail in England and Wales; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon the 20th day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Mr. Provand presented a Bill to alter the Law relating to the Hours during which Premises licensed for the Sale of Excisable Liquors may be open in Scotland; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Jonathan Samuel presented a Bill to grant Steam Engines and Boilers (License in Scotland) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Main Question proposed upon the 30th day of January last, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as followeth:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament—(Captain Pretyman);

And the Main Question being again proposed—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding at the end thereof the words "But we humbly represent to Your Majesty, that the over taxation of Ireland, which promises to become greatly aggravated by the expenditure on the War in South Africa, is a most serious and pressing grievance, and demands the early attention of Parliament, with a view to its removal."—(Mr. Clancy.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there added;—That word or words had then added.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond
Noes, [Mr. David Thomas: ] 64.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being accordingly put;—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the[ Sir William Walrond, Yeas, [Mr. Austruther: ] 229.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as followeth:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty's Household.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.—(Mr. Hanbury.)

Ordered, That the several Estimates presented to this House during the present Session be referred to the Committee of Supply.—(Mr. Hanbury.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.—(Mr. Hanbury.)
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A Bill to authorise the Belfast and County Down Railway Company to construct a Railway from Newcastle to join the Railway of the Great Northern Railway Company (Ireland) at Ballymena; to own and use a portion of the Railway of that Company; to enter into working and other Agreements with that Company; to confer further Powers upon the Company with reference to Steam Vessels and further Powers in connection with their Undertaking, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to authorise the Mayor, Aldermen, and Bradford Citizens of the City of Bradford, in the County of York, to construct additional Tramways in and near the City; to acquire Lands for the protection of their Water Supply; to purchase the Undertakings of the Clayton, Alberton, and Thornton Gas Company, the Ecclesfield and Bolton Gas Company, and the Airdale Gas Company; to purchase Gas from the Drighlington and Gildersome Gas Light Company; to make further provision for the Health and good Government of the City, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Bray and District Electricity Supply Corporation, Limited, to construct and work Tramways; to erect Electric Generating Stations, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to empower the Mayor, Aldermen, and Brighton Burgess of the Borough of Brighton, to construct and work Tramways; to erect Electric Generating Stations, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for empowering the British Gas Light Company, Limited, to erect new Works and to expend further Capital at their Staffordshire Potteries, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for incorporating the Buckingham, Buckingham, Towcester, and Metropolitan Junction Railway Company; and for empowering them to construct a Railway from Verney Junction, in the Railway Bill, County of Buckingham, to Towcester, in the County of Northampton, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Charing Cross and Clapham Junction Electricity Supply Corporation, Limited, to construct a Generating Station in the Parish of West Ham, and to lay Mains connecting their Generating Stations, and to acquire Lands, and to construct a short line of Railway, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to extend the time for the compulsory Compensation and Purchase in connection with the completion of the Brompton and Preeceley Circus Railway Bill, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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A Bill to confer further Powers upon the Governor and Company of Chelsea Waterworks; to declare valid the creation and issue by them of certain Shares and Stock and the payment of Dividends thereon, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to enable the Cheshire Lines Committee to make a new Railway; to acquire additional Lands; to stop up certain Streets, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to amend the City and South London Railway Act, 1893, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to empower the City of London Electric Lighting Company (Limited) to acquire Lands and work Generating Stations, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to empower the Corporation of the City of London to acquire and maintain Finsbury Circus Gardens as an Open Space, and to acquire Spitalfields Market, with Power to maintain or sell or lease the same; to purchase Lands for various purposes, and to adopt and apply the Baths and Washhouses Acts; to establish a Crematorium at Ilford Cemetery; to make further and better accommodation for the laying of Pipes, Wires, and other Apparatus in, over, or under Streets; to confer further Powers upon the Corporation with respect to the control of Streets and Structures across Streets, and the fixing of Apparatus for Public Lighting in Streets; to make further provisions for the Health and good Government of the City and of the Open Spaces therein; to enable persons elected to Corporate Offices in the City to retire therefrom; to empower the Corporation to borrow Money, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorise the Clontarf Urban District Council to construct Works for Sewage purposes, to erect a Sea Wall, to acquire Lands, to borrow Moneys, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to increase the Limit of the Note Issue of the Colonial Bank, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to authorise the County of London and Brush Provincial Electric Lighting Company, Limited, to purchase Lands and construct Generating Stations, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to empower the Corporation of Coventry to make certain Street Works, and to confer further Powers on them in regard to Streets, Buildings, and Sawers, and the Health, Local Government, and Improvement of the City, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further Powers on the Great-Grantham Gas Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to authorise the Corporation of Creighton to construct additional Tramways and to work the Tramways in the Borough; to execute certain Street Improvements; to make further provision for the Government and for the Pre-

A Bill to extend the City of Dublin, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers upon the County of Durham Electric Power Supply Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorise the East London Waterworks Company to construct additional Storage Reservoirs and other Works; to take further Water from the River Thames in cases of exceptional Drought and other emergency; to raise further Money, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to extend the City and County of the Exeter Corporation to unite the Parishes within the extended City into one Parish; to authorise the reconstruction of the Exe Bridge and the construction of certain Street Works, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Urban District Council of Farnworth to construct additional Tramways and to work Tramways, and to make further provision for the good Government of the said District, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for making further provision as to testing the illuminating power of Gas supplied by the Gas Light and Coke, the South Metropolitan Gas, and the Commercial Gas Companies in the Administrative County of London, and for regulating the supply by those Companies of Prepayment Meters and Fittings in connection therewith, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enable the Gas Light and Coke Company to raise additional Moneys and to purchase, take, and hold Lands, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for incorporating and conferring Glastonbury Powers on the Glastonbury, Street and District Gas Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to empower the Mayor, Aldermen, and Glastonbury Burgesses of the Borough of Glastonbury to Corporation supply Gas, and to provide for the transfer of the Undertaking of the Glastonbury Gas and Coke Company, Limited, to the Corporation, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further Powers on the Great Eastern Railway Company to make further Railways, Widenings, and Works; to confirm an Agreement between the Company and the Hertford County Council, and the Epping Rural District Council and other parties;
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A Bill to extend the periods limited for the Hastings Harbour Bill.

A Bill to confer further Powers upon the Great Northern Railway Company, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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A Bill to confer further Powers upon the Great Western Railway Company in respect of their own Undertaking, and upon that Company and the London and North Western Railway Company in respect of Undertakings in which they are jointly interested, and upon the Great Western and Great Central Railways Joint Committee in respect of their Undertaking; for vesting the Undertakings of the Staines and West Drayton and the Birmingham and Hendon-to-Avon Railways Companies in the Great Western Railway Company; for transferring to that Company the powers of the Birmingham, North Warwickshire, and Stratford-upon-Avon Railway Companies, and extending the time for the construction of certain authorised Railways of that Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for conferring additional Tramways in and adjacent to the Borough, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgessesses of the Borough of Huddersfield to construct additional Tramways and other Works, to authorise the inclosure of the Great Meols Commons, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer Powers upon the Urban District Council of Heylake and West Kirby for the construction of a Parade, new Streets, Pier, and other Works, to authorise the inclosure of the Great Marsh Commons, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to incorporate the Hastings Tramways Hastings Company and to empower that Company to construct and maintain Tramways in and adjacent to the Borough of Hastings, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgessesses of the Borough of Huddersfield to construct additional Tramways in and adjacent to the Borough, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to vest in the Corporation of the Huntingdon Borough of Huntingdon certain Commons Lands and Freehold and Freemen's Rights of Pasturage in certain Lammas Lands, to transfer certain Rents and Moneys to the Corporation, to empower the Corporation to form Public Parks and Recreation Grounds, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgessesses of the Borough of Huddersfield to construct additional Tramways and other works, to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enable the Walker and Wallasey Jarrow and Union Gas Company to supply Electricity (heb) at Humber within the Borough of Jarrow and Urban District of Hebburn, in the County Durham, to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to incorporate the Kingscourt, Keady, and Armagh Railway Company, and to empower them to construct Railways in the Counties of Cavan, Monaghan, and Armagh, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Knott End Railway Knott End Company to construct an extension of their Railway Bill from Pilling to Gogbat, and to provide for the acquisition by that Company of the undertakings of the Gortang and Knott End Railway Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorise the Company of Prebends of Lambeth Waterworks to execute Water Bill, further Works, to purchase additional Lands, to take further Water from the River Thames, and to raise further Money, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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A Bill for conferring further Powers on the 
Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company with relation to their own Undertaking, and upon that Company and the London and North Western Railway Company with relation to the Preston and Wyre Railway, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to confer further Powers on the 
Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway Company, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for incorporating and conferring 
Powers on the Lancashire Electric Power Company, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Corporation of Lancaster to acquire the Undertakings of the Lancaster and District Tramways Company, Limited; to widen Streets; and make a Footbridge over the River Lune; to deal with Lancaster Morsh; to commute portions of the Vicar of Lancaster's Tithe and Doos; to make further provisions for the good Government of the Borough, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for the abandonment of the Latimer Road and Acton Railway, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to alter the constitution and amend and extend the Statutory Powers of the Lee Conservancy Board, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for authorising the Corporation of the City of Liverpool to execute certain Street Improvements; for making further provisions for the protection of the Public Health; for amending various local Acts in force within the City; for authorising the Corporation to raise Money by the issue of Bills, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to repeal Exemptions from Rates or Charges of certain Craft using the Docks under the management of the London and India Docks Joint Committee and of goods discharged or received by such Craft; and to empower the Joint Committee to levy Rates or Charges thereon, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for empowering the London and North Western Railway Company to construct additional Dock Works at Garston, and for conferring further Powers upon that Company in relation to their own Undertaking, and upon that Company and the Great Western Railway Company and the Great Central Railway Company in relation to their Joint Undertakings, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for conferring further Powers upon the London and North Western Railway Company for the construction of Works and acquisition of Lands in Wales, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for the amalgamation of the Undertakings of the London and Saint Katharine Docks Company and the East and West India Dock Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to confer further Powers upon the London and South Western Railway Companies, to authorise them to execute further Works, to acquire additional Lands, and to raise further Money; and to vary in certain respects the provisions of the South Western Railway Act, 1899, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to confer on the London County Council certain general Powers for taking Houses, Land, Buildings, and Lands for purposes of Street Improvements, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enable the London County Council to purchase Lands for various purposes; to provide for Contributions by the Council to the East and West India Dock Companies, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the London County Council to make an Extension of the Thames Embankment and a new Street and Improvements of Aqueducts and Works in Wales, and the construction of certain Aqueducts and Works in the Administrative County of London, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the London County Council to acquire Spitalfields Market, in the Parish of Christchurch, Spitalfields, and to make various Provisions in connection thereto, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorise the London, Walthamstow, London, and Epping Forest Railway Company to construct a portion of their authorised Railway in tunnel instead of in cuttings; to extend the time limited for the Purchase of Lands for an Electric Station, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to empower the London County Council to acquire the Undertakings of the London Water Companies, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorise the construction of Reservoirs and Works in Wales, and the construction of Aqueducts and Works for the supply of Water to London and Neighbourhood, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for incorporating the Lowestoft Railway Company, and authorising them to construct Railways in the Counties of Norfolk and Suffolk, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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Maidenhead Gas Bill. A Bill to amend the Maidenhead Gas Act, 1876, and to confer further Powers upon the Maidenhead Gas Company, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Manchester and Liverpool Electric Railway Bill. A Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers upon the Manchester and Liverpool Electric Express Railway Company, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Market Weighton Drainage and Navigation Bill. A Bill for incorporating and making better provisions for the Meetings and Proceedings of the Trustees of the Market Weighton Drainage and Canal in the East Riding of the County of York; for better defining the Lands subject to Taxation by the said Canal; and for making other provisions relative thereto; for relieving the said Trustees from their obligations to maintain the said Canal; and for conferring further Powers on the said Trustees, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Metropolitan District Railway Bill. A Bill for empowering the Metropolitan District Railway Company to erect a Station for generating Electrical Energy and thereby work certain Railways; to acquire Lands, to extend the time for the completion of certain Railways and compulsory purchase of Lands; to make certain provisions with respect to the Ealing and South Harrow and Brentford and Piccadilly Railways; to raise further Capital, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mid-Kent Water Bill. A Bill to confer further Powers upon the Local Government Board, and to impose further obligations upon the Metropolitan Water Companies with a view to providing for the future needs of the Metropolis in regard to the Supply of Water, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Midland Railway Bill. A Bill to confer additional Powers upon the Midland Railway Company and upon the Midland and North Eastern Railway Companies Committee and upon the Midland and Great Northern Railways Joint Committee for the construction of Works and the acquisition of Lands; to empower the Midland Railway Company to subscribe towards the Undertaking of the Yorkshire Dales Railway Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Moorcambé Urban District Council (Gas) Bill. A Bill to provide for the transfer of the Undertaking of the Moorcambé Gas and Light Company to the Moorcambé Urban District Council, and to confer further Powers on the said Council with respect to the supply of Gas, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne Electric Supply Bill. A Bill to confer further Powers upon the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Electric Supply Company, Limited, for the construction of Works, and the supply of Electrical Energy, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

12th February. A Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers upon the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to consolidate the Debenture Stocks of the North Metropolitan Railway and Canal Companies Bill, to amend in certain respects the Acts relating to the Company; to change the name of the Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to enable the North Warwickshire North Warwickshire Water Company to extend their Limits of Water Supply; to construct additional Waterworks, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to empower the Corporation of Nottingham to make certain Street Improvements, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Corporation of Oldham Oldham to extend and improve their existing Market Hall; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to authorize the sale of the Undertaking of the Ossett Gas Company to the Corporation of Ossett; and to empower the Corporation to supply Gas within the Borough of Ossett and Places adjacent thereto, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to extend the Powers of and amend Ossett Gas the Act relating to the Ossett Gas Company, Bill, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for regulating the Rating of Pontefract Pontefract Park, in the West Riding of the County of York, in respect of Poor Rates, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer Powers upon the Corporation Reading Corporation (Tramways) of the Borough of Reading with respect to the construction and working of Tramways in the Borough, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further Powers upon the Redhill Gas Redhill Gas Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for extending the Limits of Supply of Nicknams Nicknams and conferring further Powers upon the Nicknams and Uxbridge Valley Water Company; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers upon the Rugeley Gas Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
A Bill to authorise the Saint Alban's Waterworks Company to acquire further Lands, and to raise further Moneys, and to extend their Limits of Supply, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to authorise the construction of Railways in the County of Pembroke, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to empower the Corporation of Scarborough to make an Approach Road to the New Marine Drive, to alter the line of the Sea Wall of the said Drive, to widen and improve the Ramside Valley Bridge, and to construct a Street Tramway; to make further and better provision for the Improvement, Health, and good Government of the Borough of Scarborough, to alter the Constitution of the Scarborough Harbour Commissioners, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to incorporate the South Lancashire Tramways Company; and to empower that Company to make Tramways and Street Improvements, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the South Metropolitan Gas Company to alter the provisions as to the Standard Price and Illuminating Power of the Gas supplied by the Company; to construct a Railway in the Parish of Greenwich; and to purchase by Agreement so much of the southern portion of the Undertaking of the Gas Light and Coke Company as is situate in the County of London south of the Thames, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Southport to carry out Street Improvements and other Works; and to make further provisions for the Improvement and good Government of the said Borough, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to extend the Boundaries of the Borough of Southport, to authorise the construction of Tramways, and to confer further Powers on the Corporation with respect to the Supply of Gas and Electricity, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for the granting of further Powers to the Southport Waterworks Company, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers on the South Wales Electrical Power Distribution Company, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorise the Urban District Council of Spalding to purchase the Undertaking of the Spalding Waterworks Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of Stockport to construct Tramways in the Borough, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to provide for vesting in the Urban Tottenham District Council of Tottenham, in the County of Urban District Middlesex, the Lammas Lands in the District; to confer various Powers with respect to Commons, Open Spaces, and Recreation Grounds, the Supply of Electricity, Streets, Buildings, and other matters of Local Government, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers on the Tyne-side Electric Power Company, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to extend the period for the Purchase Vale of Heilfield of Lands and for the Construction of the authorised Railway, and to work the Traffic thereon by Electrical or other Motive Power, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to empower the Mayor, Aldermen, and Wakefield Citizens of the City of Wakefield to purchase the Undertaking of the Wakefield Borough Market Company, and to make further provision in regard to the Markets and Slaughter Houses of the said City, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to convert the Capital of the Wandsworth and Putney Gaslight and Coke Company; and to raise additional Capital; to construct Works, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to confer Powers upon the Corporation of West Bromwich, of the County Borough of West Bromwich with respect to Tramways and to their Electric Lighting and other Undertakings; to make further provision for the Improvement and good Government of the Borough; to amend and extend the provisions of the Local Acts relating to the Borough, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further Powers upon the West Ham Corporation, of the West Ham Borough of West Ham; and to make further provision for the good Government of that Borough, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enable the Wetherby District Water Company to extend their Limits of Supply; to construct additional Waterworks, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to authorise the construction of a Widnes and Runcorn Bridge across the River Mersey and Manchester Ship Canal, between Widnes and Runcorn, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for making a Railway in the County of Stafford from Wolverhampton to Essington and Covenhoven Chase, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for conferring further Powers on the Wolverhampton Gas Company was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for incorporating the Woodbridge District Water Company and empowering them to construct Works and supply Water, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Rochdale, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Rochdale to reconstruct the existing Tramways in the said Borough when acquired by them, and to construct additional Tramways in and adjacent to the Borough, and to make further provisions for the good Government of the Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Royds, Mr. Kenyon, and Mr. Platt-Hyde.

The Order made upon the 9th day of this instant February, That the Manchester City Railway Bill be ordered to be brought in, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Petition for the Bill be withdrawn. —(Dr. Farquharson.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Reports from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the Petitions for the following Bills, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz. —

Aberdeen Corporation Tramways Bill.
Blackpool, St. Anne's and Lytham Tramways Bill.
South Eastern Metropolitan Tramways Bill.

Ordered, That the Reports be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury, presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Estimate of the Further Sums required to be voted for the Civil Services for the year ending 31st March 1900.

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital, in respect of Army Pensions and Legacy Funds, &c., for the year ended 31st March 1899, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply, and be printed; and that the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Copy of Accounts of the Receipts and Payments of the Accountant General of the Supreme Court of Judicature in Ireland, in respect of the Funds of Solicitors in the said Court, including therein Funds to the credit of Lunacy Accounts, in the year to the 30th day of September 1899; together with a Statement of Liabilities and Assets, and Particulars of Securities in Court on the 30th day of September 1899.

Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, National Telephone Company, &c., a Copy of Deeds Poll, dated 7th day of February 1898 and 15th day of February 1899, executed by Her Majesty's Postmaster General, specifying the exchange areas of the National Telephone Company (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 128, of Session 1898).

Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Bill for conferring further Powers on the Plymouth Corporation to enable the Crown, to make out a New Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Plymouth, in the room of Sir Edward Clarke, Knight, who, since his election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Manor of Northstead, in the County of York.—(Sir William Walrond.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Education and Science and Art Departments,—(Colonel Wyndham Murray.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Railway Bill for the better prevention of Accidents on Railways: And that Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Attorney General, and Mr. Solicitor General do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Companies Acts : And that Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Attorney General, and Mr. Solicitor General do prepare, and bring it in.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, until the end of the financial year, the House of Commons do have precedence on Tuesday whenever set down by the Government, and that the provisions of Standing Order 56 be extended to that day.—(Mr. Balfour):—The House divided.

Mr. A. Balfour, Member for New Member for the Borough of York, was sworn.

George Denison Faber, Esquire, Member for New Member for the Borough of York, was sworn.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, the Minutes of the Lords of the Council relating to the re-organisation of the Education and Science and Art Departments.—(Colonel Wyndham Murray.)

A Bill to amend the Companies Acts: And that Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Attorney General, and Mr. Solicitor General do prepare, and bring it in.
Tuesday, 13th February, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in respect of the Bills comprised in the List reported by the Chairman of Ways and Means as intended to originate in the House of Lords, they have certified that the Standing Orders have been complied with in the following case, viz.:

Burnley Corporation.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bill Petitions from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the Petition for the following Bill, originating in the Lords, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

Barnley Corporation Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Bill to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Rechdale Burgess of the Borough of Rechdale to construct the existing Tramways in the said Bill when acquired by them, and to construct additional Tramways in and adjacent to the Borough; and to make further provisions for the good Government of the Borough, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Petition of the Southport District Tramroad Southport Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower and Lytham Tramroad the Southport District Tramroad Company to construct certain Tramroads, Tramway, and Bridge between Southport and Lytham, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Seton-Karr, Mr. Gilliat, and Sir Joseph Leese.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty’s (Trade and Navigation) Act, 1878, as amended by the Southport District Tramroad Bill, for the good Government of the Borough, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, American Treaty Series (No. 4, 1900.)

The Right Honourable Edmond Robert Stuart-Wortley, John Edward Ellis, Arthur O'Connor, and William Court Gully, were elected Members for the Borough of Rochdale, to meet the Session for the Good Government of the Borough; and to make further provisions for the Constitution and Government of the Borough when acquired by them, and to construct additional Tramways in and adjacent to the Borough; and to make further provisions for the good Government of the Borough, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Ordered, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Leathere acquainted the House, that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vagrants' Children Protection Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustee Savings Banks Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Sir John Gorst presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 12th day of this instant February, for a Return relative to Education and Science and Art Departments.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till five minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 1, "Sittings of the House;" I hereby nominate—

Mr. Arthur O'Connor, Mr. John Edward Ellis, The Right Honourable Charles Beilby Stuart-Wortley, The Right Honourable Edmond Robert Wedderburn, and Mr. John Greent Lawson, to act during this Session as temporary Chairman of Committees when requested by the Chairman of Ways and Means.

WILLIAM COURT GULLY, Speaker.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant February.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 27th day of this instant February.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till one minute after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

### Wednesday, 14th February, 1900

**THE HOUSE MEET AT TWELVE O'CLOCK.**

**PRAYERS.**

Several Public Petitions were presented, Public Petitions.

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Civil Services Command, Estimate of the further Amount required in the year ending 31st March 1900 for Sundry Colonial Services.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Trade Reports Command, Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, No. 2378.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Inquiry into a Return comprising (1) The Reports made to the Charity Commissioners, in the Result of an Inquiry held in every Parish wholly or partly within the Administrative County of Durham into Endowments, subject to the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Acts, 1853 to 1894, and appropriated in whole or in part for the Benefit of that County, or of any part thereof, together with the Reports on those Endowments of the Commissioners for Inquiring concerning Charities, 1818 to 1837; (2) A Digest showing, in the case of each such Parish, whatever any and, if any, what such Endowments are recorded in the Books of the Charity Commissioners; and (3) An Index, alphabetically arranged, of Names and Places mentioned in the Returns. — (Mr. Great Law- son.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Inquiry into a Return comprising (1) The Reports made to the Charity Commissioners in the Result of an Inquiry held in every Parish wholly or partly within the County of Montgomery into Endowments, subject to the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Acts, 1853 to 1894, and appropriated in whole or in part for the Benefit of that County, or of any part thereof, together with the Reports on those Endowments of the Commissioners for Inquiring concerning Charities, 1818 to 1837; (2) A Digest showing, in the case of each such Parish, whatever any and, if any, what such Endowments are recorded in the Books of the Charity Commissioners; and (3) An Index, alphabetically arranged, of Names and Places mentioned in the Returns. — (Mr. Great Law- son.)
The Order made on the 18th day of October, in the last Session of Parliament, That the Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1884, relating to Mary Byrne, Postmistress, Recumaria, do lie upon the Table, was read, and discharged. Ordered, That the said Treasury Minute be withdrawn.—(Mr. Hanbury.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898 (Amendment) Bill;—
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;—
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Grant Lawson.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;—
The House divided. The Yeas to the Right;—
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the
Tellers for the
Sir Thomas Esmondes,
William Walrond,
Yeas: Captain Donelan: 126,
Noes: Mr. Anstruther: 216.
So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "upon this day six months" be added at the end of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put:—
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day six months.

Steam Engines and Boilers (Persons in Charge) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Steam Engines and Boilers (Persons in Charge) Bill;—
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 7th day of March next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;—
Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;—
Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 15th February, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Bill to empower the Southport and Lytham Tramroad Bill.

A BILL to empower the Southport District Tramroad Company to construct certain Tramways, and to take over the Southport and Lytham, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

London County Tramways (No. 2.)

A Petition of the London County Council, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the London County Council to work their Tramways by Electrical Power, and for other purposes, was read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. James Stuart and Mr. John Burns.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Trustees of the British Museum being offered to be presented.—(Mr. Museum. John Morley:)

Mr. Hanbury, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the contents of the said Petition, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the said Petition was brought up, and read; setting forth, That the only Funds belonging to the Petitioners for the support of the British Museum consist of Thirty thousand pounds; and also of a Bequest of the late Lord Farnborough, the annual proceeds of which amount to about Four hundred pounds; and that the Establishment is necessarily attended with an expense far beyond the annual produce of the above-mentioned sums, and the Trust cannot, with benefit to the Public, be carried on without the aid of Parliament; and praying the House to grant them such further support towards enabling them to carry on the execution of the Trust reposed in them by Parliament for the general benefit of learning and useful knowledge as to the House shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Wynham presented, by Her Majesty's Army Command,—Estimate of the further Amount (Ordnance Factories) Supplemen-
tary Estimate, 1899-1900. No. 49.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Statistical Abstract for the principal and other Foreign Countries in each year from 1888 to 1897-98. (Twenty-sixth Number.)

Copy of Statistical Tables relating to the Colonial Statisti.

Part XXII. for the years 1894-95-96.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the di-

Trustee receipts of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Savings Banks. Account

Account

Eighth Annual Report of the Proceedings of the Inspection Committee of Trustee Savings Banks for the year ended 20th November 1899, with Appendices.

Account showing the Gross Amount received Post Office Telegraphs.

No. 51.

No. 60.

No. 52.

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Account showing the Moneys issued under the provisions of the Public Offices (Acquisition of Sites) Act, 1895, Session 2, the Public Offices (Westminster) Site Act, 1896, the Public Offices (Whitehall) Site Act, 1897, and, the Public Buildings Expenses Act, 1898, the Securities created in respect thereof, and the Amount expended for the purposes of the said Acts to the 31st March 1899; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

No. 53.

Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for the Expense of the Ordnance Factories, the Cost of the Productions of which have been charged to other Votes, for the year ending 31st March 1899; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon; also Statement of the Surpluses and Deficits upon the Estimates.

No. 54.

Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for Army Services for the year 1898–99; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon; and the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General upon the Store Accounts of the Army.

No. 55.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir John Gorst presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order in Council, dated 29th January 1900, under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, entitled the North Eastern Rhodesia Order in Council, 1900.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 29th January 1900, under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, the Consular Salaries and Fees Act, 1891, and the Foreign Marriages Act, 1892, entitled the Japan (Consular and Marriage Fees) Order in Council, 1900.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 29th January 1900, under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, the Consular Salaries and Fees Act, 1891, and the Foreign Marriages Act, 1892, entitled the China and Corea (Consular and Marriage Fees) Order in Council, 1900.

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Copy of Order in Council, dated 29th January 1900, under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, the Consular Salaries and Fees Act, 1891, and the Foreign Marriages Act, 1892, entitled the Japan (Consular and Marriage Fees) Order in Council, 1900.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2380 and 2381.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Statement showing the Production and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages (Wine, Beer, and Spirits) in the various Countries of Europe, in the United States, and in the principal British Colonies, together with Statistical Tables relating thereto, in each year from 1885 to 1898, as far as the particulars can be stated (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 72 of Session 1899).

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Statistical Tables and Memorandum relating to the Sea Fisheries of the United Kingdom in the year 1899, including also a Return showing the Quantity of Fish carried by Railway from each of the principal Ports of England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland, in each year from 1894 to 1899, inclusive (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 71, of Session 1899).

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Number of Societies or Clubs, other than Friendly Societies and Charitable and Provident Institutions, which have been permitted by the National and Provincial Commissioners or their Comptroller General to invest under the Savings Bank Acts without restriction as to Amount, giving the Designation and specifying the Objects of the said Societies.—(Mr. Wood.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of Rifle Ranges closed in the Eastern District, since the gradual issue of the Lee-Metford Rifle, beginning in 1890.—(Mr. Powell Williams.)

Sir Michael Foster, K.C.B., M.D., Member for New Member the University of London, was sworn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, so soon as the Committee of Supply has been appointed and Estimates have been presented, the Business of Supply shall (until it is disposed of) be the first Order of the Day on Friday, unless the House otherwise directs ; and the provisions of Standing Order No. 56 shall be extended to Friday:

Not more than twenty days, being days before the 5th of August, on which the Speaker leaves the Chair for the Committee of Supply without Amendment or Debate: Provided always, that on Motion made after notice by a Minister of the Crown to be decided without Amendment or Debate, during that period not exceeding three days, may be allotted for the Business of Supply, either before or after the 5th of August.

On the last but one of the allotted days, at Ten o'clock p.m., the Chairman shall proceed to put forthwith every Question necessary to dispose of the outstanding Votes in Committee of Supply;
Supply; and on the last, not being earlier than the twentieth of the allotted days, the Speaker shall, at Ten o'clock p.m., proceed to put forthwith every Question necessary to complete the outstanding Reports of Supply:

On the days appointed for concluding the Business of Supply, the consideration of such business shall not be anticipated by a Motion of Adjournment under Standing Order No. 17; nor may any dilatory Motion be moved on such proceedings; nor shall they be interrupted under the provisions of any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House:

Provided always that any Additional Estimate for any new service or matter, not included in the original Estimates for the year, shall be submitted for consideration in the Committee of Supply on any day not later than two days before the Committee is closed:

Provided also that the days occupied by the consideration of Estimates supplementary to those of a previous Session, or of any Vote of Credit, shall not be included in the computation of the twenty days. Provided also that two Morning Sittings shall be deemed equivalent to one Three o'clock Sitting—(Mr. Balfour): An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in line 17, by inserting after the word "of the twenty days." the word "two."

And the Question being put, That the word "two" be there inserted:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Strachey],

Yea, [Mr. Courtenay Warner] 126.

Noe, [Mr. Anstruther] 250.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walron],

Yea, [Mr. Anstruther] 303.

Noe, [Mr. Courtenay Warner] 82.

So it was resolved in the Afirmative.

Ordered, That, so soon as the Committee of Supply has been appointed and Estimates have been presented, the Business of Supply shall (until it be disposed of) be the first Order of the Day on Friday, unless the House otherwise order on the Motion of a Minister of the Crown moved at the commencement of Public Business to be decided without Amendment Debate and the provisions of Standing Order No. 56 shall be extended to Friday.

Not more than twenty days, being days before the 5th of August, on which the Speaker leaves the Chair for the Committee of Supply without Question put, counting from the first day on which the Speaker so left the Chair under Standing Order No. 56, shall be allotted for the consideration of the Annual Estimates for the Army, Navy, and Civil Services, including Votes on Account, the Business of Supply standing first Order on every such day;

Provided always, that on Motion made after Notice by a Minister of the Crown to be decided

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Reports of the Committees of Supply and Ways and Means, and other Committees authorising the Expenditure of Public Money, may be entered upon at any hour, though opposed, and shall not be interrupted under the Provisions of any Standing Order regulating the Sittings of the House, except of Standing Order No. 5.—(Mr. Balfour): Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law regarding Ecclesiastical Assessments in Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Ordered, That the Question be now put;

The Committee proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put";

Question put, "That the Question be now put";

The Speaker proceeded to put forthwith every Question necessary to dispose of the outstanding Votes in Committee of Supply; and on the last, not being earlier than the twentieth of the allotted days, the Speaker shall, at Ten o'clock p.m., proceed to put forthwith every Question necessary to complete the outstanding Reports of Supply:

On the days appointed for concluding the Business of Supply, the consideration of such business shall not be anticipated by a Motion of Adjournment under Standing Order No. 17; nor may any dilatory Motion be moved on such proceedings; nor shall they be interrupted under the provisions of any Standing Order relating to the Sittings of the House:

Provided always that any Additional Estimate for any new service or matter, not included in the original Estimates for the year, shall be submitted for consideration in the Committee of Supply on any day not later than two days before the Committee is closed.

Provided also that the days occupied by the consideration of Estimates supplementary to those of a previous Session, or of any Vote of Credit, shall not be included in the computation of the twenty days. Provided also that two Morning Sittings shall be deemed equivalent to one Three o'clock Sitting.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Reports of the Committee of Supply and Ways and Means, and other Committees authorising the Expenditure of Public Money, may be entered upon at any hour, though opposed, and shall not be interrupted under the Provisions of any Standing Order regulating the Sittings of the House, except of Standing Order No. 5.—(Mr. Balfour): Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law regarding Ecclesiastical Assessments in Scotland: And that the Lord Advocate, Mr. Balfour, and Mr. Anstruther do prepare, and bring it in.

The Lord Advocate accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Law regarding Ecclesiastical Assessments in Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Supply, into the Committee of Supply.

Ordered, That the Question be now put;

The Committee proceeded to a Division.
Standing Order No. 62 has been complied with, viz.:

- Balsford Gas Bill.
- East London Water Bill.
- Gas Light and Coke Company Bill.
- Great Southern Railway Bill.
- Hartlepool Gas and Water Bill.
- Lambeth Water Bill.
- London and South Western Railway Bill.
- North Metropolitan Railway and Canal Companies Bill.
- North Warrington Water Bill.
- Oxenst Gas Bill.
- Redhill Gas Bill.
- Saint Alban's Water Bill.
- South Metropolitan Gas Bill.
- Southport Water Bill.
- Wetherby District Water Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report Private Bills, from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 63 has been complied with, viz.:

- Charing Cross and Strand Electricity Supply Bill.
- Colonial Bank Bill.
- County of London and Brush Provincial Electric Lighting Bill.
- Rugeley Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report Private Bills, from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the Petition for the following Bill, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

- Saint David's Railway (Abandonment) Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Bill to enable the London County Council to work their Tramways by Electrical Power, and for other purposes, was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

A Petition of the Saint David's Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for the abandonment of the Saint David's Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Returns from the Clerks of the Crown and Peace in Ireland of the Number of Persons committed for Trial in the year 1899.

Ordered, That the said Paper be laid upon the Table.

Mr. Hubery presented, pursuant to the Supreme Court directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 10th February 1900, 1877 (Comm. awarding to Mr. Mark Perrin, Registrar of Judicature, the position of Registrar of Judicature in Ireland, whose Office has been willed to the Lord Chancellor of Ireland, by order of the Lord Chancellor of Ireland, a Compensation Allowance under Section 72 of the Supreme Court of Judicature Act (Ireland), 1877.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Inebriate Committals. 

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Copy of Circular, from the Board of Trade, to certain Railway Companies of the United Kingdom with regard to Railway Passenger Communication and Correspondence relating thereto.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Post Office Telegraphs. 

Sir John Gorst presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statutes made for the University of London by the Commissioners appointed under the University of London Act, 1898.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Corporal Punishment. 

Referring, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of all Sentences of Corporal Punishment inflicted under 26 & 27 Vic. c. 44, upon Persons convicted of Offences against Section 43 of the Larceny Act, 1881, and Section 21 of the Offences against the Person Act, 1861, in England and Wales, from the 31st day of March 1889 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 54, of Session 1899), Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

New Member sworn. 

John Brownlie Loudale, Esquire, Member for the County of Armagh (Mid Armagh Division), was sworn.

Selection (Standing Committees) (Chairmen's Panel). 

Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had selected the following Six Members to be the Chairmen's Panel and to serve as Chairmen of the two Standing Committees to be appointed under Standing Order No. 9, Mr. Edward Ellis, Lord James Ferguson, Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice, Colonel Lockwood, and Mr. Humphreys-Owen do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the Powers and Provisions of the Licensing Acts to Magistrates of Police of the City of London.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Poor Law Authorities' Superannuation Act, 1886, to Officers and Servants of other Local Authorities: And that Major Rauch, Mr. Hazell, Mr. Galloway, and Mr. Sinclair do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Colville presented a Bill to extend the Powers and Provisions of the Licensing Acts to Magistrates of Police of Burghs in Scotland: And that Mr. Colville, Mr. John Wilson (Govan), Mr. Caldwel, and Mr. Souttar do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the Local authorities' Superannuation Acts Amendment (Scotland) Act, 1896, to Officers and Servants of other Local Authorities: And that Major Rauch, Mr. Hazell, Mr. Galloway, and Mr. Sinclair do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Caldwel presented a Bill to extend the Sea Fisheries Regulation (Scotland) Act, 1896: And that Sir William Wedderburn, Mr. Crombie, Mr. Gordon, Buchanans, and Captain Sinclair do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the Small Commissions Acts to Magistrates of Police of the City of London.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

University of London Act, 1898. No. 60. 

Sir John Gorst presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statutes made for the University of London by the Commissioners appointed under the University of London Act, 1898.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Trade Union Funds (Banking). 

The Order made upon the 15th day of this instant February, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Number of Societies or Clubs, other than Friendly Societies and Charitable and Provident Institutions, which have been permitted by the National Debt Commissioners or their Comptroller General, to invest under the Savings Bank Acts without restriction as to Amount, giving the Designation, and specifying the Objects of the said Societies, was read, and discharged. — (Mr. Woods.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Local Bill to extend the provisions of the Poor Law Authorities' Superannuation Act, 1886, to Officers and Servants of other Local Authorities: And that Major Rauch, Mr. Hazell, Mr. Galloway, and Mr. Sinclair do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the Powers and Provisions of the Licensing Acts to Magistrates of Police of the City of London.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the Sea Fisheries Regulation (Scotland) Act, 1896: And that Sir William Wedderburn, Mr. Crombie, Mr. Gordon, Buchanans, and Captain Sinclair do prepare, and bring it in.
Sir William Houldsworth presented a Bill to provide for the Inspection and Registration of Boilers; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 7th day of March; and to be printed.

Sir William Houldsworth presented a Bill to amend the Electric Lighting Act, 1882: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Mr. Colville presented a Bill to make provision with respect to the Tenure of the Houses of Workmen in certain Employments: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of this instant February; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(1899-1900.)

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Monday, 19th February, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 62 has been complied with, viz.:

- Belfast and County Down Railway Bill.
- Great Northern Railway Bill.
- Mid-Kent Water Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

- Metropolitan Police Provisional Order Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

- Military Lands Provisional Order Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Aberdeen Police and Improvement Bill was read a second time ; and committed.

The Airdrie, Coatbridge, and District Water Trust Bill was read a second time ; and committed.

The Bradford Corporation Bill was read a second time ; and committed.

The Brighton Corporation Bill was read a second time ; and committed.

The Buckingham, Toucester, and Metropolitan Junction Railway Bill was read a second time ; and committed.

The City of London (Various Powers) Bill was read a second time ; and committed.

The Clitheroe, Urban District Council Bill was read a second time ; and committed.

Ordered, That the Coventry Corporation Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 27th day of this instant February.

The Croydon Tramways and Improvements Bill was read a second time ; and committed.

The Dublin Corporation Bill was read a second time ; and committed.

Ordered, That the Durham (County of) Electric Power Supply Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of March next.

The Exeter Corporation Bill.

The Farnworth Urban District Council Bill was read a second time ; and committed.

The Gas Light and Coke, Commercial Gas, Gas Light and Coke, Commercial Gas, and South Metropolitan Gas Companies Bill was read a second time ; and committed.

The Glutenbury Corporation Gas Bill was read a second time ; and committed.

The Great Yarmouth Port and Haven Bill was read a second time ; and committed.

The Halifax Corporation Bill was read a second time ; and committed.

The Hamilton Burgh Bill was read a second time ; and committed.

The Huddersfield Corporation Tramways Bill was read a second time ; and committed.

The Ifricombe Improvement Bill was read a second time ; and committed.

The Kingscourt, Kened, and Armagh Railway Bill was read a second time ; and committed.

Ordered, That the Lancashire Electric Power Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of March next.

The Lancaster Corporation Bill was read a second time ; and committed.

The Lee Conservancy Bill was read a second time ; and committed.

The Liverpool Corporation Bill was read a second time ; and committed.

The London County Council (Compulsory Purchase of Land) Bill was read a second time ; and committed.

Ordered, That the London County Council London (General Powers) Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the London County Council (Improvements) Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of March next.

The London County Council (Spitalfields London Market) Bill was read a second time ; and committed.

The Lowestoft Railway Bill was read a second time ; and committed.

The Manchester and Liverpool Electric Express Railway Bill was read a second time ; and committed.

The Market Weighton Drainage and Navigation Bill was read a second time ; and committed.

The Morecombe Urban District Council (Gas) Supply Bill was read a second time ; and committed.

The North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Bill was read a second time ; and committed.

The Nottingham Corporation Bill was read a second time ; and committed.

The Oldham Corporation Bill was read a second time ; and committed.

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The Ossett Corporation Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Pontefract Park Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Reading Corporation (Tramways) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Rockdale Corporation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Scarborough Corporation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the South Lancashire Tramways Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Southport Corporation Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 27th day of this instant February.

The Southport Extension and Tramways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the South Wales Electrical Power Distribution Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of March next.

The Spalding Urban District Council (Water) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Stockport Corporation Tramways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Tottenham Urban District Council Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Tunbridge Wells Corporation Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 27th day of this instant February.

The Wakefield Corporation Market Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the West Bromwich Corporation Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 27th day of this instant February.

The West Ham Corporation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Widnes and Runcorn Bridge Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Woodbridge District Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—

(a) An Account of the Gross Amount of all Sums received and paid by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, on account of Banks for Savings and Friendly Societies respectively, on 20th November 1899,—

An Account of the Gross Amount of all Sums received and paid by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, on account of "The Fund for Military Savings Banks," pursuant to &c. &c. &c., from the 19th September 1845 to the 5th January 1900.

Account prepared by the War Office, under Military Works provisions of the Military Works Act, 1897, Act, 1897, showing the Amount expended and borrowed, and the Securities created for the period ended 31st March 1899; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Duchy of Lancaster in the year ended on the 21st December 1896, also a separate Account of the Capital of the said Duchy to the same Date.

Annual Account of the Sea and Coast Fisheries Fund (Ireland) (Non-Congested Districts) for the year ending 21st December 1899.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 10th January 1900, under the Superannuation Act, 1859, declaring that the due and efficient discharge of the duties of the office of Inspector of Canal Boats under the Local Government Board, for the Reduction of the National Debt (Savings Banks and Friendly Societies), National Debt (Military Savings Banks), the Military Works Act, 1897, and the Duchy of Lancaster be printed.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, Penal Servitude pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament Pursuant Acts (Committed),—Copy of Licence under the Preventionhip of Crimes Act, 1871, granted by Her Majesty to Dinh Cohen, a Convict under detention of Crimes Act, 1871, granted by Her Majesty to Aylesbury Prison, permitting the said Dinah Cohen to be at large on condition that she enter

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the Royal Victoria Home, Horfield, near Bristol. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to National Debt (Savings Banks and Friendly Societies), National Debt (Military Savings Banks), the Military Works Act, 1897, and the Duchy of Lancaster be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfeior presented—Return to a Contempt of Order, dated the 30th day of October, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return setting forth the Names and Addresses of all Persons who, within the Five Years ended the 1st day of October 1899, have been committed to unlimited terms of Imprisonment for Contempt of Court in Ireland, the Names of the Judges who issued the Orders of Attachment, the Charges against the Persons attached, and the duration of Imprisonment in each case in which the Order for Attachment was executed.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of Return to the Lord Chancellor, under the 53rd Vict. c. 5, s. 162, of the Number of Visits made, and the Number of Patients seen, by the several Commissioners in Lunacy, during the Six Months ending on the 31st December 1899.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of Pensions and Retiring Allowance granted to Employees by...
by the Royal Patriotic Commissioners since the issue of the Royal Commission, 1854:

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—(Mr. Kearley.)

The Order for reading a second time, Tomorrow, the Ancient Monuments Protection Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

New Member sworn:

The Honourable Ezra Churchill Guest, Member for the Borough of Plymouth, was sworn.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Cost of Repairs to the Boilers of H.M.S. "Diadem," "Niobe," "Arrogant," "Furious," "Powerful," and "Terrible," since they were commissioned.—(Mr. William Allan.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise the Grant out of Police Funds of certain Allowances and Gratuities in respect of Police Reservists who are called out on Permanent Service: And that Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley and Mr. Jesse Collings do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision for the Number and Salaries of the Staff of the Lunacy Board for Scotland, and for the Remuneration of certain of the Commissioners: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. A. Struthers do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for taking the Census for Great Britain in the year One thousand nine hundred and one: And that Mr. Chaplin, the Lord Advocate, and Mr. T. W. Russell do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That the Lord Advocate presented a Bill to make further Provision for the Number and Salaries of the Staff of the Lunacy Board for Scotland, and for the Remuneration of certain of the Commissioners: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. A. Struthers do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill for taking the Census for Great Britain in the year One thousand nine hundred and one: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Wyndham reported from the Committee of Supply, a Resolution; which was read, as follows:—

Voted, 155.
And the Question being put, "That the Question be now put";
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the 
Mr. Anstruther 
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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Hanbury reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, a Resolution: which was read, as followeth:
That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, the Sum of £,13,000,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.
The said Resolution being read a second time:
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—And a Debate arising thereupon;
Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put."
And the Question being put, "That the Question be now put";
The House divided.
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The Order of the day being read, for the Railways Second Reading of the Railways (Prevention of (Prevention of Accidents) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Companies Second Reading of the Companies Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means:
Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Registration Second Reading of the Registration of Electors of Electors. Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Vagrants' Second Reading of the Vagrants' Children Protection Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Trustee Second Reading of the Trustee Savings Banks Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

And it being twenty-five minutes after One of the clock on Tuesday morning, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, pursuant to the Standing Order, without Question put, till this day.

Tuesday, 20th February, 1900.
The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.
Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Re-Private Bills port from one of the Examiners of Peti-
tions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading with, viz.:

Consolidated Fund (No. 1.) Bill.
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Supply.

The Hastings Corporation Bill was read a second time; and committed

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The Hastings Harbour Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Orders, That the Hastings Tramways Bill be 
read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of March next.

Ordered, That the Hoylake and West Kirby Improvement Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of March next.

Ordered, That the Huntingdon Corporation Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 6th day of March next.

Ordered, That the Knott End Railway Bill be Knott End read a second time upon Tuesday the 6th day of March next.

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Ordered, That the London Water (Purchase) Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 13th day of March next.

Ordered, That the London Water (Wells) Supply Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 13th day of March next.

Ordered, That the Taunton Corporation Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of March next.

Ordered, That the Wolverhampton, Essington, and Cannock Chase Junction Railway Bill be read a second time; and committed.

A Petition of the several Persons whose names are thereunto subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers on the Hamilton, Motherwell, and Wishaw Tramways Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Asquith and Mr. Charles Medcalf.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgess of the County Borough of West Ham, praying that provision may be made in the West Ham Corporation Bill to enable the Corporation to raise further Money, and to extend the limit of time for the repayment of the same, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Bill to amend the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act, 1886: And that Mr. Weir, Mr. Weir, Sir Albert Ralliit, Sir Frederick Dixon-Hartrland, Mr.  Burns, Mr. Scott, Mr. Maddison, and Mr. Stansdun do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Shannon Water and Electric Power Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, on condition that the proviso be added to Clause 37 that no generating stations shall be erected upon the lands comprised in that Clause or upon any other lands than those specified in the Bill for that purpose; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Cheap Trains Bill relating to Cheap Trains for the Working Classes: And that Mr. Woods, Mr. Buxton, Sir Albert Ralliit, Sir Frederick Dixon-Hartrland, Mr. John Burns, Mr. Scott, Mr. Maddison, and Mr. Stansdun do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a School Board Bill to admit to the School Board Electorale in the County of Nottingham sworn. (Newark Division), was sworn.

Ordered, That the said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Mr. Halsey reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; orders, which were read, as follow:

1. That, in the case of the Airdrie and Coatbridge Tramways Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Powers to construct Tramways Nos. 1, 2, and 3 are struck out of the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with.

2. That, in the case of the Devonsport Corporation Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that the Powers to construct Tramways Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 are struck out of the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with.

3. That, in the case of the South Eastern Metropolitan Tramways Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that the Powers to construct Tramways Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 are struck out of the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with.

Several Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of List of School Boards and School Attendance Committees in England and Wales, 1st January 1900.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Haunby presented, by Her Majesty's Command.—An Estimate showing the several Civil Services and Revenue Departments for which a Vote on Account is required for the year ending 31st March 1901. Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command.—Copy of Report, No. 288 (Basutoland, Annual Report for 1898-9). Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Account of the Income and Expenditure of the British Museum (Special Trust Funds) for the year ending the 31st day of March 1900; and Return of the Number of Persons admitted to visit the Museum and the British Museum (Natural History) in each year from 1894 to 1899, both years inclusive; together with a Statement of the Progress made in the Arrangement and Description of the Collections; and an Account of Objects added to them in the year 1899.—(Mr. Morley.)

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Schoo1 Board Bill to admit to the School Board Electorate in Scotland all Persons entitled to vote for the County Council Election: And that Mr. Weir, Mr. James Baillie, Dr. Clark, Mr. HetherwicK, Mr. Nicol, and Sir William Widderson do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Grace Trains Bill for the Working Classes: Answered by the same Bill, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second.
second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Weir presented a Bill to amend the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act, 1886; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of this instant February; and to be printed.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time:

The House divided;
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, (Mr. Austruther;]

Tellers for the [Captain Donelan, Noes, (Mr. Patrick O'Brien;]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time. — The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House for To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That it is expedient that a full inquiry be made into the origin and circumstances of the conspiracy against the Transvaal Government, and of the incursion into the South African Republic by an armed force in 1895 (Mr. David Alfred Thomas): — The House proceeded to a Division.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning:

Wednesday, 21st February, 1900:
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the [Mr. David Alfred Thomas, Yeas, (Mr. Austruther;]

Tellers for the [Sir John Brunner: Noes, (Mr. Sir William Walrond,]

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed, to whom shall be referred all Petitions presented to the House, with the exception of such as relate to Private Bills; and that such Committee do classify and prepare Abstracts of the same, in such form and manner as shall appear to them best suited to convey to the House all requisite information respecting their contents, and do report the same from time to time to the House; and that the Reports of the Committee do set forth the Number of Signatures to each Petition only in respect to those Signatures to which Addresses are affixed: — And that such Committee have power to direct the printing in certain of such Petitions, or of such parts of Petitions, as shall appear to require it: — And that such Committee have Power to report their Opinion and Observations thereupon to the House.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Edward Barry, Mr. Biddulph, Mr. Brymer, Sir Thomas Cormickael, Colonel Cotton-Jodrell, Sir Charles Dalrymple, Colonel Kenyon-Stanley, Mr. Herbert Lewis, Sir Henry Meysey-Thompson, Mr. Charles Morley, Mr. T. P. O'Connor, Mr. William Frederick Smith, Mr. Tollemache, and Mr. Henry Joseph Wilson.

Ordered, That three be the Quorum of the Committee. — (Sir William Walrond.)

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to control the Arrangements for the Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms in the Department of the Sergeant-at-Arms attending this House.

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Seventeen Members.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. James Bailey, Mr. Broadhurst, Mr. Richard Cavendish, Mr. Thomas Currans, Mr. Dalziel, Sir Horatio Davies, Mr. Duncombe, Major General Goldsworthy, Mr. Jacey, Mr. Kearsley, Mr. Lefroy, Colonel Lockwood, Mr. Marden, Mr. Nicoll, Mr. Pierpoint, Mr. Power, and Mr. William Redmond.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That three be the Quorum of the Committee. — (Sir William Walrond.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wine and Beerhouse Acts Amendment Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Shops Bill.

Second Reading of the Shops Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Registration of Electors Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of this instant February.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Wednesday, 21st February, 1900.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Bedford Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Charing Cross and Strand Electricity Supply Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Colonial Bank Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the County of London and Brush Provincial Electric Lighting Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Ordered, That the East London Water Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 13th day of March next.

Ordered, That the Gas Light and Coke Company Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

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The Grantham Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Great Eastern Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Hartlepool Gas and Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The London and South Western Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The London County Tramways (No. 2) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The North Metropolitan Railway and Canal Company Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The North Warwickshire Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Redhill Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Rugeley Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Saint Alban's Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The South Metropolitan Gas Bill, was read a second time; and committed.

The Southport Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Wetherby District Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

A Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers on the Hamilton, Motherwell, and Wishaw Tramways Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the British Electric Traction Company, Limited, to construct Tramroads in the County of Northampton, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the Petition for leave to bring in the Grantham Gas Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers on the Shannon Water and Electric Power Company; and that Mr. Timothy M. Healy, Mr. Harrington, and Mr. William Johnston do prepare, and bring it in.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the Petition for leave to bring in the South Eastern Metropolitan Tramways Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for conferring further Powers on the South Eastern Metropolitan Tramways Company for constructing Tramways and widening and altering Roads, for using Mechanical Power on their Tramways, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Forster and Mr. James Bailey do prepare, and bring it in.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Contempt of Court (Ireland) (Persons Committed), which was presented upon the 19th day of this instant February, be printed.

Mr. Goschen, presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statement of the First Lord of the Admiralty explanatory of the Navy Estimates, 1890-1901.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Order for reading a second time, To-lanney Board-narrow, the Laneway Board (Scotland) Salaries and Clerks Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill.

Cette clause, N° 1 (Issue of £12,000,000 out of the Consolidated Fund for the Service of the Year ending 31st March 1900), was read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confer Powers upon the Corporation of the Borough of Devonport with respect to the construction and working of Tramways within and near the Borough; for extending the Powers of the said Corporation as to Electric Lighting; for extending the Boundaries of the said Borough; to make provision for the acquisition of Market, Ferry, and Bridge Undertakings; to confer

Further Powers upon the said Corporation with respect to Streets and other matters and in regard to the Health, Local Government, and Improvement of the said Borough; to make further provision for the Collection and Recovery of Rates; for the borrowing of Money, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Keayley and Mr. Edward Morton do prepare, and bring it in.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant was reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Evicted Tenants (Ireland) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Colonel Sanderson.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Nos to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas—Capt. Donelan, 156.


Tellers for the NOS—Mr. Amstruther: 292.

Mr. A. Winter, 292.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "upon this day six months" be added at the end of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day six months.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Colonial Marriages (Deceased Wife's Sister) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Leasehold Enfranchisement (England and Wales) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wine and Beerhouse Acts Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 13th day of March next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 22nd February, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 62 has been complied with, viz.:

Saint David's Railway (Additional Powers) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County of London and Brush Provincial Electric Lighting Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

A Bill for conferring further Powers on the South Eastern Metropolitan Tramways Company for constructing Tramways and widening and altering Roads; for using Mechanical Power on their Tramways, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to incorporate the Airdrie and Coatbridge Tramways Company, and to empower that Company to make and maintain Tramways, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer Powers upon the Corporation of the Borough of Devonport with respect to the construction and working of Tramways within and near the Borough, for extending the Powers of the said Corporation as to Electric Lighting, for extending the Boundaries of the said Borough to make Provision for the acquisition of Market Ferry and Bridge Undertakings, to confer further Powers upon the said Corporation with respect to Streets and other Matters, and in regard to the Health, Local Government, and Improvement of the said Borough, to make further Provision for the collection and recovery of Rates, for the borrowing of Money, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers upon the Metropolitan Borough of South Eastern Tramways Company, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions, Vide First Report.

Mr. Wyndham presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Army Estimates of Effective and Non-Effective Services for 1900-1901, including Statement of the Variations of the Numbers of Her Majesty's British Forces, Explanations of the Increases and Decreases in the Estimates, the Amounts included for the Colonies and Egypt, and the Amounts provided for each Arm of the Service, and for various Miscellaneous Establishments.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, purporting to be a Report of the Committee of Supply, and to be printed.

Mr. Wyndham presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Constitution Amendment Act, 1899, of South Australia (No. 741).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, purportedly to the Committee of Supply, and to be printed.

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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Constitution Amendment Act, 1899, of South Australia (No. 741).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Constitution Amendment Act, 1899, of South Australia (No. 741).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to communicate to this House, a Copy of the Manuscripts of the House of Lords, Volume L (New Series).—(Mr. Banbury.)

And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that the House, with great affection and respect, do acknowledge the Names of Members of either House of Parliament present at serving, and unseen to serve, Her Majesty in South Africa, the Capacity in which they serve, and the Dates at which they sailed or are under Orders to sail.—(Colonel Milward.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Accounts of the Number of Persons in each of the several Collections of the United Kingdom licensed as Brewers for Sale, i.e., Contractors, Retailers of Beer to be drunk on the Premises, Retailers of Beer not to be drunk on the Premises, and Brewers of Beer not for Sale, particularising each Class in each Collection; and stating also the Quantities of Malt, Unmalted Corn, Rice, &c., and Sugar, including its equivalent of Syrups, &c., used by Brewers of Beer for Sale, and of Malt and Sugar used by Brewers not for Sale, from the 1st day of October 1898 to the 30th day of September 1899:—

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.—(Sir Matthew White Ridley, Mr. Balfour, Mr. T. W. Russell.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill amending the Law relating to Tithe Rent-charge in Ireland:—

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 5th day of March next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Committee of Public Accounts do consist of Fifteen Members:—

Mr. Speaker accordingly nominated of Mr. Gibson Bowles, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Victor Cavendish, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Cameron Corbett, Mr. Dukeworth, Sir Thomas Exmende, Mr. Goddard, Mr. Henery, Mr. Brodie Hope, Mr. Grant Lawson, Mr. Herbert Lewis, Mr. Arthur O'Connor, Mr. Pyms, and Mr. Thornton.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.—(Sir William Walrond.)

The Order for reading a second time, to-night, the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890:—

And the Motion being made, and the Question being put, “That the Question be now put,” and the Motion being opposed, after a brief Debate, Mr. Speaker put the Question in pursuance of Standing Order No. 16; and the House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas—Mr. Anstruther, Mr. Speaker put the Question in pursuance of Standing Order No. 16; and the House divided.

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Noes—Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Mr. Anstruther:—

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland presented the Bill:—

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 5th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Chaplin presented a Bill to amend Part III. of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890:—And that Mr. (Ireland.) Bill, was read, and discharged. Districts) Bill.

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
And the Question being accordingly put, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond]
Yea's, [Mr. Anstruther: ] 274.
Tellers for the [Captain Donelson,]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments
(Supplementary Estimates), 1899-1900.

Class I.

1. £ 20,000 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies.

2. £ 40,000 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, in respect of sundry Public Buildings in Great Britain, not provided for on other Votes.

3. £ 12,000 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for Rates and Contributions in lieu of Rates, &c. in respect of Government Property.

Class II.

4. £ 4,150 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies.

5. £ 300 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

6. £ 20,000 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for Stationery, Printing, Paper, Binding, and Printed Books for the Public Service.

7. £ 5 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the General Valuation and Boundary Survey of Ireland.

Resolutions to be reported.

Class III.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £ 1,440, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Prison Commissioners for Scotland and of the Prisons under their control:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Class IV.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £ 3,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Department of Science and Art in respect of Science Schools:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Class V.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £ 182,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for Grants in Aid of the Expenses of the British Protectorates in Uganda and in Central and East Africa:

Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A (Uganda, Grant in Aid), be reduced by £ 10,000—[Sir Charles Dilke];

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Charles Dilke,]
Yea's, [Mr. Buchanan: ] 51.
Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond,]

Original Question again proposed.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item B [British Central Africa, Grant in Aid], be reduced by £ 100—[Mr. Weir];

Friday, 23rd February, 1900:

And, it being Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions. Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Mr. James William Lowther also acquainted the House, that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Police Second Reading of the Police Reservists (Allowances) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ecclesiastical Second Reading of the Ecclesiastical Assessments (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Railways Second Reading of the Railways (Prevention of Accidents) Bill,

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Companies Second Reading of the Companies Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Licenced Premises Second Reading of the Licenced Premises (Hours of Sale) (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ancient Second Reading of the Ancient Monuments Protection Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Shops Bill Second Reading of the Shops Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 6th day of March next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till three minutes after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.
Friday, 23rd February, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Inebriates Acts, 1879 to 1899, for Scotland; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords communicate a Copy of the Manuscripts of the House of Lords, Volume I. (New Series), as desired by this House.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 62 has been complied with, viz. — Baker Street and Waterloo Railway Bill. Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Bill. Wandsworth and Putney Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 63 has been complied with, viz. — Glastonbury and Street Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Lambeth Water Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 13th day of March next.

Ordered, That the Ossett Gas Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 6th day of March next.

The Order made upon the 12th day of this instant February, That the Chelsea Water Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

A Message was delivered by Sir Michael Baldolph, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to an Act agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read. Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the Act therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Act, as followeth:

Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Act, 1900.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 5th day of March next, the Shops Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the 6th day of March next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the Jurisdiction of the County Courts, and to amend the Acts relating to the Qualifications and Tenure of Office of Sanitary Inspectors, and to make other relative provisions: And that Mr. Monck, Sir Henry Meysey-Thompson, Colonel Miltward, Mr. Monk, Mr. Lloyd Morgan, Mr. Mount, Mr. Graham Murray, Captain Norton, Mr. Pickersill, Sir Francis Sharp Powell, Colonel Pragnell, Sir Robert Reid, Mr. Renouf, Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley, Mr. Brys Roberts, Sir Andrew Scoble, Mr. Parker Smith, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. Ernest Spencer, Mr. Steneman, Mr. Tye, Sir Howard Vincent, Mr. Robert Walmsley, Mr. Warr, Mr. James Woodhouse, and Mr. Woods.

Mr. Halsey further reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had nominated the following Members to serve on the Standing Committee for the consideration of all Bills relating to Trade (including Agriculture and Trade, &c. Fishing), Shipping, and Manufacture:—Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. Baird, Lord Balfour, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Beckett, Mr. Broadhurst, Mr. John Burns, Mr. Burt, Sir Charles Cazeyer, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Channing, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Jesse Collings, Mr. John Colomb, Sir Charles Drurymple, Mr. Daly, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Duckworth, Mr. James Patrick Farrell, Sir RobertPearse-Fitzgerald, Sir Henry Fowler, Mr. Gough, Sir Edward Gower, Sir George Grey, Mr. Harrington, Sir Alfred Hickman, Sir Edward Hill, Sir WilliamHuntsdown, Major Jameson, Mr. Jefferys, Mr. James Joicey, Mr. Kemp, Sir Thomas Lea, Mr. Elliot, Mr. Lloyd-George, Mr. Walter Long, Mr. Longden, Mr. MacDougal, Colonel Mellor, Mr. Samuel Montagu, Mr. Charles Morley, Mr. Oldroyd, Mr. Parkes, Colonel Pilkington, Mr. Power, Mr. Provan, Mr. James Rankin, Mr. Renshaw, Sir Thomas Richardson, Mr. Ritchie, Sir Albert Rollit, Mr. Round, Mr. T. W. Russell, Mr. Seton-Karr, Mr. Thomas Shaw, Mr. Tom Horrocks, Mr. Skae, Mr. Harvey Skae, Mr. Halsey, Mr. Toulby, Mr. George Whiteley, Mr. John Wilson (Durham), Mr. John Wilson (Falkirk), Mr. Wolf, and Mr. Samuel Young.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Shops Bill, Monday the 5th day of March next, the Shops Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 6th day of March next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a County Bill to extend the Jurisdiction of the County Courts, and to amend the Acts relating or giving Jurisdiction thereto: And that Mr. Monck, Sir Henry Fowler, Mr. Charles Palmer, Sir Alfred Hickman, Mr. Jacoby, and Mr. Crundall do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Public Health Bill to amend the Law as to the Qualifications and Tenure of Office of Sanitary Inspectors, and to make other relative provisions: And that Mr. Thornton, Mr. William Abraham, Sir Henry Demrose, Colonel Chalmers, Mr. Clough, Sir Walter Foster, Mr. Atherton-Jones, Major Bauch, and Mr. Herbert Robertson do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Land Bill to facilitate the Dedication of Land to the Public Use: And that Sir John Brunner, Mr. Bryce, Lord Balfour, Mr. Thomas Shaw, Mr. Carson, and Mr. Billson do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Monk presented a Bill to extend the Jurisdiction of the County Courts, and to amend Bill the Bill 99.
the Acts relating or giving jurisdiction thereto: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 5th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Thornton presented a Bill to amend the Law as to the Qualifications and Tenure of Office of Sanitary Inspectors, and to make other relative provisions: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Sir John Brander presented a Bill to facilitate the Dedication of Land to the Public Enjoyment: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 5th day of March next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments, Estimates 1899-1901 (Vote on Account). Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £16,626,000, be granted to Her Majesty, on Account, for or towards defraying the Charges for the following Civil Services and Revenue Departments for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, viz.:

**Civil Services.**

**CLASS I.**

Royal Palaces and Marlborough House £ 20,000
Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens 40,000
Houses of Parliament Buildings 17,000
Miscellaneous Legal Buildings, Great Britain 14,000
Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain 12,000
Diplomatic and Consular Buildings 12,000
British Embassy, Rome 140,000
Public Buildings, Great Britain 135,000
Surveys of the United Kingdom 96,000
Harbours under the Board of Trade 2,000
Portsmouth Harbour 6,000
Rates on Government Property 250,000
Public Works and Buildings, Ireland 70,000

**CLASS II.**

United Kingdom and England £

House of Lords, Offices 2,000
House of Commons, Offices 18,000
Treasurer and Subordinate Departments 35,000
Prime Minister’s Office 50,000
Foreign Office 30,000
Colonial Office 23,000
Far Eastern Office, &c. 3,000
Board of Trade 60,000
Merchantile Marine Service Banks 30,000
Bankruptcy Department of the Board of Trade 3000
Board of Agriculture 75,000
Charity Commission 16,000
Civil Service Commission 18,000
Elections and Audit Department 24,000
Friendly Societies, Registry 2,200
Local Government Board 85,000
Lunacy Commission 8,000
Mint (including Coinage) 10
National Debt Office 6,000
Public Record Office 11,000
Public Works Loan Commission 50,000
Register General’s Office 17,000
Stationery and Printing 250,000
Woods, Forests, &c., Office of 8,000
Water and Public Works Office 23,000
Secret Service 40,000
Total for Civil Services £19,686,600

**CLASS III.**

United Kingdom and England £

Law Charges 40,000
Miscellaneous Legal Expenses 27,000
Supreme Court of Judicial, and other Legal Departments 140,000
Land Registry 14,000
County Courts 14,000
Police, England and Wales 22,000
Prisons, England and the Colonies 200,000
Reformatory and Industrial Schools, Great Britain 149,000
Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum 18,000

Scotland £

Law Charges and Courts of Law 30,000
Register House, Edinburgh 15,000
Clerk’s Commission 2,000
Prisons, Scotland 35,000

**CLASS IV.**

United Kingdom and England £

Board of Education 4,000,000
British Museum 30,000
National Gallery 5,000
National Portrait Gallery 3,000
Wellcome Collection 4,000
Scientific Investigation, &c., United Kingdom 15,000
Universities and Colleges (Great Britain) and Interessent Education (Wales) 30,000
London University 5

Scotland £

Public Education 630,000
National Gallery 1,000
Queen’s Colleges 2,000

**CLASS V.**

Diplomatic and Consular Services £

Uganda, Central and East Africa Pro- tectorates and Uganda Railway 220,000
Colonial Service 300,000
Opus, Grant in Aid 30,000
Subsidies to Telegraph Companies 35,000

**CLASS VI.**

Supernumerary and Retired Allowances £200,000
Merchant Seamen’s Fund Pensions, &c. 8,000
Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allow- ances 1,000
Hospitals and Charities, Ireland 17,000

**CLASS VII.**

Temporary Commissions £

Miscellaneous Expenses 4,072
Paras Exhibition, 1899 250,000
Total for Revenue Departments £5,640,000

**Total for Revenue Departments** £16,026,000

Motion made, and Question put, That the Item Class I, Vote 3 (Houses of Parliament Buildings), be reduced by £100. Mr. MacNeill.

The
23rd—24th—26th February, 1900.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors to Children (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time (No. 2) Bill.

And then the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 26th February, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

The House being met, the Clerk at the Mr. Speaker's Table informed the House of the unavoidable indisposition of Mr. Speaker, owing to indisposition:

Whereupon Mr. James William Louther, the Prayer's Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table, and after Prayers, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

Mr. Deputy Speaker laid upon the Table,—Private Bills Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading with:

Mr. Deputy Speaker laid upon the Table,—Private Bills Report from the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in respect of the Bills comprised in the List reported by the Chairman of Ways and Means as intended to originate in the House of Lords, they have certified that the Standing Orders have been complied with in the following cases, viz.:-

- Folkestone, Sandgate, and Hythe Tramroads.
- Hammond (G. H.) Company.

Mr. Deputy Speaker laid upon the Table,—Private Bills Report from the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in respect of the Bills comprised in the List reported by the Chairman of Ways and Means as intended to originate in the House of Lords, they have made a Special Report in the following case, viz.:-

Great Grimsby Street Tramways.

In the month of August 1899, the Corporation submitted to the Great Grimsby Street Tramways Company (who are the Promoters of the Bill) the Heads of a proposed Agreement between the Corporation and the Company containing various conditions and provisions as the outline of a Bill seeking power to lay down Street Tramways in Great Grimsby. Report in the following case, viz.:-

On behalf of the Company in the following

The Tramway Company to apply for and use their best endeavours to obtain in the next Session of Parliament an Act.

The Heads of Agreement were accepted on behalf of the Company in the following terms:-

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Louther reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution:

And, it being after Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to the House.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply:
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means:
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.
To the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

by depositing a memorial. (Signed) Jno. Glenn, Engineer to the Company.

August 21, 1899.

Subsequently the following correspondence took place:

"On behalf of the Great Grimsby Street Tramways Company, I accept the foregoing conditions of Agreement.

(Signed) Jno. Glenn, Engineer to the Company." Grimsby.

"Dear Sir,—

Herewith I beg to forward you copy of the Heads of the proposed Agreement between the Corporation of Grimsby, and your Company altered, as you will notice on page 3 from the original signed by your brother Mr. John Glenn. I shall be glad to know at once that you approve the alterations so that I may have the Agreement prepared for execution.

Yours faithfully,

"J. B. Glenn,
Town Clerk."

Provincial Tramways Company."

"Dear Sir,—

"I duly received your letter of the 6th, enclosing copy of the Heads of the proposed Agreement between your Corporation and my Company as signed on our behalf by Mr. John Glenn. I have submitted the matter to the Directors to-day, and they approve of the alterations shown on page 3, so that you may now have the Agreement prepared for execution, and my Directors have passed a Resolution authorising the Common Seal to be affixed to the Agreement as soon as ready.

Yours faithfully,

"W. Grange,
Town Clerk." Grimsby.

The particulars above stated were submitted to me at the examination of the Bill by the Promoters, who contend that a binding contract was thereby created between the Parties and the Obligation irrevocably imposed upon the Corporation of consenting to the introduction of this Bill, which is explicitly founded upon and embodies the Heads of Agreement aforesaid, and was deposited by the Promoters in full reliance upon the pledges with which they considered that they had received from the Corporation. They were unable, however, to produce any form of consent by the Corporation other than that to be inferred from the above mentioned "Contract," from which they contend that the Corporation have no right either moral or legal to recede.

The Corporation did not memorialise against the Bill upon Standing Orders.

Under these circumstances I did not feel justified in reporting that the Company had "obtained the Consent" of the Corporation within the meaning of Standing Order 22, although it may be noted that: (1) the Standing Order does not require any particular form in which proof of such consent is required to be given; (2) the Statements made ex parte by the Promoters, and corroborated by documentary evidence, establish a strong case of constructive consent as long as they are uncontradicted; and (3) the Corporation have not had recourse to the only effectual means of contradicting them, by depositing a memorial.

Ordered, That the Special Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders. Vol. 155.
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Pickersgill.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Boultou, Mr. Kimber.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Pickersgill, Mr. Galloway.]

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "upon this day six months" be added at the end of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day six months.

Mr. Ritchie presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order Regulation made by the Board of Trade under the provisions of the Sea Fisheries Regulation Act, 1888, for publishing the Lancashire and Western Sea Fisheries Districts, together with Report by Inspector on Inquiry.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Beadick presented, by Her Majesty's Trade Reports Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2383 to 2385.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table inquiry into by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Chancery Order, dated the 14th day of this instant February, for a Return relative to Inquiry into Chancery (Administrative County of Durham.)—No. 74.

Ordered, That the said Return be printed.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Manhood Wednesday next, the Manhood Suffrage (Ireland) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 14th day of March next.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the Public Health Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply:

A Motion was made, and the Question was carried, and the Motion was again seconded, That Mr. Deputy Speaker do now name the Members of the Committee for Committee of Supply, several Resolutions;—Order, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day six months.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day six months.

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Paymaster General on behalf of the Supreme Court of Judicature in respect of the Funds of Suitors of the Court in the year ended 28th February 1899; and, also, Account of the National Debt Commissioners for the same period in respect of Funds held by them on behalf of the Supreme Court of Judicature; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of Treasury Minute, under the Superannuation Act, 1859, dated 20th February 1900, declaring that for the due and efficient discharge of the Duties of the Post of Head Master of the Royal College of Art, professional or other peculiar qualifications not ordinarily to be acquired in the Public Service are requisite.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the Supreme Court of Judicature be printed.
The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means.
Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Vagrants' Second Reading of the Vagrants' Children Protection Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Trustee Second Reading of the Trustee Savings Banks Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ancient Monuments Protection Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till five minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Tuesday, 27th February, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

TUE House being met, the Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, owing to the continuance of his indisposition:
Whereupon Mr. James William Lowther, the Stated Clerk, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

Mr. Deputy Speaker laid upon the Table,—Private Bills Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 62 has been complied with, viz.:

Charing Cross, Euston, and Hampstead Railway Bill.
Jarrow and Hebburn Electricity Supply Bill.
South Eastern Metropolitan Tramways Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Deputy Speaker laid upon the Table,—Private Bills Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 63 has been complied with, viz.:

British Gas Light Company (Staffordshire Pottery) Bill.
Newcastle-upon-Tyne Electric Supply Bill.
Wellingborough and District Tramways Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Airdrie and Coatbridge Airdrie and Tramways Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Devonport Corporation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Saint David's Railway (Additional Powers) Bill was read a second time; and committed;

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The Coventry Corporation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Southport Corporation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The West Bromwich Corporation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Gas Light and Coke Company Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time; An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Pickersgill.) And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed.

The Hamilton, Motherwell, and Wishaw Tramways Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

A Bill for conferring further Powers on the London United Tramways, Limited; for constructing Tramways and widening and altering Roads in the County of Middlesex, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Halsey reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—1. That, in the case of the Dublin Electric Lighting Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill. 2. That, in the case of the Aberdeen Corporation Tramways Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that the powers to construct Tramway No. 6 are struck out of the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with. 3. That, in the case of the Nevery, Keady, and Tynan Light Railway Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, on condition that the words in Clause 21 of the Bill "or the Urban Council may, if they so think fit, include the amount to be raised by such rate in the sums to be raised by means of the Nevery Town Rate, and such amount shall accordingly be raised as part of the Nevery Town Rate," and in such case any statutory or other limit of the Nevery Town Rate shall not apply in respect of the amount so to be raised" shall be struck out of the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with. The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Business.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Sea Fisheries Regulation Act, 1888, which was presented upon the 26th day of this instant February, be printed.

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Education Department, for Her Majesty's Education Command,—Copy of Code of Regulations for Day Schools, with Schedules and Appendices, by the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education, 1900. Copy of Revised Instructions issued by the Education Department to Her Majesty's Inspectors of National Schools, and applicable to the Code of 1900.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wyndham, presented by Her Majesty's Army (Woolwich) Command,—Copy of Memorandum of the Secretary of State for War, relating to the Army Estimates of 1900-1901.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return, according to Commission on Provinces and Counties, of Judicial Rents fixed by Chief Commissioners; Sub-Commission, and Civil Bill Courts for First and Second Statutory Terms, together with a Return prepared in a similar manner of Judicial Rents that have been revised by the Land Commission on Appeal, as notified during the month of July 1899; and Judicial Rents fixed upon the Reports of Valuers appointed by the Irish Land Commission on the Joint Application of Landlords and Tenants.

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented, pursuant to an Order in Council, dated 21st February 1900, under "The Pharmacy Acts (Ireland)," 1875 and 1890, approving of a Regulation made by the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hambury presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy Acts (Ireland.) of Order in Council, dated 21st February 1900, under "The Pharmacy Acts (Ireland)," 1875 and 1890, approving of a Regulation made by the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Banbury and Mr. Colonel Dalbiac, Noes, 1 Mr. Boulnois, Tellers for the Yeas; 2 Mr. Pickersgill, Tellers for the Noes; 3 Mr. Dalbiac.

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question; the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and adding the words "upon this day six months," was carried, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Business.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Sea Fisheries Regulation Act, 1888, which was presented upon the 26th day of this instant February, be printed.

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Education Department, for Her Majesty's Education Command,—Copy of Code of Regulations for Day Schools, with Schedules and Appendices, by the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education, 1900. Copy of Revised Instructions issued by the Education Department to Her Majesty's Inspectors of National Schools, and applicable to the Code of 1900.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wyndham, presented by Her Majesty's Army (Woolwich) Command,—Copy of Memorandum of the Secretary of State for War, relating to the Army Estimates of 1900-1901.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return, according to Commission on Provinces and Counties, of Judicial Rents fixed by Chief Commissioners; Sub-Commission, and Civil Bill Courts for First and Second Statutory Terms, together with a Return prepared in a similar manner of Judicial Rents that have been revised by the Land Commission on Appeal, as notified during the month of July 1899; and Judicial Rents fixed upon the Reports of Valuers appointed by the Irish Land Commission on the Joint Application of Landlords and Tenants.

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Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wyndham, presented by Her Majesty's Army (Woolwich) Command,—Copy of Memorandum of the Secretary of State for War, relating to the Army Estimates of 1900-1901.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. James William Louther also acquainted the House, that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply; Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 15th day of this instant February, That the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (No. 2) (No. 2) Bill be now read a second time; and that Sir Cameron Gull, Sir Elliott Lees, Sir John Redmond, Colonel Saunderson, Mr. Timothy Tyson, Mr. M'Kenna, Mr. Tennant, and Mr. Carew do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Caldwell):—The House divided.

Ordered, That the Shannon Water and Electric Power Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday, 28th February, 1900.

Ordered, That the Wendworth and Putney Gas Bill be read a second time upon To-morrow.

The House was moved, That the Report from Nevery, the Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the Petition for leave to bring in the Nevery, Keddy, and Tyrona Light Railway Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for making and maintaining Railways in the Counties of Down, Armagh, and Monaghan, to be called the Nevery, Keddy, and Tyrona Light Railway, and for other purposes: And that Mr. John Redmond, Colonel Sanderson, Mr. Timothy M. Healy, Mr. Archdale, and Mr. Carew do prepare, and bring in it.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Louther reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The House was moved, That the Report from Aberdeen and Yorshire Railway Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That the Committee may have leave to sit again—(Sir John Colbold),—put, and agreed to,

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Louther reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

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Dublin Electric Lighting Bill.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the Petition for leave to bring in the Dublin Electric Lighting Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for incorporating the Dublin Electric Lighting Company and for empowering them to light by Electricity the City of Dublin and the Urban District of New Kilmainham, Drumcondra, Cloniff and Glasnevin, and Clontarf, in the County of Dublin, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Timothy M. Healy and Mr. William Moore do prepare, and bring in it.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Second Report.

No. 77.

Mr. Haubury presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Annual Accounts, for the year 1898–99, of Shipbuilding and Dockyard Transactions, &c., including Manufactures; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Education Department.

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Minute of the Committee of Council on Education, dated 26th February 1900, providing for Grants on Account of the Education of Defective and Epileptic Children, and prescribing Conditions to be fulfilled by Certified Schools for such Children.

Sir John Gorst also presented—Return to an Order, dated the 8th day of this instant February, for a Return relative to Evening Continuation Schools.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copy of Report by the Board of Trade of their Proceedings under "The General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861," and "The General Pier and Harbour Act, 1881, Amendment Act," relating to Provisional Orders, Session 1900.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Outdoor Relief.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of this instant February, That the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (No. 2) Bill be now read a second time, be resumed Tomorrow.

Miners (Eight Hours.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mines (Eight Hours) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Sir James Joicey.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Herbert Lewis rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put"; And the Question being put, "That the Question be now put";

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Mr. Herbert Lewis, Yeas, (Mr. Jacoby;)

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. John Wilson, (Durham):)

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Mr. Herbert Lewis, Yeas, (Mr. Jacoby;)

Tellers for the Noes, (Sir James Joicey, (Durham):)

So it was passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "upon this day six months" be added at the end of the Question:—It was resolved in the

Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day six months.

The Order of the day being read, for the Midwives Bill.

Second Reading of the Midwives Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Coal Mines Regulation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Licensing Acts Second Reading of the Licensing Acts Amendment (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Highways and Bridges Act (1891) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Factories and Workshops Act Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Electric Lighting Act (1889) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Workmen's Second Reading of the Workmen's Houses Tenure Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Crofters' Second Reading of the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the School Board Second Reading of the School Board Electorate Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Education Bill;
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Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That I be the Quorum of the Committee. —(Sir William Walford.)

Mr. Flower presented a Bill to alter the Divisions of London for the election of the School Board, and thereby abolish the Cumulative Vote ; and the same was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next ; and to be printed.

Sir Charles Dalrymple reported from the Select Public Committee on Public Petitions ; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 31st day of January last, and the 1st, 2nd, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, and 23rd days of this instant February ; and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till three minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 1st March, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Prayers.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lancashire Electric Power Bill ;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time ;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months." —(Mr. Gollo- wong.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question : It was resolved in the affirmative.

And the Main Question being put ;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time :—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed.

The Durham (County of) Electric Power Supply Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The South Wales Electrical Power Distribution Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Tynside Electric Power Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The London County Council (Improvements) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Hastings Tramways Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Hoylake and Second Reading of the Hoylake and West Kirby Improvement Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 12th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Transton Corporation Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The South Metropolitan Gas Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Wandsworth and Putney Gas Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

A Bill to authorise the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of the City and Royal Burgh of Aberdeen to construct additional Tramways, and to make certain Street Improvements in connection therewith, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for incorporating the Dublin Electric Lighting Company, and for empowering them to light by Electricity the City of Dublin and the Urban Districts of New Kilmainham, Drumcondra, Clontarf and Glencolin, and Counties of Dublin and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for making and maintaining Railways in the Counties of Down, Armagh, and Monaghan, to be called the Newry, Keady, and Tynan Light Railway, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Evening Continuation Schools, which was presented upon the 28th day of February last, be printed.

Mr. Humfray presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Copy of Fifty-second Report from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with an Appendix.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gorst presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, known as the University of London Act, 1898, copied Regulations made for the University of London by the Commissioners under the University of London Act, 1898, dated 27th February 1900.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Miscellaneous Series, No. 522.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Law relating to Charges on Land, and to matters connected therewith; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Coal Mines Regulation Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 27th day of this instant March.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Charitable Loan Societies (Military Disabilities) Act, 1843 : And that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Mr. Gerald Balfour do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to remove Electoral Disabilities which may arise in the case of Members of the Reserve, Militia, and Yeomanry Forces, and in the case of Volunteers by reason of absence on the Military Service of the Crown; and that the Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley, Mr. Attorney General, and Mr. Jesse Collings do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland presented a Bill to amend the Charitable Loan Societies (Ireland) Act, 1843 : And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 12th day of this instant March; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, upon Coal Mines Regulation Bill; and ordered to be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, upon the 28th day of last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Evening Continuation Schools, which was presented upon the 28th day of February last, be printed.

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Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Plan of Works proposed to be carried out at Hong Kong, in accordance with the Naval Works Act, 1899 (in place of the Plan issued with Parliamentary Paper, No. 392, of Session 1897).

Mr. Austen Chamberlain accordingly presented the said Paper.
The Order of the day being read, for the Midwives Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Friendly Societies Disqualification Removal Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 20th day of this instant March.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Boilers Bill for the Registration and Inspection of Registration Boilers: And that Mr. Provand, Mr. William Abraham (Rhuddlan), Mr. Edward Morton, Mr. Coldwell, and Mr. Longstaff do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Provand accordingly presented a Bill for the Registration and Inspection of Boilers: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till five minutes after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Friday, 2nd March, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.
PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report of the Committee on the Bill to inquire whether it is desirable that penalties should be inserted in Clause 56 of the Bill (Cheap Fares for the Labouring Classes) to secure compliance with the objects of the Clause; and whether the Clause should be amended in respect of the maximum fare charged, the sufficiency in number of the cars, and the hours at which the cars shall be run.—(Mr. Lough.)

The Airidrie and Coathbridge tramways Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill to inquire whether it is desirable that penalties should be inserted in Clause 56 of the Bill (Cheap Fares for the Labouring Classes) to secure compliance with the objects of the Clause; and whether the Clause should be amended in respect of the maximum fare charged, the sufficiency in number, and the hours at which the cars shall be run.—(Mr. Lough.)

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill to inquire whether it is desirable that penalties should be inserted in Clause 56 of the Bill (Cheap Fares for the Labouring Classes) to secure compliance with the objects of the Clause; and whether the Clause should be amended in respect of the maximum fare charged, the sufficiency in number of the cars.—(Mr. Lough.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Taunton Corporation Bill;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Strachey.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed.

A Petition of the Llandrindod Wells Water Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Limits of Supply of the Llandrindod Wells Water Company; and to authorise that Company to construct New Works, to raise further Money, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of the London and South Western Railway Company, praying that Provision may be made in the London and South Western Railway Bill authorising the insertion of a Clause in the Bill to give Power to the Company to stop up and discontinue for public and other traffic a public carriage road, now crossing the Company's Portsmouth Direct Railway on the level, and to extinguish all rights of way and other rights over the said carriage road, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wyndham presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Copy of Approximate Estimate of Expenditure under the Barracks Act, 1890, and Military Works Acts, 1897 and 1899.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wyndham presented a Bill to make District Connexion therewith. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Charles Dilke presented a Bill to prohibit Child Labour Underground in Coal Mines: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Edmund Robertson presented a Bill to Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1894: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented a Bill to amend the Factory and Workshops Acts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Navy Estimates, 1900—1901.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £5,527,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of Wages, &c., to Officers, Seamen and Boys, Coastguard, and Royal Marines, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £5,527,000, be granted for the said Service—(Mr. William Redmond);

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Captain Donelan, Yeas, Sir Patrick O'Brien; ) 28.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Noes, Mr. Anstruther ; 173.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

2. £845,800, to defray the Expense of Works, Buildings, and Repairs, at Home and Abroad, including the Cost of Superintendence, Purchase of Sites, Grants in Aid, and other Charges connected therewith.

Civil Services (Supplementary Estimates, 1899—1900).

Class V.

3. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £162,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for Grants in Aid of the Expenses of the British Protectorates in Uganda and in Central and East Africa.

Motion made, and Question put, That Item B (British Central Africa, Grant in Aid), be reduced by £100—(Mr. Weir);

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Weir, Yeas, Sir Patrick O'Brien; ) 34.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Noes, Mr. Anstruther; 108.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

4. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £58,905, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the
the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for sundry Colonial Services, including certain Grants in Aid.

Motion made, and Question put, That Item M, 1 (Cape of Good Hope, High Commissioner Telegraphs), be reduced by £ 100—(Mr. Lloyd-George);

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. Lloyd-George;

Yeas;

Mr. Muddiman;

Tellers for the

Sir William Wattrood;

Noes;

Mr. Austruther;

Original Question put, and agreed to.

5. £ 10,000 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Subsidies to certain Telegraph Companies.

6. £ 2,847, the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, to make good the Net Loss on Transactions connected with the raising of Money for the various Treasury Chests Abroad in the year 1898-99.

7. £ 60,636, the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, to make good the Sum by which the Interest accrued in the year ended 31st December 1899, from Securities held by the National Debt Commissioners, on account of the "Fund for the Banks for Savings" and the "Fund for Friendly Societies," was insufficient to meet the Interest which the said Commissioners are obliged by Statute to Pay and Credit to Depositors and the Expenses incurred during that year in the execution of the Acts relating thereto.

8. £ 23,327, the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for making good certain Sums written off from the Assets of the Local Loans Fund.

9. £ 1,440 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Prison Commissioners for Scotland and of the Prisons under their control.

10. £ 3,000 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Department of Science and Art in respect of Science Schools. Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lowther also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
**2nd—3rd—5th March. 1900.**

**A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—And a Debate arising thereupon:**

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning:

**Saturday, 3rd March, 1900:**

And the Question being put:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, &c.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Austen Taylor, &c.]

Noes, [Mr. Maclagan, &c.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Health Second Reading of the Public Health Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ancient Monuments Protection Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of all Deaths in the Administrative County of London in the year 1899 upon which a Coroner's Jury has returned a Verdict of Death from Starvation, or Death accelerated by Privation; together with any Observations furnished to the Local Government Board by Boards of Guardians with reference to cases included in the Return (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 334, of Session 1899.)—[Mr. Talbot.]

And, it being a quarter of an hour after One of the clock on Saturday morning, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, pursuant to the Standing Order, without Question put, till Monday next.

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**Monday, 5th March, 1900.**

This House met at Three of the clock.

**PRESIDENT.**

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for (Standing Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, without Question put, till Monday next.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of all Deaths in the Administrative County of London in the year 1899 upon which a Coroner's Jury has returned a Verdict of Death from Starvation, or Death accelerated by Privation; together with any Observations furnished to the Local Government Board by Boards of Guardians with reference to cases included in the Return (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 334, of Session 1899.)—[Mr. Talbot.]

And, it being a quarter of an hour after One of the clock on Saturday morning, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, pursuant to the Standing Order, without Question put, till Monday next.

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**CLASS III.**

*United Kingdom and England:—*

- **Law Charges**
- **Miscellaneous Legal Expenses**
- **Supreme Court of Judicature**
- **Land Registry**
- **County Courts**
- **Police, England and Wales**
- **Prisons, England and the Colonies**
- **Reformatory and Industrial Schools, Great Britain**
- **Brockmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum**
- **Scotland:**
- **Law Charges and Courts of Law**
- **Register House, Edinburgh**
- **Crawford's Commission**
- **Prisons, Scotland**

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**Ireland:**

- **Law Charges and Criminal Prosecutions**
- **Supreme Court of Judicature, and other Legal Departments**
- **Land Commission**
- **County Council Officers, &c.**
- **Dublin Metropolitan Police**
- **Royal Irish Constabulary**
- **Prisons, Ireland**
- **Reformatory and Industrial Schools**
- **Dundrum Criminal Lunatic Asylum**

**CLASS IV.**

*United Kingdom and England:—*

- **Board of Education**
- **British Museum**
- **National Gallery**
- **National Portrait Gallery**
- **British Museum — Dandrum Criminal Lunatic Asylum**
- **Post Office Packet Service — Customs**
- **Paris Exhibition, 1900**
- **Miscellaneous Expenses**
- **Temporary Commissions**
- **Hospitals and Charities, Ireland**
- **Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allowances**

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**CLASS V.**

*Diplomatic and Consular Services**

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*Supernumerary and Retired Allowances**

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**CLASS VII.**

*Temporary Commissions* — £8,072

*Paris Exhibition, 1900* — £29,000

**Total for Civil Services:—** £10,086,000

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**Revenue Departments.**

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**Total for Revenue Departments:** £6,549,000

**Grand Total:—** £16,636,000

The said Resolution being read a second time:
British Gas Light Company (Staffordshire Potteries) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Jarrow and Hebburn Electricity Supply Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Charing Cross, Euston, and Hampstead Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The City and South London Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the South Eastern Metropolitan Tramways Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

Ordered, That the Welwynnborough and District Tramways Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hansbury presented.—Return to an Order, dated the 30th day of February last, for a Return relative to the British Museum.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of the Constitution Acts Amendment Act, 1899 (No. XIX.), of Western Australia.

No. 82.

Western Australia (Constitution Acts Amendment Act, 1899.)

Copy of the Electoral Act, 1899 (No. XX.), of Western Australia.

No. 83.

Western Australia (Electoral Act, 1899.)

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Procedural Verbal recording the accession of the Russian Empire to the Cape Spartel International Lighthouse Convention of 31st May 1885. Signed at Tangier, 31st May 1899.

Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Report, Annual Series, No. 2386.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report to accompany Statutes and Regulations made by the Commissioners appointed under the University of London Act, 1898, together with an Appendix of Correspondence.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Statement of Revenue and Expenditure as laid before the House by the Chancellor of the Exchequer when opening the Budget.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the proceedings of the Committee of Ways and Means, if the Committee be sitting at Twelve o'clock this night, be not interrupted under the Standing Order, Sittings of the House —(Mr. Balfour):—

The House divided.

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The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond,

Years, (Mr. Anstruther:)

Tellers for the Captain Donelson,

Noes, (Mr. Patrick O'Brien:)

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Tea.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That, in lieu of the Duty of Customs now payable on Tea, there shall be charged, levied, and paid on and after the Sixth day of March, Nineteen hundred, and until the First day of August, Nineteen hundred and one, the following Duty (that is to say):—

£. s. d.

(Treasury proposed, to leave out the words "six pence," in order to insert the words "four pence"—(Mr. John Redmond), instead thereof.

Question put, That the words "four pence" stand part of the Question.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, (Mr. Anstruther:)

Tellers for the Captain Donelson, (Mr. J. Audsden:)

Main Question put:—

The Committee proceeded to a Division.

Tuesday, 6th March, 1900:

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, (Mr. Anstruther:)

Tellers for the Mr. Labouchere, (Mr. Broadhurst:)

Resolved, That, in lieu of the Duty of Customs now payable on Tea, there shall be charged, levied, and paid on and after the Sixth day of March, Nineteen hundred, and until the First day of August, Nineteen hundred and one, the following Duty (that is to say):—

£. s. d.

Tobacco.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That, in addition to the Duties of Customs now payable on Tobacco imported into Great Britain or Ireland, there shall, on and after the Sixth day of March, Nineteen hundred, and until the First day of August, Nineteen hundred and one, be charged, levied, and paid the following Duties (that is to say):—

£. s. d.

Tobacco, manufactured, etc.—

Cigars — the pound — 6

Cavendish or Negrohead — the pound — 6

Cavendish or Negrohead, manufactured in bond — the pound — 6

Other manufactured Tobacco — the pound — 5

Snuff containing more than thirteen pounds of moisture in every one hundred pounds weight thereof — the pound — 6

Snuff not containing more than thirteen pounds of moisture in every one hundred pounds weight thereof — the pound — 6

Tobacco, unmanufactured, etc.—

Containing ten pounds or more of moisture in every hundred pounds weight thereof — the pound — 4

Containing less than ten pounds of moisture in every one hundred pounds weight thereof — the pound — 4

(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer:)

Amendment proposed, in ls. 9 and 10 (Cavendish or Negrohead, manufactured in bond, the pound), to leave out the words "five pence," in l. 3

order.
order to insert the words "one penny."—(Mr. William Redmond),—instead thereof.

Question put, That the words "five pence" stand part of the Question:

The Committee divided.

 Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], [Mr. Austruther]; Yes, 247. 
 Tellers for the [Captain Donelan], [Mr. Patrick O'Brien]; Noes, 30.

Main Question again proposed:

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 24 (Tobacco, unmanufactured, &c., containing less than ten pounds of moisture in every one hundred pounds weight thereof), to leave out the words "four pence," in order to insert the words "one penny."—(Mr. Patrick O'Brien),—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the words "four pence" stand part of the Question:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Main Question put, and agreed to.

Resolved, That, in addition to the Duties of Customs now payable on Tobacco imported into Great Britain or Ireland, there shall, on and after the Sixth day of March, Nineteen hundred, and until the First day of August, Nineteen hundred and one, be charged, levied, and paid the following Duties (that is to say):—

Tobacco, manufactured, viz.:— £. s. d. 
Cigars — — — 6
Candorish or Negrodish, manufactured in bond — — — 5
Other manufactured Tobacco — — — 6

Smoke containing more than thirteen pounds of moisture in every one hundred pounds weight thereof — — — 5
Smoke not containing more than thirteen pounds of moisture in every one hundred pounds weight thereof — — — 6

Tobacco, unmanufactured, viz.:—

Containing ten pounds or more of moisture in every one hundred pounds weight thereof — — — 4
Containing less than ten pounds of moisture in every one hundred pounds weight thereof — — — 4

Spirits.—Excise.

3. Motion made, and Question proposed, That, in addition to the Duty of Excise now payable for every gallon computed at proof of Spirits distilled in the United Kingdom, there shall, on and after the Sixth day of March, Nineteen hundred, until the First day of August, Nineteen hundred and one, be charged, levied, and paid the following Duty (that is to say):—

For every gallon of spirits computed at proof — — — — 3
and so in proportion for any less quantity.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Amendment proposed, to leave out the words "six pence," in order to insert the words "four pence"—(Major Jameson),—instead thereof.

Question put, That the words "six pence" stand part of the Question:

The Committee divided.

 Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], [Mr. Austruther]; Yes, 235. 
 Tellers for the [Captain Donelan], [Mr. Patrick O'Brien]; Noes, 22.

Main Question put:

The Committee divided.

 Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], [Mr. Austruther]; Yes, 231. 
 Tellers for the [Captain Donelan], [Mr. Patrick O'Brien]; Noes, 20.

Resolved, That, in addition to the Duty of Excise now payable for every gallon computed at proof of Spirits distilled in the United Kingdom, there shall, on and after the Sixth day of March, Nineteen hundred, and until the First day of August, Nineteen hundred and one, be charged, levied, and paid the following Duty (that is to say):—£. s. d.

For every gallon of Spirits computed at proof — — — — 6
and so in proportion for any less quantity.

Spirits.—Customs.

4. Resolved, That, in addition to the Duties of Customs now payable on Spirits imported into Great Britain or Ireland, there shall, on and after the Sixth day of March, Nineteen hundred, and until the First day of August, Nineteen hundred and one, be charged, levied, and paid the Duties following (that is to say):—

For every gallon of Spirits computed at £. s. d. proof, of Spirits of any description, except perfumed Spirits — — — — 6
For every gallon of perfumed Spirits — — — — 10
For every gallon of Liqueurs, Cordials, Mixtures, and other preparations entering, in such a manner as to indicate that the strength is not to be tasted — — — — 8

And the Duties of Customs on the articles hereafter mentioned, being articles in which Spirit is contained or in the manufacture of which Spirit is used, shall be proportionately increased, and shall be as follows:— £. s. d.

Chloral hydrate — — — — 1
Chloroform — — — — 3
Colloidol — — — — 6
Ether acetic — — — — 11
Ether butyric — — — — 18
Ether sulphuric — — — — 17
Ethyl, iodide of — — — — 14
Ethyl bromide — — — — 1
Ethyl chloride — — — — 16

[—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)]

Beer.—Excise.

5. Motion made, and Question put, That in addition to the Duty of Excise now payable in respect of Beer brewed in the United Kingdom there shall, on and after the Sixth day of March, Nineteen hundred, until the First day of August, Nineteen hundred and one, be charged, levied, and paid the following Duty (that is to say):— £. s. d.

For every thirty-six gallons of worts of a specific gravity of one thousand and fifty-five degrees the duty of — — — — 1
and so in proportion for any difference in quantity or gravity.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)

The Committee divided.

 Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], [Mr. Austruther]; Yes, 215.
 Tellers for the [Captain Donelan], [Mr. Patrick O'Brien]; Noes, 18.

Resolved, That in addition to the Duty of Excise now payable in respect of Beer brewed in the United Kingdom there shall, on and after the Sixth day of March, Nineteen hundred, and until the First day of August, Nineteen hundred and one, be charged, levied, and paid the following Duty (that is to say):— £. s. d.

For every thirty-six gallons of worts of a specific gravity of one thousand and fifty-five degrees the duty of — — — — 1
and so in proportion for any difference in quantity or gravity.

Beer.—Customs.

6. Resolved, That in addition to the Duties of Customs now payable on Beer imported into Great Britain or Ireland there shall, on and after the Sixth day of March, Nineteen hundred, and until the First day of August, Nineteen hundred and one, be charged, levied, and paid the following Duties (that is to say):—
In the case of Beer called or similar to Mum, Spruce, Black Beer, or Berlin White Beer, or other preparations whether fermented or not fermented of a similar character—

For every thirty-six gallons where the worts thereof are or were before fermentation of a specific gravity—

Not exceeding one thousand two hundred and fifteen degrees, a duty of— 4 6

Exceeding one thousand two hundred and fifteen degrees, a duty of— 4 8

In the case of every description of Beer other than that above specified—

For every thirty-six gallons where the worts thereof were before fermentation of a specific gravity of one thousand and two degrees, a duty of— 1 7

and so in proportion for any difference in gravity.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Prolongation of Annuities and Amendment of Law.

7. Resolved, That it is expedient to prolong the term of certain Annuities, and amend the Law relating to the National Debt, the Customs, and the Inland Revenue.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

War Loan.

Motion made, and Question proposed, (1) That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the years ending on the 31st day of March, Nineteen hundred and, the 31st day of March, Nineteen hundred and one, Sums not exceeding Thirty-five million pounds, be raised by either or both of the following methods:—

(a) By means of the creation of stock or bonds to be redeemed within a period not exceeding ten years, and bearing interest at a rate to be fixed by the Treasury; or

(b) By means of the issue of Treasury Bills; and that the Principal and the Interest on any Money so raised be charged on the Consolidated Fund;

(2) That all Expenses incurred in connection with raising the said Sums, including any additional remuneration to the Banks of England and Ireland, be charged on the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):— Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Resolved, that the Report be received this day.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Laetther reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions, Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Mr. James William Laetther also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ecclesiastical Assessments (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Census (Great Britain) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Census (Great Britain) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Companies Second Reading of the Companies Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Railways Second Reading of the Railways (Prevention of Accidents) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Companies Second Reading of the Police Reservists (Allowances) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply; Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police Reservists (Allowances) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Dedication Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Vagrants' Second Reading of the Vagrants' Children Protection Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Accidents) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Dedication Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Goods to Children (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time (No. 2) Bill, upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Midwives Bill; Second Reading of the Midwives Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Coal Mines Second Reading of the Coal Mines (Prohibition of Child Labour Underground) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill, upon Thursday next.

And it being half an hour after One of the clock on Tuesday morning, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, pursuant to the Standing Order, without Question put, till this day.
Tuesday, 6th March, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Private Bills (Standing Order No. 62 complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 62 has been complied with, viz.:—

London and North Western Railway Bill, London and North Western Railway (Wales) Bill,

Ordered, That the Bills be a read a second time.

The Aberdeen Corporation Tramways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Newcastle-upon-Tyne Electric Supply Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Huntingdon Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Knott End Railway Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Ossett Gas Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South Eastern Metropolitan Tramways Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Wellingborough and District Tramroads Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee to inquire whether it is desirable that Clauses 44 of the Bill (Cheap Fares for the Labouring Classes) should be amended in respect of the hours at which the cars should be run, the number of cars to be provided, and the maximum and the minimum fares to be charged.—(Mr. Lough.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Wellingborough and District Tramroads Bill to provide in Part III. of the Bill that the powers of the Corporation and their officers to inspect cows and dairies outside the Borough be not exercised without the previous order of two Justices sitting in Petty Sessions and having jurisdiction in the district wherein the dairy is situate, and that such order be not made unless the said Justices are satisfied that the local authority of the said district has not already dealt with the case—(Mr. Strodehy); The House divided. The Yeas to the Right:—


Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Metropolitan Committee on the Metropolitan Police Provisional Order Bill; That they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Mr.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wyndham presented, by Her Majesty's Order, — Copy of Return showing the Establishment of each Regiment of Militia in the United Kingdom; and the Number Present, Absent, and Wanting to Complete; and the Number of Militia Reserve Men Enrolled and Effective at the Training of 1899.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Goschen presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Accounts of the Receipt and Expenditure of the Capital and of the Income derived from the Lands and other property held for the benefit of Greenwich Hospital, and the Foundation of Samuel Travers, Esquire, for the year ending on 31st March 1899; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Holley reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—

1. That, in the case of the Central London Railway, Petition for leave to deposit a Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to introduce their Petition for a Bill. No. 96.

2. That, in the case of the West Ham Corporation Bill, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to introduce their additional Provision, if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

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The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yeas, [Mr. Anstruther: 161, 20)
Tellers for the: Captain Donelan,
Nays, [Mr. Patrick O'Brien: 26]

1. Resolved, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the years ending on the Thirty-first day of March, Nineteen hundred and the Thirty-first day of March, Nineteen hundred and one, sums, not exceeding Thirty-five million Pounds, be raised by either or both of the following methods:

(a.) By means of the creation of stock or bonds to be redeemed within a period not exceeding Ten years, and bearing interest at a rate to be fixed by Treasury; or
(b.) By means of the issue of Treasury Bills; and that the principal and the interest on any money so raised be charged on the Consolidated Fund;

(2.) That all expenses incurred in connection with raising the said sums, including any additional remuneration to the Banks of England and Ireland, be charged on the Consolidated Fund.

Income Tax.

2. Resolved, That Income Tax shall be charged for the year beginning the Sixth day of April Nineteen hundred at the rate of One Shilling.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Brokers' Contract Notes.

3. Resolved, That there shall be charged upon a note sent by any person carrying on the business of a broker to his principal advising him of the sale or purchase of any goods, wares, or merchandise, the stamp duty following (that is to say):—

If the goods, wares, or merchandise are—

Of the value of Five pounds and upwards — One Shilling.
Of the value of One hundred pounds — One Penny.
Of the value of one hundred pounds and upwards — One Shilling.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Estate Duty.

4. Resolved, That in the case of a person dying after the Thirty-first day of March, Nineteen hundred, property real or personal, in which that person or any other person had an interest limited to cease on the death of the deceased shall, for the purpose of the Finance Act, 1894, and the Acts amending that Act, be deemed to pass on the death of the deceased notwithstanding that such interest has been surrendered, assured, or otherwise disposed of during the lifetime of the deceased whether for value or not to or for the benefit of the remainderman or reversioner, except where the surrender, assurance, or disposition was bond fide made twelve months before the death of the deceased, and bond fide possession and enjoyment of the property was assumed thereunder by that remainderman or reversioner immediately upon the surrender, assurance, or disposition, and thenceforward retained to the entire exclusion of the person making the same, and of any benefit to him by contract or otherwise.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Finance Act, 1894 (Modification of Exclusions).

5. Resolved, That the exclusion of property from aggregation under section four of the Finance Act, 1894, shall cease to take effect except as regards property in which the deceased never had an interest, but that a limited abatement or exemption be made in certain cases in the event of the aggregation with any other property of property which passes on the death of the deceased under a disposition made by a person (other than the deceased) who died before the expiration of the First day of August, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-four.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Finance Act, 1896 (Repeal of Exclusions).

6. Resolved, That for the purpose of the rate and the amount of Estate Duty or Settlement Estate Duty, the exclusion under section Seven of the Finance Act, 1896, of any fraction from the principal value of the Estate shall cease.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lawther reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received Tomorrow.

Mr. James William Lawther also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—

Ways and Means Report.

Treas.

1. That, in lieu of the Duty of Customs now payable on Tea, there shall be charged, levied, and paid on and after the Sixth day of March, Nineteen hundred and one, and until the First day of August, Nineteen hundred and one, the following Duty (that is to say):—

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<td>Ten pounds and upwards</td>
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Tobacco.

2. That, in addition to the Duties of Customs Tobacco, now payable on Tobacco imported into Great Britain or Ireland, there shall, on and after the Sixth day of March, Nineteen hundred, and until the First day of August, Nineteen hundred and one, be charged, levied, and paid the following Duties (that is to say):—

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<td>Tobacco, manufactured</td>
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<td>Cigars</td>
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<td>Cavendish or Negrohead</td>
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<td>Snuff containing more than thirteen pounds of moisture in every one hundred pounds weight thereof</td>
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<td>Tobacco, unmanufactured</td>
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<td>Containing ten pounds or more of moisture in every hundred pounds weight thereof</td>
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Spirits.—Excise.

3. That in addition to the Duty of Excise now payable for every gallon computed at proof of Spirits distilled in the United Kingdom, there shall, on and after the Sixth day of March, Nineteen hundred, until the First day of August, Nineteen hundred and one, be charged, levied, and paid the following Duty (that is to say):—

For each gallon of Spirits computed at £ 0 0 6 proof and so in proportion for any less quantity.

Spirits.—Customs.

4. That, in addition to the Duties of Customs Spirits, now payable on Spirits imported into Great Britain,
Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported Supply [from the Committee of Supply; several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

**Navy Estimates, 1900-1901.**

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £5,527,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of Wages, &c., to Officers, Seamen, and Boys, Coast Guard, and Royal Marines, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £845,800, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for Grants in Aid of the Expenses of the British Protectorate in Uganda, and in Central and East Africa.

3. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £102,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for Grants in Aid of the Expenses of Customs on the articles hereafter mentioned, being articles in which Spirit is contained, or in the manufacture of which Spirit is used, shall be proportionately increased, and shall be as follows:

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<td>Choral hydrate</td>
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<td>Ether acetate</td>
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<td>Ethyl bromide</td>
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<td>Ethyl chlorate</td>
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Beer—Excise.

5. That in addition to the Duty of Excise now payable in respect of Beer brewed in the United Kingdom there shall, on and after the Sixth day of March, Nineteen hundred, and until the First day of August, Nineteen hundred and one, be charged, levied, and paid the following Duty (that is to say):

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<td>For every thirty-six gallons where the worts thereof were before fermentation of a specific gravity of one thousand and fifty-five degrees, a duty of</td>
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In the case of every description of Beer other than that above specified:

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<td>For every thirty-six gallons where the worts thereof were before fermentation of a specific gravity of one thousand and fifty-five degrees, a duty of</td>
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Prolongation of Annuities and Amendment of Law.

7. That it is expedient to prolong the term of certain Annuities, and amend the Law relating to the National Debt, the Customs, and the Inland Revenue.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolutions: And that Mr. James William Lovett, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Hanbury do prepare, and bring in it.
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to empower the Poole and District Electric Traction Company, Limited, to construct tramways from Christchurch and Winton to Bournemouth, and in Bournemouth, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Atherley-Jones and Mr. Samuel Evans do prepare, and bring it in.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions were read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, Church Estates Commission, by Her Majesty's Command, Copy of the Forty-ninth Report from the Church Estates Commissioners, for the year preceding 1st March 1900.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Civil Service Command, Copy of Statement of the Sum required to be voted in order to make good an Excess on the Grant for Prisons, England and the Colonies, for the year ended 31st March 1899.

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the Superannuation Act, directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 22nd February 1900, under the Superannuation Act, 1884, declaring that Mr. Roger Fanning Sleigh, Sub-postmaster, Morley, Leeds, Post Office Department, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate, through inadvertence on the part of the Head of his Department.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Civil Services (Excess) (1898-99) be referred to the Committee of Supply, and be printed; and that the Paper relative to the Superannuation Act, 1884, do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to Universities Ordinance, No. 87, of Ordinance No. 1 of the University Court of the University of Edinburgh, for the separation of the teaching of Medical Jurisprudence or Forensic Medicine and Public Health in the University of Edinburgh.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Shops Bill be read a second time, and ordered to lie upon the Table, time upon Tuesday the 24th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Boilers Registration and Inspection Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time; and a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—(Lord Hugh Cecil);

The House divided.

The Yeas were as follows:

Tellers for the [Lord Hugh Cecil:]

Mr. George Goschen; 110.
Mr. Charles Dilke;

Mr. Maddison: 61.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Eight of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

Wednesday, 7th March, 1900.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

Shannon Water and Electric Power Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Metropolitan Police Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Military Lands Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the Petition for leave to bring in the Christchurch, Bournemouth, and Winton Tramways Bill, might be read; and the same being read:

The Order of the day being read, for the Boilers Registration and Inspection Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words, " upon this day six months."—(Sir Alfred Hickman.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now," stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Outdoor Relief Second Reading of the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Old Age Pensions Bill;
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Colonial Marriages (Deceased Wife’s Sister) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Boilers Registration and Inspection (England and Wales) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Board Elections (London) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 14th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Intoxicating Licenses (Local Veto) (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 4th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Intoxicating Liquors (Local Veto) (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Acts Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Acts Amendment (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 22nd day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the License Acts Amendment (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Electric Lighting Act Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Workmen’s Houses Tenure Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crofters Holdings (Scotland) Act Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Board Electorate (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Steam Engines and pancakes Inspection (No. 3) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the District Councillors and Guardians (Term of Office) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 16th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee’s resolutions; Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, several resolutions; which were read, as follow:—

War Loan.

1. (1) That, towards making good the Supply War Loan, granted to Her Majesty for the service of the years ending on the Thirty-first day of March Nineteen hundred, and the Thirty-first day of March Nineteen hundred and one, sums not exceeding Thirty-five millions of pounds be raised by either or both of the following methods:—

(a) By means of the creation of stock or bonds to be redeemed within a period not exceeding ten years, and bearing interest at a rate to be fixed by the Treasury; or

(b) By means of the issue of Treasury Bills; and that the principal and the interest on any money so raised be charged on the Consolidated Fund;

(2) That all expenses incurred in connection with raising the said sums, including any additional remuneration to the Banks of England and Ireland, be charged on the Consolidated Fund.

Income Tax.

2. That Income Tax shall be charged for the Income Tax year beginning the Sixth day of April Nineteen hundred at the rate of One Shilling.

Brokers’ Contract Notes.

3. That there shall be charged upon a note Brokers’ sent by any person carrying on the business of a Contract broker to his principal advising him of the sale of any stock or bonds, the sum of Three Pence.
Finance Act, 1896 (Repeal of Exclusions).

Estate Duty.

4. That in the case of a person dying after the Thirty-first day of March, Nineteen hundred and ninety-four, property real or personal in which that person had an interest limited to cease on the death of the deceased shall, for the purpose of the Finance Act, 1894, and the Acts amending that Act, be deemed to pass on the death of the deceased notwithstanding that such interest has been surrendered, assigned, or otherwise disposed of during the lifetime of the deceased whether for value or not to or for the benefit of the remainderman or remainderwoman immediately upon the surrender, assignment, or disposition and the time of enjoyment of the remainderman or remainderwoman, except where the remainderman or remainderwoman immediately upon the surrender, assignment, or disposition and the time of enjoyment of the person making the same, and of any benefit to him by contract or otherwise.

Finance Act, 1894 (Modification of Exclusions).

5. That the exclusion of property from aggregation under section four of the Finance Act, 1894, shall cease to take effect except as regards property in which the deceased never had an interest, that a limited abatement or return of the aggregate duty may be allowed in certain cases in the event of the aggregation with any other property of property which passes on the death of the deceased under a disposition made by a person (other than the deceased) who died before the expiration of the first day of August, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-four.

Finance Act, 1896 (Repeal of Exclusions).

6. That for the purpose of the rate and the amount of estate duty or settlement estate duty, the exclusion under section seventeen of the Finance Act, 1896, of any fraction from the principal value of the estate shall cease.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, the first Resolution was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that Mr. James William Lothert, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Hanbury do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer accordingly presented a Bill to provide for raising Money for the present War in South Africa: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Then the subsequent Resolutions were agreed to.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Gentlemen appointed to bring in a Bill upon the said Resolutions, being read a second time, to make provision therein pursuant to Resolutions 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Ancient Monuments Protection Bill was, Ancient Monuments Protection Bill, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday next.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer presented a Finance Bill to grant certain Duties of Customs and Inland Revenue and the National Debt, and to make other provision for the Financial Arrangements of the year: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Truck Acts Bill to amend the Truck Acts: And that Mr. Amendment.

Broadhurst, Sir Walter Foster, and Mr. Hanslock Wilson do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Shop Hours Bill to amend the Shop Hours Acts: And that Acts Amend.

Mr. Provand, Mr. Samuel Smith, and Mr. Seton-Kerr do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Broadhurst presented a Bill to amend the Truck Acts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 4th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Provand presented a Bill to amend the Shop Hours Acts: And the same was read the Acts Amend.

Bill 116.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit a till quarter of an hour before Six of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 8th March, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, the Standing Order No. 62 has been complied with, viz.:

Great Northern Railway (Ireland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the Petition for additional Provision in the following Bill, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

London and South Western Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Ordered, That the Dublin Electric Lighting Dublin Electric Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 22nd day of this instant March.

A Bill to empower the Poole and District Electric Traction Company, Limited, to construct Tramways from Christchurch and Winton Tramways to Bournemouth, and in Bournemouth, and for other
other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Gas Light and Coke Company Bill to insert Clauses in the Bill to carry into effect the recommendations of the Select Committee on Metropolitan Gas Companies (1899), as follows:

1. That the standard price should be reduced to 3s. 3d. to carry the standard dividend of 10 per cent., and that the existing scale of increase and decrease for dividend of 4 per cent. for every penny of decrease or increase of price below or above 3s. 3d. be maintained, and that a secondary or additional scale be imposed which should permit of an increase or decrease of dividend over and above that regulated by the present scale of 4 per cent. for every complete 3d. of decrease or increase below or above the standard price of 3s. 3d.

2. That the area south of the River Thames, at present part of the district of the Gas Light and Coke Company, should be transferred from the Gas Light and Coke Company to the South Metropolitan Gas Company, fair and reasonable price being paid.

3. That the charge made by the Gas Light and Coke Company for the rents of automatic meters and stoves should be the same to consumers north and south of the Thames for fittings of the same quality and capacity.—(Mr. Lough).

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by inserting after the second word "to," the words "inquire whether it be desirable to—" (Sir James Harkin).

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put:

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Gas Light and Coke Company Bill to inquire whether it be desirable to insert Clauses in the Bill to carry into effect the recommendations of the Select Committee on Metropolitan Gas Companies (1899), as follows:

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Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee in their Report, under Standing Orders 150 and 173A, to state their reasons for granting any powers to conflict with, deviation from, or excess of the general law.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee not to insert in any Bill referred to them any provision which is already in force in the district to which the Bill applies under any public Act, or which might be put in force by adopting the provisions of any adoptive Act.

Ordered, That, in the case of Bills reported from the Committee, Three clear days shall intervene between the date when the Report of the Committee is circulated with the Votes and the consideration of the Bill.—(Mr. Jesse Collings.)

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wynndham presented, by Her Majesty's Army Command.—Copy of Statement of the Sum required to be voted in order to make good Excesses of Army Expenditure beyond the Grants, for the year ended 31st March 1899.

Ordered, That the said Paper be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command.—Copy of Agreement between the Canadian Government and Messrs. Pickford and Black to establish a steamship service between Canada and the West Indies.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of Soane's Statutes of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House.—Copy of Statement of the Funds of the Museum of the late Sir John Soane on 5th January 1900.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing:

(A.) The Number and Names, with Addresses, of Inebriates Reformatories instituted, or about to be instituted, under Section 3 of this Act, with the Number of Males or Females to be accommodated in each.

(B.) The Number and Names, with Addresses, of Inebriates Reformatories certified and in course of construction, respectively, with the Number of Males or Females to be accommodated in each.

(A. and B.) (1) The Number of Habitual Drunkards (Males and Females respectively) convicted as such under Sections 1 and 2, respectively, of the Inebriates Act, 1898, in the year 1899:

(2) The Number of Habitual Drunkards who, after conviction, were in 1899 under detention in Prison until a suitable accommodation was found, Males and Females respectively.

(C.) The Number and Names, with Addresses of Retreats certified and in course of construction, respectively, with the Number of Males or Females to be accommodated in each;
8th—9th March.

(B. and C.) The Names of the Local Authorities contributing, or willing to contribute, under Section 9 and Section 14, respectively, with particulars of such contribution, in support of Certified Reformatories and Retreats respectively.

—Mr. Wharton.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday the 21st day of this instant March, the Boilers Registration and Inspection (No. 3) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Electoral Disabilities (Military Service) Bill,

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "no Bill granting facilities for "relief of electoral disabilities to Militia, Yeo-

mancy, and Volunteers who have proceeded "on active service will be satisfactory to this House which does not extend similar facilities "for relief to the members of the Royal Navy "and Regular Army who are now employed on "active service in South Africa"—(General Laurie)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Supply.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Navy Estimates, 1900-1901.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £1,715,300, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Navy, including the Cost of Victualling Establishments at Home and Abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901: Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

2. £208,800, for the Expense of Medical Services, including the Cost of Medical Establishments at Home and Abroad.

3. £13,300, for the Expense of Martial Law, including the Cost of Naval Prisons at Home and Abroad.

4. £92,300, for the Expenses of Educational Services.

5. £66,900, for the Expenses of Scientific Services.

6. £271,100, for the Expenses of the Royal Naval Reserve, and the Retired Officers, and Seamen Pensioner Reserve.

7. £3,904,700, for the Expenses of Naval Armaments.

8. £271,200, for the Expense of various Miscellaneous Effective Services.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £267,100, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Admiralty Office, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

9. £786,700, for the Expense of Half Pay, Reserve, and Retired Pay, to Officers of the Navy and Marines.

10. £1,123,600, for the Expense of Naval and Marine Pensions, Gratuities and Compassionate Allowances.

11. £343,500, for the Expense of Civil Pensions and Gratuities.

Resolutions to be reported.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £90,300, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense necessary to be provided for under the Arrangement made between the Imperial and Australasian Governments, for the protection of Floating Trade in Australasian Waters, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901;

Friday, 9th March, 1900:

And, it being Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Louther reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Mr. James William Louther also acquainted the House, that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Factories and Workshops Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing of the Working Classes Act (1890) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ecclesiastical Second Reading of the Ecclesiastical Assessments (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Census (Great Britain) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Railways (Prevention of Accidents) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Lunacy Board Committee on Lunacy Board (Scotland) [Salaries, &c.];

Resolved,
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police Reservists (Allowances) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Courts Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 20th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licenced Premises (Hours of Sale) (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 27th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustee Savings Bank Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing of the Working Classes (Rural Districts) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Midwives Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Mines (Prohibition of Child Labour Underground) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

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Friday, 9th March, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Order No. 62 has been complied with, viz. —

Burray and Eunisharry Railway Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Royal Patriotic Commission, which was presented upon the 23rd day of February last, be printed.

Mr. Brodrich presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, No. 2387. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented, pursuant Bankruptcy to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Courts Annual Returns of the Official Assignees of the Court of Bankruptcy in Ireland, and the Local Bankruptcy Courts at Belfast and Cork, for the year ending on the 31st day of December 1899. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


The Lord Advocate also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations under the Inebriates Act, 1898, made by the Secretary for Scotland for the Rule and Management of a State Inebriate Reformatory, and for the Classification, Treatment, Employment, and Control of Persons sent to it, and for their Absence under Licence.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Inebriate Reformatories (Scotland) (Regulations) be printed.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of Return to the Lord Chancellor of all Sums received by the Visitors of Lunatics for Travelling Expenses, or upon any other account, from the 1st January to the 31st December 1899.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords by the Lords.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Annuity Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the Local Government (Scotland) Act (1894) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Amendment upon Wednesday next.

The Land Charges Bill was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Lunacy Bill was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Census (Great Britain) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time ; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Factories and Workshops Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
Navy Estimates, 1900-1901.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,715,300, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of Victualling and Clothing for the Navy, including the Cost of Victualling Establishments at Home and Abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £47,000 (Supplementary Sum) for the Ordnance Factories (the Cost of the Productions of which will be charged to the Army, Navy, and Indian and Colonial Governments), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900.

Navy Estimates, 1900-1901.

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2. That a Sum, not exceeding £47,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of Naval Armaments, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £27,100, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Royal Naval Reserve, and the Retired Officers and Seamen Pensioner Reserve, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £27,100, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of Victualling and Clothing for the Navy, including the Cost of Victualling Establishments at Home and Abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £66,900, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of Scientific Services, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,904,700, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Armaments, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £27,100, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of Various Miscellaneous Effective Services, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £123,600, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Naval and Marine Pensions, Gratuities, and Compassionate Allowances, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £86,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Half Pay, Reserve and Retired Pay, to Officers of the Navy and Marines, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901.

10. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,132,600, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Medical Services, including the Cost of Medical Establishments at Home and Abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901.

11. That a Sum, not exceeding £345,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Civil Pensions and Gratuities, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means:
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors to Children (No. 2) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure (Mr. Scott) ; and the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Motion being made, and the Question being again proposed:—And a Debate arising thereupon;
Mr. Vicary Gibbs moved, That the Debate be now adjourned, but Mr. Speaker, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, declined to propose the Question (Abuse of Rules.)

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question was again proposed, That the Bill do now adjourn (Mr. Gouche) :—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Original Question being again proposed:—And a Debate arising thereupon;
Mr. Vicary Gibbs moved, That the Debate be now adjourned, but Mr. Speaker, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, declined to propose the Question (Abuse of Rules.)

And the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question was again proposed, That the Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure (Mr. Scott):—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

And the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon:—And
PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in respect of the Bills comprised in the List reported by the Chairman of Ways and Means as intended to originate in the House of Lords, they have certified that the Standing Orders have not been complied with in the following case, viz.:—

Glasgow District Tramways.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the Petition for the following Bill, originating in the Lords, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:—

Glasgow District Tramways Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the Petition for the following Bill, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:—

London County Tramways (No. 1) Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Rugeley Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Latimer Road and Acton Harbour Bill.

The Latimer Road and Acton Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

London and North Western Railway Bill.

The London and North Western Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

London and North Western (Wales) Bill.

The London and North Western Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Midland Railway Bill.

The Midland Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Newry, Keady, and Tynan Light Rail Way Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Rickmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Wolverhampton Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hoylake and West Kirby Improvement Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Sir John Brashaw.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question.—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put:

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed.

The South Eastern Metropolitan Tramways Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill to consider whether it is desirable to insert a Clause in the Bill amending the provisions for Cheap Fares for the Labouring Classes in the Company's original Act by the insertion of penalties to secure the object of the provisions in respect of the number of cars to be run, the hours at which the cars shall run, and the maximum and minimum fares charged.—(Mr. Lough.)

A Petition of the Plymouth, Stonehouse, and Devonport Tramways Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further powers upon the Company; to amend the Acts relating to that Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Asquith and Mr. Kimber.

A Petition of the London County Council, for London County Council to construct New Tramways and to reconstruct and alter certain Tramways in the Counties of London and Middlesex, and to work certain Tramways by Electric Traction, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions were ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wyndham presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 27th day of February last, for a Return relative to Government Contracts.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Africa (No. 1, Command,—Copy of Correspondence respecting the Action of Her Majesty's Naval Authorities with regard to certain Foreign Vessels.
Copy of Correspondence respecting the Seizure of the British Vessels "Springbok" and "Peterhoff" by United States Cruisers in 1863.

Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, No. 2388.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 14th day of February last, for a Return relative to Inquiry into Charities (County of Montgomery).

Ordered, That the said Return be printed.

The Order for reading a second time, Tomorrow, the Wine and Beerhouse Acts Amendment Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 20th day of this instant March.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for taking the Census for Ireland in the year One thousand nine hundred and one: And that Mr. Gerald Balfour do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Agricultural Holdings: And that Mr. Walter Long, Mr. Solicitor General, and the Lord Advocate do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland presented a Bill for taking the Census for Ireland in the year One thousand nine hundred and one: And that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Mr. Gerald Balfour do prepare, and bring it in.

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Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the War Loan Bill; Second Reading of the War Loan Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Supply Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which [9th March] were read, as follow:

Army (Ordnance Factories), 1899-1900.

1. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding Army £47,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Ordnance Factories (the Cost (supplemented by the protection of the Floati

Army, Navy, and Indian and Colonial Governments), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901.

Navy Estimates, 1900-1901.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £60,300, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses necessary to be provided for under the Arrange-

Commitment made between the Imperial and Australasian Governments, for the protection of Floating Trade in Australasian Waters, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Tithe Rent-charge Second Reading of the Tithe Rent-charge (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 26th day of April next.

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Navy Estimates, 1900-1901.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £60,300, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses necessary to be provided for under the Arrange-

Commitment made between the Imperial and Australasian Governments, for the protection of Floating Trade in Australasian Waters, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Lunacy Board (Scotland) [Salaries, &c.]; Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Bill; Second Reading of the Finance Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Charitable Second Reading of the Charitable Leases (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Tithe Rent-charge Second Reading of the Tithe Rent-charge (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 26th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Companies Second Reading of the Companies Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Electoral Committee on the Electoral Disabilities (Military Service) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Thurs-

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing of the Working Classes Act (1890) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ecclesiastical Assessments (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Railways (Prevention of Accidents) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Charges Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Police Reservists (Allowances) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Census (Great Britain) Bill;
Ordered, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Factories and Workshops Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Ways and Means;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Ordered, That the House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into thesaid Committee.

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing how many purchases of Land for the purpose of forming Rifle Ranges have been made by County or Borough Counsels or Volunteer Corps, under the provisions of 54 and 55 Vic. c. 54 (the Ranges Act, 1891), and where the Lands so acquired are respectively situated.—(Mr. Rudolf John.)

And then the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Tuesday, 13th March, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, with Standing Orders Nos. 62 and 63 have been complied with, viz.:—Metropolitan Water Companies Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 63 has been complied with, viz.:—Christchurch, Bournemouth, and Winton Tramways Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Pontefract Park Bill, as amended in the said Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Great Northern Railway (Ireland) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Huntingdon Corporation Bill;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House is not prepared to consider a proposal for the inclusion of Common lands except when recommended by the Board of Agriculture, in accordance with the procedure and on the principles laid down by the Inclusion Acts"—(Mr. Konney)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—And a Debate arising thereupon;
A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned upon—(Mr. Haldane)—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Original Question being put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Nays to the Left.

Tellers
Mr. John Gorst presented, pursuant to the London Government directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Drafts of Orders in Council under the Metropolitan Government Act, 1899, for the establishment of each of the aforementioned Metropolitan Boroughs, and incorporating the County Borough of Woolwich, and for other purposes connected therewith:—Battersea, Bermondsey, Bethnal Green, Deptford, Fulkham, Greenhithe, Hackney, Hammersmith, Hampstead, Islington, Lambeth, Lewisham, Poplar, Saint Marylebone, Shoreditch, Southwark, Stoke Newington, Wandsworth, and Woolwich.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty’s Finance Act, Command,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 1894. 24th October 1899, appointing a Committee to examine into the operation of Section 4 of the Finance Act, 1894, and other matters, and of the Report of the Committee dated February 1900. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bredick presented, by Her Majesty’s Africa (No. 2.) Command,—Copy of Correspondence with the President of the South African Republic respecting the Orange Free State. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Taxes and a Return showing (1) the Rates of Duties, Taxes, Imposts, or Imposts collected by Imperial Officers; (2) the Qualities or Amounts taxed; (3) the Gross Receipts derived from each Duty; and (4) the Net Receipts and Appropriation thereof in the year ending the 31st day of March 1900; and (5) the Aggregate Gross Receipt derived from all such Duties, Taxes, or Imposts under the principal Heads of Revenue; (2) the Aggregate Net Receipts; (3) the Charges of Collection; and (4) the Produce, after deducting these Charges in each of the ten years ending the 31st day of March 1900. And, Nota to show any Changes in the Taxes, Duties, and Imposts consequent upon the acceptance of the Budget Proposals of 1899 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 221, of Session 1899).—(Mr. Goddard.)

Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection that they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Law and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure:—Mr. Charles Dilke; and had appointed in substitution:—Mr. Lloyd-George.

Mr. Halsey further reported from the Committee that they had added to the Standing Committee on Law and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, the following Fifteen Members in respect of the Midwives Bill:—Dr. Ambrose, Midwives Bill.; Mr. Bonham, Mr. Flower, Mr. Vicary Gibbs, Mr. Hazell, Mr. Howard, Mr. Humphreys-Owen, Mr. Heywood Johnstone, Sir Powlett Milbank, Mr. T. P. O’Connor, Sir George Fildington, Mr. Sebright, Mr. Tennyson, Mr. Thoroton, and Mr. Tritton.

Mr. Halsey further reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged the following Member from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Trade, &c., Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures:—Mr. Lloyd-George; and had appointed in substitution:—Sir Charles Dilke.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on the Brighton Corporation (Water) Bill, in the Session of 1896, be referred to the Committee on the Brighton Corporation Bill. (Dr. Parry.)

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Government Contracts, which was presented upon the 12th day of this instant March, be printed.
1. That, in the case of the Barlaston Corporation Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that Clauses 17-47, relating to Tramways, be struck out of the Bill, that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with.

2. That, in the case of the Bray and Enniskerry Western Railway Bill, that the Committee on the Bill think fit.

3. That, in the case of the Loudon and South Western Railway Bill, Petition for additional Standing Orders; that the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to introduce their additional Provision, if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

4. That, in the case of the Saint David's Railway (Abandonment) Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill. The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Mr. Holroyd reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders; that they had agreed to the following Resolution:

That, in the case of the Special Report of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, the Report be laid upon the Table.

Mr. Arthur O'Connor reported from the Chairman's Panel; that they had appointed Mr. Laurence Hardy to act as Chairman of the Standing Committee for the consideration of Bills relating to Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure in respect of the Midwives Bill.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. William Redmond.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond]

Tellers for the [Mr. Anstruther]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the admission of Solicitors of solicitors, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further Powers on the Scottish Widows' Fund and Life Assurance Society and the Directors thereof; to amend the Acts relating to the Society, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Universal Life Assurance Society Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Scottish Widows' Fund and Life Assurance Society Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the Sea Fisheries Regulation (Scotland) Act (1895) Amendment Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of this instant March.

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The House met at Twelve of the clock.

Prayers.

The Bray and Enniskerry Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shannon Water and Electric Power Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Water Supply Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Councilors (Qualification of Women) (Scotland) Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions, Vide Second Report.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the London London Government Act, 1899 (Metropolitan Government Act, 1869 (Metropolitan Boroughs), which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant March, be printed.

Mr. Hanbury presented—Return to an Order, American dated the 15th day of February last, for a Return relative to American Mails.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Tuesday next, on the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors to Children (No. 2) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Wednesday the 20th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sunday Closing (Monmouthshire) Bill; 

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time; 

And an Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Howell.) 

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question; 

The House divided.

The Yeas were

Noes, 1 Mr. Tritton:

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The Noes to the Left.

Yeas, (Mr. Tritton: 

188.

Tellers for the [Mr. Spicer, 

Major Jemison: ]

124.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put; 

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the Local Government (Scotland) Bill; 

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;—And a Debate arising thereupon; 

And, it being half-past Five of the clock, the House was adjourned till Wednesday, 14th March, 1900.

Old Age Pensions Bill. 

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 7th day of this instant March, That the Old Age Pensions Bill be now read a second time; 

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 21st day of this instant March.

Workmen’s Houses Tenure Bill. 

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Workmen’s Houses Tenure Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 22nd day of this instant March.

Ancient Monuments Protection Bill. 

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Ancient Monuments Protection Bill; 

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Vagrants’ Children Protection Bill. 

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vagrants’ Children Protection Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till five minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

Prayers.

The Bray and Enniskerry Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shannon Water and Electric Power Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the Petition for leave to bring in the Saint David’s Railway (Abandonment) Bill, might be read; and the same being read; 

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Abandonment of the Saint David’s Railway, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Phillips, General Laurie, and Mr. Randell do prepare, and bring it in.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bakehouses (Hours of Labour) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Occupying Tenants' Enfranchisement Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 29th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Manhood Suffrage (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Highways and Bridges Act (1861) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Electric Lighting Act (1892) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act (1886) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Board Electorate (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Leasehold Enfranchisement (England and Wales) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Scotland) Act (1894) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the War Loan Bill.

CLAUSES, N° 1 TO N° 7, AGREED TO.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Mr. Lewis Fry reported from the Committee on the Ossett Gas Bill; That the Parties proceeding to supply Electric Power;—

A Petition of the Central London Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Central London Railway Act, 1891, with reference to Cheap Fares for Labouring Classes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Committee of Selection do appoint a Committee, not exceeding Seven Members, to whom shall be committed the following Private Bills by which it is proposed to supply Electric Power:—

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bill from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; That, in the case of the Petition presented, the Standing Orders have complied with.

The House will, To-morrow, to sit till twenty-five minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return giving the number of Arrests for Drunkenness within the Metropolitan Police District of Dublin and the Cities of Belfast, Cork, Limerick, and Waterford, on Sundays between the 1st day of May 1898, and the 30th day of April 1899, both days inclusive, the Arrests being given from 8 a.m. on Sundays till 8 a.m. on Mondays:—And, similar Returns for the rest of Ireland, from the 1st day of May 1898 to the 30th day of April 1899 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 219, of Session 1888).

—(Mr. William Johnston.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing the number of Companies of Imperial Yeomanry that have been formed, the Names of the Regiments and of the Counties from which each Company has been raised, the Number that have embarked with Horses, and the Number that have left either wholly or partially without Horses.—(Mr. Strachey.)

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Lords' Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a New Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Lambeth (Brighton Division), in the room of the Honourable Evelyn Huskisson, who, since his election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stake, Desborough, and Benham, in the County of Buckingham.—(Sir William Walrond.)

Ordered, That the Marquess of Lorne have Leave of Absence until Easter, on account of ill-health.—(Sir William Walrond.)

A Motion being made, That this House will, under any Acts of the present Session for taking the Census in Great Britain and Ireland; also Returns of Receipts and Expenditure of the Dental Registration Fund of the General Medical Council for the year ending 1st January 1899; and Railway Traffic Statistics for each of the Ten years 1889-98.

—(Mr. Gerald Balfour.)

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of any Expenses incurred for the purposes of the Census, under any Acts of the present Session for taking the Census in Great Britain and Ireland.—(Sir William Walrond);

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That the House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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in many parts of the Country; but the pleasure of the House not having been signified, Mr. Speaker called on those Members who supported the Motion to rise in their places, and not less than Forty Members having accordingly risen: A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn.—(Sir Robert Reid) The House divided. The Yeas to the Right: The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Gladstone, Yeas, [Mr. William M. Arthur] 120. Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Noes, [Mr. Anstruther] 299. So it passed in the Negative.

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Navy Reserve (Mobilisation) Bill, Bill 125.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Royal Naval Reserve (Volunteer) Act, 1859, in relation to calling out the Volunteers for Actual Service: And that Mr. Macartney, Mr. Goschen, and Mr. Attorney General do prepare, and bring it in.

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Mr. Walter Long presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Dogs: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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Navy Reserve (Mobilisation) Bill, Bill 126.

Mr. Macartney presented a Bill to amend the Royal Naval Reserve (Volunteer) Act, 1859, in relation to calling out the Volunteers for Actual Service: And that the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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War Loan Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the War Loan Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, [Mr. Anstruther] 172. Tellers for the [Captain Donelan, Noes, [Mr. Patrick O'Brien] 23. So it was resolved in the affirmative. Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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Census (Great Britain) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Census (Great Britain) Bill; A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That it be an Instruction to the Committee that they have power to divide the Bill into two Bills, one extending to England and the other extending to Scotland—(Mr. Buchanan); The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the [Mr. Buchanan, Yeas, [Mr. Caldwell] 32. Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Noes, [Mr. Anstruther] 125. So it passed in the Negative.

Then the House resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill. Vol. 155.

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Clause, N° 1 (Census to be taken in 1901). Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, to leave out the words "Great Britain," in order to insert the words "England and a Census for Scotland"—(Mr. Buchanan),—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, to leave out the word "Sunday," in order to insert the word "Saturday"—(Mr. Herbert Roberts),—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the word "Sunday" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause, N° 2, postponed.

Clause, N° 3, agreed to.

Clause, N° 4 (Preparation and filling up of Schedules).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 23, to leave out the words "or under the direction of."—(Mr. Herbert Roberts).

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 26, after the word "Age," to insert the words "religious profession."—(Lord Hugh Cecil).

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 5, to leave out the words "in the case of Wales or the County of Monmouth."—(Mr. Lloyd-George).

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, [Mr. Anstruther] 164. Tellers for the [Mr. Lloyd-George, Noes, [Mr. William Jones] 54.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 23, to leave out Sub-section (4)—(Mr. Buchanan).

Question, That Sub-section (4) stand part of the Clause:—put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clause, N° 5 (Collection, correction, and copying Schedules).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 5, after the word "parishes," to insert the word "wards."—(Sir George Fardell).

Question proposed, That the word "wards" be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause, N° 6 agreed to.

Clause, N° 7 (Power to supply further abstracts to local authorities).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 53, to leave out the words "may if he thinks fit," in order to insert the word "shall."—(Mr. Herbert Roberts),—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses, N° 10 to N° 13, agreed to.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
Electoral Disabilities (Military Service) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Electoral Disabilities (Military Service) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Absence of person in performance of Military duties not to disqualify as elector).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 8, after the word "required" to insert the words "or in respect of a qualification by which he votes as a lodger."—(Mr. Jeffreys.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9, after the word "of," to insert the words "the general departmental or medical staff of the Army, or of"—(Mr. Jeffreys.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the:—Sir William Waldegrave, 155.

Mr. Asquith: 47.

Tellers for the:—Mr. M'Kenna, 47.

Mr. Courttenay Warner: 100.

Clause No. 2, agreed to.

New Clause (Duration of Act) added.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Mr. James William Lowther also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing of Classes Act (1890) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Railways Second Reading of the Railways (Prevention of Accidents) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Factories and Workshops Supply (15th March) Report;

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Army (Excesses), 1898-99.

£ 100, to make good Excesses of Army Expenditure beyond the Grants, for the year ended on the 31st day of March 1899.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Police Reserves (Allowances) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Police Reserves (Allowances) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Charges Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Lunacy Board (Scotland) [Salaries, &c.]

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Mr. James William Lowther also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

1. Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the years ending on the 31st day of March 1899 and 1900, the Sum of £ 466,770 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

2. Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, the Sum of £ 46,156,500 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Mr. James William Lowther also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing of Classes Act (1890) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Railways Second Reading of the Railways (Prevention of Accidents) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Factories and Workshops Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Health Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Trustee Savings Banks Bill;

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The Order of the day being read, for the Coal Mines Second Reading of the Coal Mines (Prohibition of Child Labour Underground) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Registration of Electors Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing of the Working Classes (Rural Districts) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 2nd day of April next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Sunday Closing (Monmouthshire) Bill.

Clause, No. 1.
To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Wodehouse reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday the 27th day of June next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bakewouses (Hours of Labour) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Leasehold Enfranchisement (England and Wales) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 5th day of April next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Petroleum Act, 1879: And the same was read the first time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Electric Power Bill.

Ordered, That the Committee of Selection do appoint a Committee, not exceeding Seven Members, to whom shall be committed the following Private Bills by which it is proposed to supply Electric Power:—

Lancashire Electric Power Bill,

Durham (County of) Electric Power Supply Bill,

South Wales Electrical Power Distribution Bill,

Tyneside Electric Power Bill

(Lord Balcarres);

And which Amendment was, to leave out the words "the Committee of Selection do appoint a " Committee, not exceeding Seven Members," in order to insert the words "a Select Committee be appointed"—(Mr. Galloway),—instead thereof.

And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn. And the Main Question being again proposed; An Amendment was made thereunto, by leaving out the words "not exceeding," and inserting the word "of"—(Sir John Brougham),—instead thereof.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.(Lord Balcarres)

Ordered, That the Committee be subject to the Standing Orders relative to the proceedings of Committees on Opposed Bills (except that fixing the number of Members).—(Mr. Monck.)

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on the Wolverhampton and Essington Mineral Railway Bill of Session 1898, and on the London and North Western (New Railway Bill) of Session 1899, be referred to the Committee on Group No. 8 of Railway Bills in respect of the Wolverhampton, Essington, and Cannock Chase Junction Railway Bill.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Local Government Board for Ireland relating to the Town of Westport; And that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Mr. Gerald Balfour do prepare, and bring it in.
Mr. Attorney General for Ireland accordingly presented a Bill to confirm a Provisions Order of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to the Town of Westport: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Colonial Bank Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Corporal Punishment, which was presented upon the 15th day of this Instant March, be printed.

Sir John Gorst presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Copies of Two Orders in Council of the 3rd March 1900, under the Spring Assizes Act, 1879, relating to the Spring Assize Counties, Nos. 2 and 3.

Copy of Order in Council of the 3rd March 1900, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in confirming certain Bye-laws made by the Port Talbot Pilotage Board.

Copy of Order in Council of the 3rd March 1900, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, reducing the dues leviable by the Trinity House of Kingston-upon-Hull in respect of the Lights in the Humber above that Port.

Copy of Order in Council of the 3rd March 1900, under the Extradition Acts, 1870 to 1895, giving effect to an Extradition Treaty between Her Majesty and the Republic of San Marino.

Copy of Order in Council of the 3rd March 1900, under the Extradition Acts, 1870 to 1895, the Ærge and Corew (Supreme Court) Order in Council, 1900.

Copy of Drafts of Orders in Council under the London Government Act, 1899, for the establishment of the Metropolitan Boroughs of Cumberwell and Westminster, and incorporating the Councils thereof, and for other purposes connected therewith.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the London Government Act, 1899 (Metropolitan Boroughs), be printed.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Miscellaneous Series, No. 523.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Goucha presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Paper, entitled “Naval Manoeuvres, 1899.”

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Colonial Bank Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Grantham Gas Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Redhill Gas Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Lewis Fry reported from the Committee on the “Railway Bill.”

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Tuesday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Williams Grove Cameron reported the Shipping (Group E.) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Electoral Disabilities (Military Service) Bill, as amended in the Committee, be printed.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Tuesday next, the Wine and Beerhouse Acts Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 27th day of this instant March.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Salmon Fisheries (Ireland) Acts; And that Mr. Seton-Karr, Mr. Cornwallis, Mr. Rentoul, and Mr. Tomlinson do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit the Sale or Supply of Exciseable intoxicating Liquors to Children in Scotland; And that Mr. Cameron Corbett, Sir Herbert Maxwell, Mr. (Scotland),

Sir Thomas Gibson Carmichael reported the Airdrie, Coatbridge, and District Water Trust Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a

Bill to authorise the Investment of Trust Funds

on the security of Local Rates : And that Mr.

Lloyd-George, Sir Walter Fowler, Sir James

Woodhouse, Colonel Milward, Mr. Archie Loyd,

Mr. Robson, Mr. Warr, and Mr. Nussey do

prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Seton-Karr presented a Bill to amend the

Salmon Fisheries

(Ireland) Acts

Bill 131.

Bill 132.

Sale of

Intoxicating

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Children

(Scotland)

Bill 133.

Trust Funds

Bill 134.

Supply

[4th sitting

Day.]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself

into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1900-1901.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That

a Sum, not exceeding £. 555,000, be granted to

Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Pay, &c.,

of the Medical Establishment, and for Medicines,

&c., which will come in course of payment

during the year ending on the 31st day of March

1901.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That

Item E (Cost of Medicines) be reduced by £. 100

—(Mr. James Leathe) :—Motion, by leave, with-

drawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That

a Sum, not exceeding £.2,288,000, be granted to

Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Pay,

Bounty, &c., of the Militia (to a number not

exceeding 134,571, including 30,000 Militia

Reserve), which will come in course of payment

during the year ending on the 31st day of March

1901.

Motion made, and Question, That a Sum, not

exceeding £. 2,288,900, be granted for the said

Service—(Mr. Courtenay Warner) :—put, and

negatived. Original Question put, and agreed to.

2. £. 144,000, for the Pay and Miscellaneous

Charges of the Yeomanry Cavalry.

4. Motion made, and Question proposed, That

a Sum, not exceeding £.1,230,000, be granted to

Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Capita-

tion Grants and Miscellaneous Charges of Volun-

teer Corps, including Pay, &c. of the Permanent

Staff, which will come in course of payment

during the year ending on the 31st day of March

1901.

Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum,

not exceeding £. 1,200,000 be granted for the said

Service—(Mr. William Redmond);—Yeas,

[Mr. Patrick O'Brien];—Nays,

[Mr. Sir William Wardrop];—Agreed to.

Original Question put, and agreed to. Resolutions:

T. b. b reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr.

Wodehouse reported, That the Committee had

ecome to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon

Monday next.

Mr. Wodehouse also acquainted the House,

that he was directed to move, That the Com-

mittee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Mon-

day next, again resolve itself into the said

Committee.

Mr. Powell Williams reported from the Com-

mittee of Supply, several Resolutions; which [103]

were read, as follow:

Civil Services (Excess), 1898-99.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 10, be Civil Services

granted to Her Majesty, to make good for the

Grant for Prisons, England and the Colonies,

for the year ended the 31st day of March 1899.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 15,200,000, Pay, Allow-

ances, and other Charges of Her Majesty's Army at

Home and Abroad (exclusive of India) (General Staff, Regiments, Reserve,

and Departments), which will come in course of

payment during the year ending on the 31st
day of March 1901.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon

Monday next.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Captain Donelan,

Yea, [Mr. Anstruther];—Nay, [Mr. Patrick O'Brien];—Agreed to.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon

Monday next.

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that he was directed to move, That the Com-

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Resolved, That this House will, upon Mon-

day next, again resolve itself into the said

Committee.

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mittee of Supply, several Resolutions; which [103]

were read, as follow:

Army Estimates, 1900-1901.

1. That a number of Land Forces, not exceed-

ing 450,000, all ranks, be maintained for the

Service of the United Kingdom of Great Britain

and Ireland at Home and Abroad, excluding Her

Majesty's Indian Possessions, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 114,800, be granted to

Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Pay, Allow-

ances, and other Charges of Her Majesty's Army at Home and Abroad (exclusive of India) (General Staff, Regiments, Reserve,

and Departments), which will come in course of

payment during the year ending on the 31st
day of March 1901.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon

Monday next.

Ordered, That the Resolution which, upon the supply.

2nd day of this instant March, was reported from

the Committee of Supply, and which was then

agreed to by the House, be now read ; and the

same was read, as followeth:

That 114,800 men and boys be employed for the

Sea and Coast Guard Services for the year

ending on the 31st day of March 1901, including

18,805 Royal Marines.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide, during Twelve Months, for the Annual

Discipline and Regulation of the Army: And that

Mr. Wyndham, Mr. Goschen, and Mr. Powell-

Williams do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Wyndham accordingly presented a Bill to Army

provide, during Twelve Months, for the Discipline (Annual) Bill.

Tellers for the

Yea, [Mr. Patrick O'Brien];—Nay, [Mr. Sir William Wardrop];—Agreed to.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon

Monday next.

Mr. Wodehouse also acquainted the House,

that he was directed to move, That the Com-

mittee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Mon-

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Majesty's Indian Possessions, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 15,200,000, Pay, Allow-

ances, and other Charges of Her Majesty's Army at Home and Abroad (exclusive of India) (General Staff, Regiments, Reserve,

and Departments), which will come in course of

payment during the year ending on the 31st
day of March 1901.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon

Monday next.
second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.


The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means:
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Census [Expenses].

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorize the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of any Expenses incurred for the purposes of the Census, under any Acts of the present Session for taking the Census in Great Britain and Ireland.—(Mr. Chaplin.)
Resolution to be reported.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Ancient Monuments Protection Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Councillors (Qualification of Women) (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Registration of Electors Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till five and twenty minutes after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 19th March, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Private Bills (Standing Order 67 complied with.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 63 has been complied with, viz.—Great Western Railway Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 63 has been complied with, viz.—Loudon United Tramways Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; That, in the case of the following Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, not originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.—Scottish Widows’ Fund and Life Assurance Society Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Christchurch, Bournemouth, and Winton Tramways Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Metropolitan Water Companies Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Richmannsworth and Uxbridge Valley Water Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Shannon Water and Electric Power Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Resolved, That it is expedient that the Dublin Corporation Bill and the Clontarf Urban District Council Bill be committed to a Joint Committee of Lords and Commons.
Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to communicate this Resolution, and to desire their concurrence.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Annual Balance Sheets, showing the Cost of Manufacturing Provisions, Victualling Stores, and Seamen's Clothing (Hair Beds) at Her Majesty's Home Victualling Yards and Malta Yard, for the year 1898-99, as well as Statements showing the Waste and Loss resulting therefrom, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Trade Reports Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, No. 2389.
Copy of Reports from Her Majesty's Representatives Abroad on the provision made in Foreign Countries for the University Education of Roman Catholics.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a New Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this Wilt.
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The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Lands Valuation (Scotland) Act (1854) Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of May next.

Sir Thomas Gibson Carmichael reported from the Committee on the Merrowbume Urban District Council (Gas) Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the bill, and amended the same, so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the bill as passed by the committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the bill, and made amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the report do lie upon the table; and be printed.

The order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Finance Bill; and a motion being made, and the question being put, that the bill be now read a second time:

The house divided.

The yeas were:
Mr. Stansfeld: 16.
Mr. Henry: 17.
Mr. Cautley: 18.
Mr. Fisher: 19.
Mr. O'Brien: 20.
Mr. TELLERS FOR THE NOES.
Mr. Cawley: 30.
Mr. O'Brien: 31.
So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the bill be now read a second time; and committed to a committee of the whole house, for Thursday next.

The order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned debate on the question proposed upon the 10th day of this instant march, that this house do agree with the committee in the third resolution, that a sum, not exceeding £15,000,000, be granted to her majesty, to defray the charge for the pay, allowances, and other charges of her majesty's army at home and abroad (exclusive of india) (general staff, regiments, reserve, and departments), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901; and the question being again proposed:—

The house resumed the said adjourned debate. Mr. Speaker called the attention of the house to continued irrelevance on the part of Mr. Tupper, member for mid-cork, and directed him to discontinue his speech.

And the question being put:—it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Chapel reported from the committee of supply, several resolutions; which were read, as follows:

1. That a sum, not exceeding £5,555,000, be granted to her majesty, to defray the charge for the pay, &c., of the medical establishment, and for medicines, &c., which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901.

2. That a sum, not exceeding £2,885,000, be granted to her majesty, to defray the charge for the pay, bounty, &c., of the militia (to a number not exceeding 134,571, including 30,000 militia reserve), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901.

3. That a sum, not exceeding £144,000, be granted to her majesty, to defray the charge for the pay and miscellaneous charges of the yeomanry cavalry, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901.

4. That a sum, not exceeding £1,230,000, be granted to her majesty, to defray the charge for the permanent staff, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901.

The said resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Mr. Hanbury reported from the committee of ways and means, several resolutions; which were read, as follows:

1. That, towards making good the supply consolidated granted to her majesty for the service of the fund, for the years ending on the 31st day of March 1899 and 1900, the sum of £466,770 be granted out of the consolidated fund of the united kingdom.

2. That, towards making good the supply consolidated granted to her majesty, for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, the sum of £46,156,500 be granted out of the consolidated fund of the united kingdom.

The said resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That a bill be brought in upon the consolidated said resolutions: and that Mr. James William lounker, M.P. for Taunton, Mr. Chancellor of the exchequer, and Mr. Hanbury do prepare, and bring in a bill, to consolidate the various sums granted by the consolidated fund Act (1854) Amendment Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the bill, and amended the same, so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the bill as passed by the committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the bill, and made amendments thereto.

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Mr. Hanbury reported from the committee of ways and means, several resolutions; which were read, as follows:

1. That, towards making good the supply consolidated granted to her majesty for the service of the fund, for the years ending on the 31st day of March 1899 and 1900, the sum of £466,770 be granted out of the consolidated fund of the united kingdom.

2. That, towards making good the supply consolidated granted to her majesty, for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, the sum of £46,156,500 be granted out of the consolidated fund of the united kingdom.

The said resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That a bill be brought in upon the consolidated said resolutions; and that Mr. James William lounker, M.P. for Taunton, Mr. Chancellor of the exchequer, and Mr. Hanbury do prepare, and bring in a bill, to consolidate the various sums granted by the consolidated fund Act (1854) Amendment Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the bill, and amended the same, so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the bill as passed by the committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the bill, and made amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the bill be now read a second time, and committed to a committee of the whole house, for Thursday next.

The order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned debate on the question proposed upon the 10th day of this instant march, that this house do agree with the committee in the third resolution, that a sum, not exceeding £15,000,000, be granted to her majesty, to defray the charge for the pay, allowances, and other charges of her majesty's army at home and abroad (exclusive of india) (general staff, regiments, reserve, and departments), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901; and the question being again proposed:—

The house resumed the said adjourned debate. Mr. Speaker called the attention of the house to continued irrelevance on the part of Mr. Tupper, member for mid-cork, and directed him to discontinue his speech.

And the question being put:—it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Chapel reported from the committee of supply, several resolutions; which were read, as follows:

1. That a sum, not exceeding £5,555,000, be granted to her majesty, to defray the charge for the pay, &c., of the medical establishment, and for medicines, &c., which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901.

2. That a sum, not exceeding £2,885,000, be granted to her majesty, to defray the charge for the pay, bounty, &c., of the militia (to a number not exceeding 134,571, including 30,000 militia reserve), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901.

3. That a sum, not exceeding £144,000, be granted to her majesty, to defray the charge for the pay and miscellaneous charges of the yeomanry cavalry, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901.

4. That a sum, not exceeding £1,230,000, be granted to her majesty, to defray the charge for the permanent staff, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901.

The said resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Mr. Hanbury reported from the committee on the census [expences], a resolution; which was [expenses] read, as follows:—

That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by parliament, of any expenses incurred for the purposes of the census, under any acts of the present session for taking the census in great britain and ireland.

The said resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee on the census (great britain) bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Census (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ecclesiastical Assessments (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dogs Regulation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Charges Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Lunacy Board (Scotland) (Salaries, &c.); Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing of the Working Classes Act (1890) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Railways (Prevention of Accidents) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;
desirable to amend Clause 42 (Cheap Fares for Labouring Classes) by inserting penalties to secure the objects of the Clause, and as to the number of cars to be provided, the hours at which the cars shall run, and the maximum and minimum fares to be charged.—(Mr. Long.)

Mr. Lewis Fry reported the North Warwickshire Water Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Lewis Fry reported from the Committee on Group E of Private Bills: That, to meet the convenience of parties, they had adjourned till Thursday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—An Account of the Gross Amount of all Bank Annuities, and any Annuities for Terms of Years transferred, and of all Sums of Money paid to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt; and the Gross Amount of Annuities for Lives and for Terms of Years which have been granted for the same, and Contracts for Payments on Death which have been made under the provisions of the Acts 10 Geo. 3, c. 24; 51 & 52 Vic. c. 15; 16 & 17 Vic. c. 45; 27 & 28 Vic. c. 43; 45 & 46 Vic. c. 51; and 50 & 51 Vic. c. 40, within the year ended 5th January 1900.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 13th March 1900, under the Superannuation Act, 1859, declaring that for the due and efficient discharge of the duties of the Offices of Registrar-General for Ireland and of Medical Superintendents in the Registrar-General’s Office, Ireland, professional or other peculiar qualifications not ordinarily to be acquired in the Public Service are requisite.

Copy of Annual Accounts of the Ordnance Factories for the year 1898–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to National Debt Annuities and Army (Ordnance Factories) be printed.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Commissioners, under the Light Railways Act, 1896, and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of Light Railways in the Boroughs of Romanget and Margate, in the County of Kent (Isle of Thanet) Light Railways (Extensions) Order, 1900.

Mr. Ritchie also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report of the Proceedings of the Board of Trade, under the Light Railways Act, 1896, during the year 1899, and of the Proceedings of the Light Railways Commissioners during the Period from 1st December 1898 to 31st December 1899.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the Light Railways Act, 1896 [Report], be printed.

Mr. Walter Long presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Annual Report for 1899, of the Board of Agriculture and of Proceedings under the Tithe Acts, Copyhold Act, 1894, Enclosure Acts, the Metropolitan Commons Acts, Vol. 155.

the Drainage and Improvement of Land Acts, the Universities and College Estates Acts, 1858, &c., &c.

Copy of Annual Reports for 1899, of the Board of Agriculture, of Proceedings under the Agriculture, Diseases of Animals Acts, the Markets and Fairs (Weighing of Cattle) Acts, &c., &c.

Mr. Walter Long also presented, pursuant to Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 and 1896, dated 14th March 1900, relating to the conveyance of Animals by the Steamship "Aldworth."

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, Metropolitan Water Supply (England and Wales) Bill, with Amendments, together with a Copy of the Report of the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of the New Metropolitan Water Works Bill, and presenting the Bill for the consideration of the House.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Return showing, 1. The Expenditure from the Grant for Public Education in England and Wales in the year 1899, and Expenditure from 1839 to 1899: 2. The Number of Public Elementary Day Schools on the Annual Grant List on the 31st August 1899; the Accommodation and Number of Scholars, and Average Attendance in those Schools; 3. Detailed Statistics of Inspected Schools, 1898–99, Public Elementary Day Schools, Evening Continuation Schools, and certified Efficient Schools; the Accommodation; Number of Scholars; Average Attendance; Teachers employed; Particulars of Grant earned; Income and Expenditure, &c.; 4. Summary Tables of Educational Statistics; and 5. Number of School Boards under various Heads of Population.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Harbour, &c., a Copy of the Report of the Board of Trade Bills, upon the following Harbour, &c., Bills, viz.:—

(1.) North British Railway Bill (Lords).

(2.) Southport and Lytham Tramroad Bill, No. 105, presented by Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Robert Grey Cornish Mowbray, Baronet, New Members for the Borough of Lambeth (Brixton division), was sworn.

Mr. John O’Dowd, Esquire, Member for the County of Sligo (North Sligo Division), was sworn.

Mr. Jeffreys reported from the Committee on Huddersfield the Huddersfield Corporation Tramways Bill; Corporation of Tramways That they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Vote Supplement to the Votes.
Bill [Lords.]

(Transfer)

Water

Menstone

War Loan Bill.

the Lords.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the bill [Lords.] Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Punishment of the Crime of Incest: And that Colonel Dalbiac, Mr. Robert Cameron, Mr. Whitaker, Mr. William Frederick Smith, Sir John Kennaway, and Mr. Henry Joseph Wilson do prepare, and bring it in. Colonel Dalbiac accordingly presented a Bill Incest Bill to provide for the Punishment of the Crime of Incest: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of May next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Consolidated Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time:

The House divided.

The Yeas were:

[Names of Yeas]

The Noes were:

[Names of Noes]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:-The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present:-The House was told by Mr. Speaker, that Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock:-The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker at half an hour after Seven of the clock, without a Question first put, till To-morrow.

Wednesday, 21st March, 1900.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the Petition for leave to bring in the Central London Railway Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Central London Railway Act, 1891, with reference to Cheap Fares for Labouring Classes: And that Sir Reginald Hanson and Mr. Albion Gibb do prepare, and bring it in.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Public Petitions.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Report by the Board of Trade upon all the Railway, Canal, Tramway, Harbour and Tidal Waters, Gas, Electricity, and Water Bills, and Provisional Orders of Session 1900.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill.

Mr. Hayes Fisher reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions, which were read, as follow:

1. That, in the case of the Central London Railway Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

2. That, in the case of the Portland Urban District Gas Petition for leave to deposit a Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to deposit their Petition for a Bill.

3. That, in the case of the Bray Urban District Council Petition for leave to deposit a Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to deposit their Petition for a Bill.

4. That, in the case of the London and India Docks Joint Committee Bill, Petition of the Urban District Council of Brentford, for dispensing with Standing Order 129 in the case of their Petition against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought to be dispensed with.

5. That, in the case of the Devonport Corporation Bill, Petition of the "Devonport Guardians of the Poor," for dispensing with Standing Order 129 in the case of their Petition against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought not to be dispensed with.

The first four Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hayes reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions, which were read, as follow:

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed the War Loan Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the Rural District Council of Whichendale to Purchase the Undertaking of the Menstone Waterworks Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Selection (Standing Committee.)

Trade, &c.

Message from the Lords.

Menstone Water (Transfer) Bill [Lords.]
21st March.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Old Age Pensions Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Values Bill.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Values Taxation (Scotland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Boilers Registration and Inspection (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That the said proposed Amendment be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Manhood Suffrage (Ireland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 4th day of April next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Highways and Bridges Act (1891) Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 9

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, that the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, that the Committee may have leave to sit again. Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Factories and Workshops Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Electric Lighting Act (1882) Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act (1886) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Board Electorate (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trust Funds Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Board Electorate (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Friendly Societies Disqualification Removal Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Courts Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 3rd day of April next.

The Colonial Solicitors Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 14th day of this instant March, That the Local Government (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday the 18th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Water Supply Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Petroleum Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Veterinary Surgeons Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trust Funds Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 19th day of this instant March, That the Bakehouses (Hours of Labour) Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.
Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

Metropolitan Common Scheme (Petersham) Provisional Order Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Hamilton Burgh Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Water (Purchase) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Water (Welsh Supply) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dublin Electric Lighting Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 30th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Water Companies Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

A Bill to amend the Central London Railway Act, 1891, with reference toCheap Fares for Labourers Classes, was read the first time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Shannon Water and Electric Power Bill be committed to the Committee to be nominated by the Committee of Selection for the consideration of other Private Bills relating to electric power.—(Lord Balcarres.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Basingstoke, Erdington, Farnham, Feliscross, and Walton, Leek, Littleborough, Margport, Nantwich, Ormskirk, and Preston: And that Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Hambury do prepare, and bring in.

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Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled, An Act to amend the Law relating to the Court of Chancery of the County Palatine of Durham; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to further amend the Acts relating to the Harbour of Dundee, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Dundee Harbour Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Tuesday next, the Licensed Premises (Hours of Sale) (Scotland) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 27th day of April next.

Sir Samuel Hoare reported the London County Tramways (No. 2) Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise the transfer to the Secretary for Scotland of certain Powers and Duties under the Acts relating to Reformatory and Industrial Schools: And that Mr. Jesse Collings, Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley, and the Lord Advocate do prepare, and bring in it.

Mr. Jesse Collings accordingly presented a Bill to authorise the transfer to the Secretary for Scotland of certain Powers and Duties under the Acts relating to Reformatory and Industrial Schools: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That in the economic circumstances of Ireland the disproportion between the Taxation of Ireland and its taxable capacity, disclosed by the findings of the Royal Commission, demands the serious attention of the Government, with a view to a remedy—(Mr. Arthur O'Connor); The House proceeded to a Division.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Friday morning:

Friday, 23rd March, 1900: The Yeas to the Right; The Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the (Sir Thomas Esmarch, Yea, Captain Donelan)
Tellers for the (Mr. Austruther, Noes, Mr. Hayes Fisher)
So it passed in the Negative.

The Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Factories and Second Reading of the Factories and Workshops Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Bill Committee on the Finance Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Police Committee on the Police Reservists (Allowances) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Electoral into consideration the Electoral Disabilities (Military Service) Bill, as amended in the Military Service Committee;

Ordered That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Census the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed (Ireland) Bill, upon the 19th day of this instant March, That the Census (Ireland) Bill be now read a second time;

And the Question being put:

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Agricultural Second Reading of the Agricultural Holdings Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Charitable Loans (Ireland) Bill was, Charitable according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Companies Second Reading of the Companies Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ecclesiastical Second Reading of the Ecclesiastical Assessments (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval Reserve Second Reading of the Naval Reserve (Mobilisation) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Charges Bill (Lords.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Lord Advocate reported from the Com- mun View the debates in the Lords. Consol- mittee on Lunacy Board (Scotland) [Salaries, &c.], a Resolution which was read, as followeth; 

That it is expedient to amend the Law relating to the number of the Staff of the General Board of Commissioners in Lunacy for Scotland, and to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be Provided
provided by Parliament, of their Salaries, and of the expenses of the Board, and the remuneration of the Chairman and Commissioners.

The said Resolution being read a second time;

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution;

The House divided.

The Yeas and Nays to be taken, and the Noses to the Left.

Yea._ Messrs. [Mr. Austruther;]

Nay._ [Mr. Hayes Fisher;]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Austruther do prepare, and bring it in.

The Lord Advocate accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Number and Salaries of the Staff of the General Board of Commissioners in Lunacy for Scotland, and to provide for the Remuneration of certain of the Commissioners: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Lunacy Board (Scotland) (Salaries, &c.) Bill.

Bill 140.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing of the Working Classes Act (1890) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Railways (Prevention of Accidents) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Annual (Annual) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Midwives (Expenses).

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of such Expenses as the Treasury may certify to have been necessarily incurred by the General Medical Council under any Act of the present Session, to secure the better training of Midwives, and to regulate their practice. (Sir John Gorst.)

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. \textit{Grants Lawson} reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again. 

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Registration of Electors (Prohibitions) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 2nd day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the District Guardians (Term of Office) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Office Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Colonial Solicitors Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Petroleum Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before One of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.
Friday, 23rd March, 1900.

THE HOUSE met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 62 has been complied with, viz.:

"Said David's Railway (Abandonment) Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 1) Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the City and South London Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Redhill Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Metropolitan Common Scheme (Petersham) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

A Petition of the Metropolitan District Railway Company, praying that Provision may be made in the Metropolitan District Railway Bill authorising the Company to raise additional Capital, and empowering the Company to pay Interest out of Capital during the construction of the Trading and South Harrow Railway, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wyndham presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Annual Report by the Inspector General of Recruiting, being for 1899. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account showing the Money issued from the Consolidated Fund under the provisions of the Uganda Railway Act, 1896 (59 & 60 Fec. c.38), and of the Money expended and borrowed, and Securities created under the said Act, to 31st March 1899; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon. Copy of Treasury Minute, under the Superannuation Act, 1884, dated 16th March 1899, declaring that Margaret Jones, Sub-Postmistress, Ruthin, Post Office Department, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate through inadvertence on the part of the Head of her Department.

Mr. Arthur O'Connor reported from the Standing Committee (Chairman's Panel) that they had appointed Mr. Lawrence Hardy to act as Chairman of the Standing Committee for the consideration of Bills relating to Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, in respect of the Merchant Shipping (Liability of Shipowners) Bill. Mr. Arthur O'Connor further reported, that they had appointed Mr. John Edward Ellis to act as Chairman of the Standing Committee for the consideration of Bills relating to Trade, including Agriculture and Fishing, Shipping, and Manufacturers in respect of the Workmen's Compensation Act (1897) Extension Bill. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Jeffreys reported from the Committee on Market Weights and Measures Drainage and Navigations Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and that the said Bill, amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Holhouse reported from the Committee reading on the Reading Corporation (Tramways) Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Holbery reported from the Committee of Selection; that they had added to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, the following Fifteen Members, in respect of the Merchant Shipping (Liability of Shipowners) Bill:—Mr. Allan, Mr. Bryce, Sir Charles Cayzer, Sir Donald Currie, Colonel Denby, Sir Frances Eurus, Mr. Bill, Mr. Edward Fortescue, Sir William Houldsworth, Sir John Leng, Mr. Charles M'Arthur, Mr. Platt-Higgins, Mr. Procand, Sir Albert Ballot, and Mr. Havelock Wilson.

Mr. Holbery further reported from the Committee of Selection; that they had added to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufacturers in respect of the Workmen's Compensation Act (1897) Extension Bill:—Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Cartlidge, Mr. Harry Foster, Mr. Goulding, Sir Cameron Gull, Sir William Harcourt, Mr. Great Greville, Colonel Lonsdale, Captain Macdonald, Mr. M'Arthur, Mr. Platinum, Mr. Championship, Mr. Courtenay Warner, Lord Willoughby de Eresby, and Mr. Frederick Wilson.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the Uganda Railway Act, 1896, be printed.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday the 4th day of April next, the Factory and Workshops Act (1878) Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Sir Thomas Gibson-Carmichael reported the Southport Southport Water Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Arthur O'Connor reported from the Standing Committee (Chairman's Panel) that they had appointed Mr. Lawrence Hardy to act as Chairman of the Standing Committee for the consideration of Bills relating to Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufacturers in respect of the Workmen's Compensation Act (1897) Extension Bill. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the Day was read, and the House proceeded to take into consideration the Factory and Workshops Bill; and the following Members were added to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, the following Fifteen Members, in respect of the Factory and Workshops Bill:—Mr. Allan, Mr. Bryce, Sir Charles Cayzer, Sir Donald Currie, Colonel Denby, Sir Frances Eurus, Mr. Bill, Mr. Edward Fortescue, Sir William Houldsworth, Sir John Leng, Mr. Charles M'Arthur, Mr. Platt-Higgins, Mr. Procand, Sir Albert Ballot, and Mr. Havelock Wilson.

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Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:—

The Lords concur with the Commons in their Resolution, that it is expedient that the Dublin Corporation Bill and the Clontarf Urban District Council Bill be committed to a Joint Committee of Lords and Commons, as desired by this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Law relating to persons carrying on business as Money-lenders; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the Urban District Council of Otley to construct additional Waterworks, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to divide the separate Undertakings authorised by the Donegal Railway Act, 1896, into two separate Undertakings; to extend the time for the purchase of Lands and completion of Works by that Act authorized; to provide for the granting of Rebates in favour of the Railway from Donegal to Ballinaamon; to release the County Council of the County of Donegal from their liability under the West Donegal Light Railway Order, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to constitute an Inebriates Acts Board for the County Palatine of Lancaster, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Otley Urban District Council Water Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Donegal Railway Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Lancashire Inebriates Acts Board Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Sir Lewis Fry reported the Great Yarmouth Port and Haven Bill, with Amendments,

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Factory and Workshop Act, 1878, by reducing the Period of Employment on Saturday; and that Mr. Harwood and Mr. Kenyon do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend and consolidate the Law relating to Agricultural Holdings in England: And that Mr. Channing, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Luttrell, and Mr. Price do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Harwood presented a Bill to amend the Factory and Workshop Act, 1878, by reducing the Period of Employment on Saturday: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair; and a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Midwives [Expenses].

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That it is expedient to authorize the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of such Expenses as the Treasury may certify to have been necessarily incurred by the General Medical Council under any Act of the present Session, to secure the better training of Midwives, and to regulate their practice—(Sir John Gorst);

Saturday, 25th March, 1900:

And, it being Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Grant of the Trust Funds Second Reading of the Trust Funds Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Removal of the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Petroleum Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till two minutes after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 26th March, 1900.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 62 has been complied with, viz.:

Central London Railway Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Dundee Harbour Bill.
Monetone Water (Transfer) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

The Hamilton Burgh Bill was read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Airdrie, Coatbridge, and District Water Trust Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Morecambe Urban District Council (Gas) Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Ossett Corporation Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Southport Extension and Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Stockport Corporation Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Wakefield Corporation Market Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration То-morrow.

The Great Western Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the London United Tramways Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Scottish Widows’ Fund and Life Assurance Society Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Emigration Statistics of Ireland for the year 1899.

Copy of Return of Prices of Irish Agricultural Produce for the years 1881 to 1889, inclusive, Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wyndham presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Statement showing the Sub-heads of the Army Estimates under which the 1899-1900 Supplementary Estimates for Army Services (War in South Africa), £10,000,000 and £13,000,000 respectively, will be accounted for.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the Coal Mines Regulation Bill, was read, and discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, Private Bills (Standing Orders [Lords.]), That the Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time; and committed.

The Universal Life Assurance Society Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vide Third Report, Public Petitions.

Mr. G. Balfour was sworn.

Sir Thomas Gibson-Carmichael reported from the Committee on Group B of Private Bills To-morrow, at Three of the clock.—(Mr. Oldroyd): And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

James Forthfarman Renouf, Esquire, Member New Member for the Borough of Finsbury (Holborn Division), was sworn.

Sir Thomas Gibson-Carmichael reported from the Committee on the Hoylake and West Kirby Improvement Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by inserting the date of the second meeting of the Council confirming the propriety of promoting the Bill; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be laid upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Halbhauer reported from the Committee on the Winterton, Station, Eastington, and Camperdown Chase Junction Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be laid upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:—The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment. The
Burial
Elementary
Bill.
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Grounds.
Bill.
Elementary
Education.
Burial
Grounds.
Sea Fisheries.
Elementary
Education Bill.
Bill 146.
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a
Bill to amend the Elementary Education Acts, 1870 to 1893: And that Sir John Gorst and
Mr. Attorney General do prepare, and bring it in.
Ordered; That leave be given to bring in a
Bill to amend the Law relating to Burial
Grounds: And that Secretary Sir Matthew
White Ridley and Mr. Jesse Collings do prepare, and bring it in.
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a
Bill to amend the Acts relating to Sea Fisheries: And that Mr. Ritchie and Secretary Sir Matthew
White Ridley do prepare, and bring it in.
Sir John Gorst presented a Bill to amend the
Elementary Education Acts, 1870 to 1893: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.
Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented
a Bill to amend the Law relating to Burial
Grounds: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.
Mr. Ritchie presented a Bill to amend the
Acts relating to Sea Fisheries: And the same
was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself
into a Committee on the Finance Bill.
(To the Committee.)
CLAUSE, N° 1 (Increased duty on Tea), Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16, to leave out the words “or Ireland.”—(Mr. John Redmond.)
Question put, That the words “or Ireland” stand part of the Clause;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the [Mr. Anstruther, Yeas, [Mr. Hayes Fisher : } 172.
Tellers for the [Mr. Lobouere, Noes, [Mr. Mendl : } 69.
CLAUSE, N° 2 (Addition to duties on Tobacco).
Question put, That the words “or Ireland” stand part of the Clause;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the [Mr. Anstruther, Yeas, [Mr. Hayes Fisher : } 210.
Tellers for the [Capt. Donelan, Noes, [Mr. Patrick O'Brien : } 56.
Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:
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Question put;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the [Mr. Anstruther, Yeas, [Mr. Hayes Fisher : } 178.
Tellers for the [Capt. Donelan, Noes, [Mr. Patrick O'Brien : } 29.
CLAUSE, N° 3 (Addition to Customs duties on special kinds of Beer).
Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. William Redmond):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause agreed to.
To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Stuart-Wortley reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for the Census Committee on the Census (Ireland) Bill; (Ireland) Bill.
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for the Charitable Committee on the Charitable Loans (Ireland) Loans (Ireland) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for the Army Committee on the Army (Annual) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for the Police Committee on the Police Reservists (Allowances) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for taking Electoral Disabilities (Military Service) Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Second Reserve (Mobilisation) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ecclesiastical Assessments (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy Board (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Charges Bill [Lords.];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing of the Working Classes Act (1890) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Companies Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Holdings Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dogs Regulation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Midwives [Expenses.];
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Values Taxation (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 7th day of this instant March, That the Old Age Pensions Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Friendly Societies Disqualification Removal Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 3rd day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 19th day of this instant March, That the Bakehouses (Hours of Labour) Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the District Second Reading of the District Councillors and Guardians (Term of Office) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Values Taxation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 3rd day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report on the advisability of legislation to ensure the systematic and regular Inspection and Certification of Boilers, with the object of diminishing the risk of Life and Property arising from Boiler Explosions.
Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.
Ordered, That Evbe the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Asquith.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Merchant Bill to amend the Merchant Shipping Acts and that Mr. Field, Mr. Carew, and Mr. Clancy do prepare, and bring it in.
Mr. Field accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Merchant Shipping Acts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 4th day of April next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Tuesday, 27th March, 1900.

The House met at Three o'Clock.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and previously referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—

Donegal Railway Bill.
Lancashire Inebriates Acts Board Bill.
Oxley Urban District Council Water Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the Petition for additional Provision in the following Bill, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—

Private Bills (Petition for additional Provision)
Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

- Metropolitan District Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

The City and South London Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Grantham Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Redhill Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Hartlepool Gas and Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Wetherby District Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Southport Extension and Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The London United Tramways Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee to consider whether it is desirable to introduce into the Bill provisions to secure cheap fares for the labouring classes, and whether amendments should be made in the Clauses with this object in the original Acts of the Company in respect to the number of cars run, the hours at which the cars are run, the maximum and minimum fares charged, and whether penalties should be inserted to secure the objects of the Clauses.—(Mr. Lough.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm two Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to the Towns of Fethard and Skibbereen; and that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Mr. Gerald Balfour do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Accrington, Clitheroe, Newport Pagnell, and Wirral (Rural); and that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland presented a Bill to confirm two Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to the Towns of Fethard and Skibbereen: And the same was read the first time.

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Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm local certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Accrington, Clitheroe, Newport Pagnell, and Wirral (Rural); and the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

A Message was delivered by Sir Michael Royal Assent. Biddulph, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty’s Commission for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And being returned; Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty’s Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where the Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. War Loan Act, 1900.
2. Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Act, 1900.
3. Census (Great Britain) Act, 1900.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions: and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Army (Supplementary Estimates, 1899-1900) was presented on the 26th day of this instant March, be printed.

Sir John Gorst presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Drifts of Orders in Council under the London Government Establishment of the Metropolitan Boroughs of Holloway, Stepney, and incorporating the Councils thereof, and for other purposes connected therewith.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Bridgwick presented, by Her Majesty’s Trade Reports Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, No. 2391.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Halsey reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution; which was read, as follow:—

That, in the case of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company, Petition for leave to deposit a Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to deposit their Petition for a Bill.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Inhabitants Amendment (Scotland) Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Bill 149.
Mr. Holsey reported from the Committee of Selection that they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures—Sir William Holdsworth, Sir John Colburn, Lord William Lowther, and Mr. Baird; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. John William Wilson (Worcestershire, North), Captain Pretomyan, Sir Charles Welby, and Lord Didsbury.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Private Bills (Group A.)

Sir William Holdsworth reported from the Committee on Group A of Private Bills: That Colonel Blundell, one of the Members of the said Committee, was not present during the Sitting of the Committee this day.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Standing Committees.

Ordered, That all Standing Committees have leave to print, and circulate with the Votes, the Minutes of their Proceedings and any amended Clauses of Bills committed to them—(Mr. Lawrence Hardy.)

Widnes and Runcorn Bridge Bill.

Vide Supply, sent to the Votes.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the Newport (Monmouthshire) Gas Company to extend their limits for the supply of Gas; to consolidate and increase their Capital, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Newport (Monmouthshire) Gas Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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Mr. Lawrence Hardy reported from the Standing Committee on Law, Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, to whom the Midwater Bill was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

No. 112. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

No. 113. Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Bill 150.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Colonial Solicitors Bill.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee To-morrow, on the Colonial Solicitors Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 23rd day of April next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Industrial schools.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Acts relating to Industrial Schools: And that Mr. Flower, Colonel Denzy, Sir James Fortescue Flannery, Captain Greivell, Mr. Hazell, Mr. Alfred Hutton, and Mr. Trelawen do prepare, and bring it in.

Land Registry (New Buildings.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the acquisition of Property for building a New Land Registry Office and other Public Offices in London, and for purposes connected therewith: And that Mr. Aker-Douglas, Mr. Attorney General, and Mr. Hanbury do prepare and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Petty Customs Abolition Bill to abolish Petty Customs in Scotland and to make provision for levying a Rate in lieu thereof; And that Captain Sinclair, Mr. Asquith, Mr. Balfour, Mr. Cochran, Mr. McNeill, Mr. Nicol, and Mr. Ede do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Local Bill to make further provision for Parish Councils in Scotland: And that Captain Sinclair, Mr. Bent (No. 2), Baird, Mr. Buchanan, Sir Thomas Gibson-Carmichael, Mr. Parker Smith, Mr. Reesham, and Mr. Wylde do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Education Bill to regulate the attendance of Children at School in Scotland: And that Captain Sinclair (Attendance) (Scotland) Mr. Birrell, Mr. Bryce, Mr. Crombie, Colonel Davny, Mr. Parker Smith, and Mr. Wallace do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Flower presented a Bill to amend the Acts relating to Industrial Schools: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 4th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Aker-Douglas presented a Bill for the acquisition of Property for building a new Land Registry Office and other Public Offices in London, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Captain Sinclair presented a Bill to abolish Petty Customs in Scotland and to make provision for levying a Rate in lieu thereof: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon the 10th day of May next; and to be printed.

Captain Sinclair presented a Bill to make Local further provision for Parish Councils in Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon (No. 5) Bill 154.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate Education the attendance of Children at School in Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 10th day of May next; and to be printed.

Captain Sinclair presented a Bill to make Local provision for the purpose of providing Public Offices: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon (No. 5) Bill 154.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish Petty Customs in Scotland and to make provision for levying a Rate in lieu thereof: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 10th day of May next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means; it was resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Finance Bill, into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses, No. 4 and No. 5, agreed to. Clause, No. 6 (Addition to Excise Duty on Beer).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 13, to leave out the words "the United Kingdom," in order to insert the words "Great Britain"—(Mr. Flynn)—instead thereof.

Question put, That the words "the United Kingdom" stand part of the Clause;
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Anstruther,
Yea, (Mr. Hayes Fisher : ) 261.
Noes, (Mr. Patrick O'Brien : ) 40.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Anstruther,
Yea, (Mr. Hayes Fisher : ) 223.
Noes, (Mr. Patrick O'Brien : ) 31.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Anstruther,
Yea, (Mr. Hayes Fisher : ) 144.
Noes, (Mr. Patrick O'Brien : ) 36.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Anstruther,
Yea, (Mr. Hayes Fisher : ) 126.
Noes, (Mr. Patrick O'Brien : ) 36.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Anstruther,
Noes, (Mr. Patrick O'Brien : ) 32.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Anstruther,
Yea, (Mr. Hayes Fisher : ) 30.
Noes, (Mr. Patrick O'Brien : ) 40.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Anstruther,
Yea, (Mr. Hayes Fisher : ) 165.
Noes, (Mr. Patrick O'Brien : ) 29.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Anstruther,
Yea, (Mr. Hayes Fisher : ) 168.
Noes, (Mr. Patrick O'Brien : ) 40.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Anstruther,
Yea, (Mr. Hayes Fisher : ) 286.
Noes, (Mr. Patrick O'Brien : ) 36.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Anstruther,
Yea, (Mr. Hayes Fisher : ) 146.
Noes, (Mr. Patrick O'Brien : ) 36.

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 29, to leave out the words " the United Kingdom," in order to insert the words " Great Britain."—(Mr. William Redmond)—instead thereof.

Question put, That the words " the United Kingdom " stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Anstruther,
Yea, (Mr. Hayes Fisher : ) 126.
Noes, (Mr. Patrick O'Brien : ) 36.

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 34, after the words "death of the deceased," to insert the words "or interest."—(Mr. Gibson Bowles.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 29, after the words "death of the deceased," to insert the words "to the extent to which a benefit accrues or arises by the cessor of such estate or interest."—(Mr. Gibson Bowles.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 34, after the words last inserted to insert the words "by the deceased."—(Mr. Gibson Bowles.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Clauses, N° 8 and N° 9, disagreed to.

Question put, That Clause 7 stand part of the Bill;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Anstruther,
Yea, (Mr. Hayes Fisher : ) 126.
Noes, (Mr. Patrick O'Brien : ) 36.

CLAUSE, N° 7 (Amendment of 57 & 58 Vic. c. 30, as to property passing on death).

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 26, to leave out the words " or any other person."—(Mr. Gibson Bowles.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 29, after the words "death of the deceased," to insert the words "to the extent to which a benefit accrues or arises by the cessor of such estate or interest."—(Mr. Gibson Bowles.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 34, after the words last inserted to insert the words "by the deceased."—(Mr. Gibson Bowles.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 11 (Amendment of 57 & 58 Vic. c. 30, s. 4, as to aggregation).

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 3, to leave out Sub-section (1).—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question, That Sub-section (1) stand part of the Clause;—put, and agreed to.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 8, to leave out Sub-section (2).—(Mr. Gibson Bowles.)

Question, That Sub-section (2) stand part of the Clause;—put, and agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 12, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 13 (Income Tax for 1900-1901).

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 32, after the words "Income Tax," to insert the words "in Great Britain."—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Anstruther,
Yea, (Mr. Patrick O'Brien : ) 29.
Noes, (Mr. Hayes Fisher : ) 165.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Ancient Monuments Protection Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, N° 4.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. John Edward Ellis reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of February last, That the (No. 2) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Water Supply Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 1st day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Veterinary Surgeons Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the District Councillors and Guardians (Term of Office) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.
The Order of the day being read, for the Coal Mines Regulation Acts Amendment Bill: Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day six months.

The Order of the day being read, for the Coal Mines Regulation Acts Amendment Bill: Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day six months.

The Order of the day being read, for the Distress Abolition and Substitution Bill: Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Cheap Trains Second Reading of the Cheap Trains (No. 2) Bill: Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 12th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sea Fisheries Regulation (Scotland) Act (1894) Amendment Bill: Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government (Scotland) Act (1894) Amendment Bill: Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time amendment upon Friday the 6th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Town Councils Second Reading of the Local Government (Scotland) Bill: Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Steam Engines and Boilers (Persons in Charge) Bill: Ordered,
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Factories and Workshops Amendment and Consolidation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Electric Lighting Act (1882) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act (1886) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Board Electorate (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Highways and Bridges Act (1891) Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 2 (Short Title). Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Great Llanos reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Mines Regulation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply; Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Mr. Jeffreys reported from the Committee on the Airdrie and Coatbridge Tramways Bill; That they had agreed to the following Report:—That with reference to the Instruction of the House of the 3rd March last, to inquire whether it is desirable that penalties should be inserted in Clause 51 of the Bill (Cheap Fares for Labouring Classes) to secure compliance with the objects of the Clause, and whether the Clause should be amended in respect of the maximum fare charged and the sufficiency in number of the cars, the Com. Vol. 155. Committee had carefully considered the Clause and amended the same in respect of the service of cars on Saturdays, but had not found it necessary to amend the Clause in other respects.

Mr. Jeffreys further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 29th March, 1900.

The House sat at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report of Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills. Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report of Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, with, Standing Order No. 62 has been complied with, viz.:

- Portland Urban District Gas.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Land Registry Private Bills do examine the Land Registry (New Buildings) Bill, with respect to compliance with the Standing Orders relative to Private Bills.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

The Airdrie, Coatbridge, and District Water Trust Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Morecambe Urban District Council (Gas) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Ossett Corporation Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Great Eastern Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Great Northern Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the North Warwickshire Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Spalding Urban District Council (Water) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 22nd day of this instant March, That the London Water (Purchase) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till after the other Private Business.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time after the other Private Business.

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Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the imposition of the following Stamp Duties upon certain Memorials under any Act of the present Session relating to the Universal Life Assurance Society, viz.:—For and upon the First Memorial enrolled of the names of persons who shall be deemed, held, and taken to be Trustees of the Society, the Sum of Five Pounds; and upon every other such Memorial in which the name of any person shall for the first time be inserted as a Trustee of the Society, the Sum of Five Pounds.

Resolution to be reported.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

The Order made upon the 19th day of February last, That the Lowestoft Railway Bill be committed, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Universal Life Assurance Society Bill [Stamp Duties].

(In the Committee.)

Sir John Gorst presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Orders in Council under the London Metropolitan Government Act, 1899, for the establishment of the Metropolitan Boroughs of Chelsea, Fulham, Kensington, and Paddington, and incorporating the Councils thereof; and for other purposes in connection therewith.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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Sir John Gorst presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Papers relating to University Education of Roman Catholics in certain Colonies.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bradock presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, No. 2392.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Return of Copies of the several Descriptions of Qualifications of the Clerks of the Peace or Clerks of Lieutenancy in Ireland by Deputy Lieutenants during the year 1899, and furnished to the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, by Clerks of the Peace, or Clerks of Lieutenancy in Ireland, of Deputy Lieutenants displaced during the year 1899, as furnished to the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wyndham presented,—Return to an Address of both Houses of Parliament, for a Return relative to the Imperial Yeomanry.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Schaw reported from the Committee on the Glastonbury Corporation Gas Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Schaw reported from the Committee on the Glastonbury and Street Gas Bill; That the parties promoting the Bill had stated to the Committee that it was not their intention to proceed with the same.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Money-lending Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Palatine Court of Durham Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Law relating to Youths Offenders, and for other purposes connected therewith; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Law relating to the Leith Burgh Police; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend in certain respects the Acts relating to the Mercers Docks and Harbour Board, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend in certain respects the Acts relating to the Government Stock and other Securities Investment Company Bill; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords gave leave to the Lord Russell of Leith to bring in a Bill for the Leith Burgh Police, to increase the Number of Magistrates in the Burgh of Leith; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for empowering the Governments Stock and other Securities Investment Company, Limited, to increase the Dividend upon its Preferred Ordinary Stock; and to amend the Governments Stock Investment Company, Limited, Act, 1887, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords gave leave to the Lord Russell of Killowen to attend in order to his being examined as a Witness before the Committee appointed by this House on Group B of Private Bills; his Lordship, in his place, consenting.

The Mercers Docks and Harbour Board Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Governments Stock and other Securities Investment Company Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Leith Burgh Provisional Order Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return relating to Imperial Revenue (Collection and Expenditure) (Great Britain and Ireland) for the year ending the 31st day of March 1900 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper No. 318, of Session 1889).—(Mr. Joseph A. Pease.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing, for the last completed year, the Number of Successful and Unsuccessful Candidates (1) for Masters' and Mates' Certificates of Competency in the United Kingdom; and (2) for Skippers' and Second Hands' Certificates of Competency in England and Wales and Ireland, distinguishing the Ports at which the several Examinations were held, and stating the Fees charged.—(Captain Sinclair.)

The House, according to Order, resolved Finance Bill itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill. Bill 159. (In the Committee.)

New Clause (Moisture in Tobacco)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Exemption of Estates of £5,000 of persons killed in war)—(Mr. Bartley),—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Exemption of Estates of £5,000 of persons killed in war, &c.)—(Mr. Prettyman),—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time; put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Exemption of Estates of £5,000 of persons killed in war, &c.)—(Mr. Prettyman),—brought up, and read the first time.

Another Clause (Amendment and extension of 39 & 40 Vict. c. 36. s. 20)—(Mr. Lough),—added.

Another Clause (Conveyance on Sale)—(Mr. Boul),—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time;

The Committee proceeded to a Division; but Chairman directed the Committee to proceed again directed the Committee to proceed again to a Division.

Division.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Merchant Service (Certificates of Master, Mates, Skippers, and Second Hands) (Group B.),—brought up, and read the first time.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. John Edward Ellis reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Municipal Members of this House be appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords to consider and report as to the principles which should govern powers given by Bills and Provisional Orders to
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Railways (Prevention of Accidents) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Friday, 30th March, 1900:

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Railways (Ireland) Bill.

(Clauses, No. 1 to No. 3, agreed to.

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Electoral (Allowances) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Army (Annual) Bill.

(Clauses, No. 4 (Amendment of 44 & 45 Vict. c. 58, s. 8, 1). Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police (Protection and Abuses of Rules) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Electoral Disabilities (Military Service) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Census (Ireland) Bill.

(Clauses, No. 1 to No. 3, agreed to.

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Charitable Loans (Ireland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Naval Reserve (Mobilisation) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Factories and Workshops Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 23rd day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sea Fisheries Bill.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Land Charges Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Registry Bill.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Midwives and Nurses (Offences) Bill.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Occupying Tenants' Enfranchisement Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Vagrants' Children Protection Bill.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Trustee Savings Banks Bill.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Coal Mines (Prohibition of Child Labour Underground) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors to Children (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trusts Funds Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Land Values Taxation (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Veterinary Surgeons Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 30th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Ancient Monuments Protection Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 28th day of this instant March, That the Coal Mines Regulation Acts Amendment Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 30th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cheap Trains (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 23rd day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Town Councils (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Mines Regulation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes before One of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on previously inquired into, and which are not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

- Higham Ferrers Water Bill.
- Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Hest Bank Gas and Water Bill was read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Southport Extension and Tramways Bill was read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Stockport Corporation Tramways Bill was read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Wednesfield Corporation Market Bill was read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Wetherby District Water Bill was read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Brighton Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Penalty for Offences) was twice read, and made part of the Bill.
And Amendments were made to the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Market Weighton Drainage and Navigation Bill, as amended in the Committee.
A Clause (For the protection of Charles George Mines Gaskell) was twice read, and made part of the Bill.
And an Amendment was made to the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Saint David's Railway (Abandonment) Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 26th day of April next.

Dr. Farquharson reported from the Committee on the Universal Life Assurance Society Bill, [Stamp Duties], a Resolution; which was read as follows:
That it is expedient to authorize the imposition of the following Stamp Duties upon certain Memorials under any Act of the present Session relating to the Universal Life Assurance Society, viz.:- For and upon the First Memorial enrolled of the names of persons who shall be deemed, held, and taken to be Trustees of the Society, the sum of Five pounds; and upon every other such Memorial in which the name of any person shall for the first time be inserted as a Trustee of the Society, the sum of Five pounds.
The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.  
Ordered,
Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill, that they have power to make provision therein pursuant to the said Resolution.—(Dr. Furgahaham.)

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 5.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Allerton, Much Woolton, Little Woolton, and Childwell, Barnet, Barnstaple, Birkenhead (Extension), Boucherch, Boston, Brierfield, Eryriam, Hyde, and Sudbury: And that Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Hanbury do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Allerton, Much Woolton, Little Woolton, and Childwell, Barnet, Barnstaple, Birkenhead (Extension), Boucherch, Boston, Brierfield, Eryriam, Hyde, and Sudbury: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. Hobhouse reported from the Committee on the Hastings Tramways Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Hobhouse reported from the Committee on the Wellingborough and District Tramroads Bill; That, pursuant to the Instruction of the House of the 6th March last, the Committee had examined whether it was desirable that Clause 44 of the Bill (Cheap Fares for the Labouring Classes) should be amended in respect of the hours at which the cars should be run, the number of cars to be provided, and the maximum and the minimum fares to be charged; and the Committee were of opinion that, subject to the substitution of eight for six as the hour in the morning up to which cars for the labouring classes were to be provided, and to a proposed modification as to the running of such cars on Saturdays, the Clause might be allowed.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Hobhouse further reported from the Committee on the Bill, that they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Hobhouse reported from the Committee on Group 3 of Railway Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Jeffries reported the Hamilton, Motherwell, and Wishaw Tramways Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Jeffries reported from the Committee on Group 2 of Railway Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

A Petition of the Urban District Council of Portland, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Urban District of Portland to supply Gas and to provide for the transfer of the Undertaking of the Portland Gas Light, Coke, and Coal Company, Limited, to the Council, and to make further provision in regard to the Finance of the said District, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Public Petitions.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Imperial Yeomanry, which was presented upon the 29th day of this instant March, be printed.

No. 115.

Mr. Ritchie, presented, by Her Majesty's Command, —Copy of Report to the Secretary of Marine and Mercantile Insurance, of the Board of Trade upon the Sight Tests used in the Mercantile Marine for the year ending 31st December 1899.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Halley reported from the Committee of Selection ; That they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Trade, &c., Shipping, and Manufactures:—Mr. Power, Sir Reginald haunt, and Sir Elliott Los; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. MacAlpine, Colonel Kenyon-Stauney, and Mr. Giles.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir William Howlsworth reported from the London Committee on Group A of Private Bills; That the parties promoting the London County Council (Compulsory Purchase of Land) Bill had stated to the Committee that it was not their intention to proceed with the same.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir William Howlsworth reported from the Private Bills Committee on Group A of Private Bills; That Sir George Pilkington, one of the Members of the said Committee, was not present during the Sitting of the Committee this day.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by the Lords' one of their Clerks, as followeth:—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further Powers upon the Corporation of the City of Lincoln with respect to Trees (Tramways); and to authorise the Corporation to construct new Tramways, and to work Tramways within and without the City; and to borrow Money, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for rendering valid certain Letters Patent granted to Melton Breadley Church for the Manufacture of an improved Compound for coating and decorating Walls and other Surfaces, and for the production of Casts or Moldings, and for analogous purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lincoln Corporation Tramways Bill was read the first time.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Church’s Patent Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Ottroyal reported from the Committee on Group B of Private Bills; That, to meet the convenience of parties, they had adjourned till Tuesday 3rd April, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have come to the following Resolution, viz. : That it is desirable that the Great Southern and Western and Waterford and Central Ireland Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill, to be commenced without the authority of the Guardians: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Pickersgill presented a Bill to declare the Law that no Prosecution shall be commenced in the Court of Criminal Appeal, without the authority of the Guardians: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Pickersgill presented a Bill to declare the Vaccination Law that no Prosecution shall be commenced Bill 152.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Supply the adjourned Debate on the Main Question proposed upon the 23rd day of this instant March, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair: (for Committee of Supply upon the Civil Service Estimates);

And the Question being again proposed:—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And the Question being put:

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

—in the Committee.

Civil Service Estimates, 1900—1901.

Class I.

1. £ 29,000, to complete the Sum for Expenditure in respect of Royal Palaces and Military House.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 75,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 72,900, be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Caldwell):—

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 22,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Houses of Parliament Buildings; Saturday, 31st March, 1900:

And, it being Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. Grant Lawson also acquainted the House, that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the WAYS and MEANS.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Petroleum Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Town Councils (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till five minutes after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

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**Monday, 2nd April, 1900.**

**Prayers.**

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 29th day of March last, That, in the case of the following Bill, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

- Land Registry (New Buildings) Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

- Government Stock and other Securities Investment Company Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

- Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No.1) Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

- Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

- Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

- Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill.

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The Cheshire Lines Committee Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Great Eastern Railway Bill was read the Great Eastern third time, and passed, with a New Title, as Railway Bill, followeth:

An Act to authorise the Great Eastern Railway Company to make further Railways, Widenings, and Works, to confirm an Agreement between the Company and the Herford County Council and the Epping Rural District Council and other parties, and to authorise the Company and the said County Council and District Council for the completion of part of an authorised Railway, to confer further powers upon the Company, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Great Northern Railway Bill was read the Great Northers third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The North Warwickshire Water Bill was read the North Warwich third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Airdrie and Coatbridge Airdrie and Coatbridge Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Great Yarmouth Port and Haven Bill, as amended in the Committee. And Amendments were made to the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Reading Corporation (Tramways) Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Southport Water Bill, as amended in the Water Bill Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Widnes and Runcorn Bridge Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Donegal Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Dudley Harbour Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Lancashire Inebriates Acts Board Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Meonstone Water (Transfer) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Otley Urban District Council Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.
Act, 1899," authorising the temporary application of Surpluses on certain Navy Votes for the year 1899-1900, to meet Excesses on certain other Navy Votes for the same year.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply, and be printed; and that the said Paper do lie upon the Table, and be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return in pursuance of the Provisions of the 59th Section of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, as regards Ireland, for the year ended 31st December 1899.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Electric a Copy of Memorandum stating the Nature of Lighting the Proposals contained in the Provisional Orders included in the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No.1) Bill.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Electric a Copy of Memorandum stating the Nature of Lighting the Proposals contained in the Provisional Orders included in the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No.2) Bill.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Electric a Copy of Memorandum stating the Nature of Lighting the Proposals contained in the Provisional Orders included in the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No.2) Bill.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Schönau reported from the Committee on Exeter the Exeter Corporation Bill; That they had ex- amined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. John Edward Ellis reported from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipment, and Manufactures, to whom the Workmen's Compensation Act (1897) Extension Bill was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday the 30th day of this instant April, and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Military Lands Military Lands Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment. Provisional Order Bill.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the Commissioners of the Burgh of Motherwell to provide an additional Water Bill.

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Supply to the Burgh : and to make and maintain new and additional Waterworks, and for other purposes ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Motherwell Water Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the Local Authorities Officers' Superannuation Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing, for the year ending the 31st day of March 1900, (1) the Amount contributed by England, Scotland, and Ireland respectively to the Revenue collected by Imperial Officers ; (2) the Expenditure on English, Scotch, and Irish Services met out of such Revenue ; and (3) the Balances of Revenue contributed by England, Scotland, and Ireland respectively which are available for Imperial Expenditure (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 317, of Session 1899).—(Mr. Lough.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Remission of Death Duties in case of Persons killed in War). (1) Where any person dies from wounds inflicted or disease contracted, within twelve months before death, while on active service against an enemy, whether on sea or land, and the death was, when the wounds were inflicted or the disease contracted, either subject to the Naval Discipline Act or subject to military law, whether as an officer, non-commissioned officer, or soldier, under Part Five of the Army Act, the Treasury may, if they think fit, on the recommendation of the Secretary of State or of the Admiralty as the case requires, remit, up to an amount not exceeding the hundred and fifty pounds in any one case, the whole or any part of the Death Duties in respect of property passing upon the death of the deceased to his widow or children. (2) This section shall take effect in the case of any person dying since the eleventh day of October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine. (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Clause, in 1. 2, by inserting after the word "contracted," the words "or by accident."—(Mr. Sydney Gedge.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted.—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Clause, in 1. 13, by leaving out the word "children," and inserting the words "linear descendants"—(Mr. Attorney General),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "children" stand part of the Clause:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "linear descendants" be there inserted:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Clause, by inserting, after the words last inserted, the words "or ascendants."—(Mr. Gibson Bowles.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted.—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Clause, in 1. 13, by inserting, after the words last inserted, the words "if the value of the property for estate duty so passing does not exceed five thousand pounds."—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

And the Question being put, That the words be there inserted:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Clause, so amended, was made part of the Bill.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, by leaving out from 1. 31 to the end of 1. 4, in p. 4, both inclusive.—(Sir Charles Cameron.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Negative.

Then an Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be the third time read To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ecclesiastical Assessments (Scotland) Bill ; and A Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time ;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Ure.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question ;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right.

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, 125. Tellers for the [Mr. A. McKenna. 125. A. McKenna. 83.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put ;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure.—(The Lord Advocate): The
The House divided.
The Yeas for the Right;
The Noes for the Left.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Anstruther;)
Tellers for the (Mr. Caldwell, Noes, Mr. Cadell;)

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy Board (Scotland) Bill;

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 8, to leave out Sub-section (2),—(Mr. Renshaw), instead thereof.

And a Motion being made, and the Question put; Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The House, according to Order, ordered itself into a Committee on the Army (Annual) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, Nº 5 (Amendment of 44 & 45 Vict. c. 58, s. 78.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 18, after the word “ may,” to insert the words “ In the event of his return to the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put; Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The House, according to Order, ordered itself into a Committee in the Police Reservists (Allowances) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, Nº 2 Family Allowances for Police Reservists (Allowances) Bill.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 4, to leave out Sub-section (2),—(Mr. Bill.)

Question proposed, That Sub-section (2) stand part of the Clause;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 8, to leave out the words “ If he returns to,” in order to insert the words “ In the event of his return to (Mr. Renshaw),” instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Clauses, Nº 2 and Nº 3, agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for re-suming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 29th day of March last, That a Select Committee of Five Members of this House be appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords to consider and report as to the principles which should govern powers given by Bills and Provisional Orders to municipal and other local authorities for industrial enterprise within or without the area of their jurisdiction.—(Mr. Anstruther;)

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Railways (Prevention of Accidents) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Agricultural Second Reading of the Agricultural Holdings Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing of the Working Classes Act (1890) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Companies Second Reading of the Companies Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Dogs Second Reading of the Dogs Regulation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Inebriates Second Reading of the Inebriates Amendment (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Money Second Reading of the Money Lending Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 30th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Palatine Court Second Reading of the Palatine Court of Durham Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, ordered itself into a Committee in the Police Reservists (Allowances) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, Nº 1 (Family Allowances for Police Reservists (Allowances) Bill.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 4, to leave out Sub-section (2),—(Mr. Bill.)

Question proposed, That Sub-section (2) stand part of the Clause;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 8, to leave out the words “ If he returns to,” in order to insert the words “ In the event of his return to (Mr. Renshaw),” instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Clauses, Nº 2 and Nº 3, agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Electoral Disabilities (Military Service) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

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Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, by inserting, in p. 1, l. 24, after the word “of,” the words “or arising out of.”—(Mr. Tomlinson.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Charitable Loans (Ireland) Bill:—

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 23rd day of this instant April, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Naval Reserve (Mobilisation) Bill;—

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;—And it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Tuesday, 3rd April, 1900:

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill:—

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Charges Bill:—

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy Bill:—

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday the 27th day of this instant April, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Registry (New Buildings) Bill:—

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Midwives Bill:—

Ordered, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Registry (New Buildings) Bill:—

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Mr. A. V. Douglas reported from the Committee of Supply, that the Supply was supplied, as follows:—

Civil Service Estimates, 1900—1901.

Class I.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 29,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for Expenditure in respect of Royal Palaces and Marlborough House.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 73,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.
THE House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been compiled with, viz.:

Southport and Lytham Tramroad Bill.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been compiled with, viz.:

Lincoln Corporation Tramways Bill.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Motion being made, That the Brighton Corporation Bill be now read the third time; the Secretary acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Market Weighton Drainage and Navigation Bill was read the third time, and passed, with a New Title, as followeth:

An Act for incorporating and making better provision for the making of, and to extend the time limited for the completion of, certain Works authorised by the Brany Township Act, 1890; namely, the Braymen's Pier and Promenade Stage thereby authorised, and for other purposes, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Hoylake and West Kirby Improvement Bills, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Airdrie and Coatbridge Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

And an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

A Petition of the Bray Urban District Council, for leave to bring in a Bill to continue the Powers for the making of, and to extend the time limited for the completion of, certain Works authorised by the Bray Township Act, 1890; namely, the Queen's Pier and Promoting Stage thereby authorised, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

The Electric Lighting Provisonal Orders Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The House sat till ten minutes after Twelve of the clock.

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Tuesday, 3rd April, 1900.
The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, under the Superannuation Act, 1859, dated 13th March 1800, declaring that for the due and efficient discharge of the Duties of the Office of Local Registrar of Bankruptcy in Belfast professional or other peculiar qualifications not ordinarily to be acquired in the Public Service are requisite.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, No. 2793.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Sixth Annual Abstract of Labour Statistics of the United Kingdom.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 6th day of February last, for a Return relative to Coal Exports, &c.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Return be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Forty-second Annual Report of Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland, for the year ending 31st December 1889.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order in Council under the Supreme Court of Judicature Act (Ireland), 1877, dated 30th March 1890, giving effect to a Rule of Court.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Statement showing the Revenue and Expenditure for 1899-1900, and the Estimated Expenditure for 1900-1901.

Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Halsey reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That, in the case of the Portland Urban District Gas Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act (1886) Amendment Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, and committed upon Wednesday the 2nd day of May next.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the School Board Electorate (Scotland) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, and committed upon Wednesday the 2nd day of May next.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:—The
The Lords have a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Urban District Council of Coven to construct a Pier and other Works; to borrow Moneys therefor, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further Powers upon the Southampton Harbour Board, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for incorporating and conferring Powers on the Great Berkhampstead Waterworks Company; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have a Bill, intituled, An Act to alter the Capital of the New Russia Company, Limited, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorize the Barry Railway Company to provide and work Steam Vessels, and to subscribe to the Funds of any Steamship Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to convert the Capital of the Cleethorpes Gas Company; to raise additional Capital; to construct Works, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the District Lunacy Board for the Edinburgh Lunacy District to construct Railways, Waterworks, Sewerage, and other Works in the County of Linithgow; to acquire Lands for protection of their Water Supply, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Coven Pier Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Southampton Harbour Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Great Berkhampstead Water Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The New Russia Company Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Army and Navy Investment Trust Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Barry Railway (Steam Vessels) Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Cleethorpes Gas Bill was read the first time.

The Edinburgh District Lunacy Board Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Army and Navy Investment Trust Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1894: And that Mr. Alexander Cross, Sir Walter Foster, Sir Charles Cameron, Sir William Amont, Sir Robert Priestley, Sir William Arrol, Dr. Farquharson, (No. 3) and Mr. Nicoll do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Tenancy of Dwellings in Smaller Dwellings in Scotland: And that Mr. Alexander Cross, Sir John Stirling Maxwell, Sir William Arrol, Colonel Denby, Mr. John Wilson (Govan), Mr. Faithfull Beggs, and Mr. T. P. O'Connor do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Alexander Cross presented a Bill to amend the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1894; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Alexander Cross presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Tenancy of Smaller Dwellings in Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Parker Smith presented a Bill to effect Temperance Reform, in Scotland and other Temperance Reforms; And that Mr. Parker Smith, Sir Robert McTaggart Stewart, Mr. Walter Thomson, Mr. Ure, and Mr. Yozal do prepare, and bring it in.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That in view of the grievous sufferings which are again afflicting the people of India, and the extreme impoverishment of large masses of the population, a searching inquiry should be instituted in order to ascertain the causes which impair the cultivators' power to resist the attacks of famine and plague; and to suggest the best preventive measures against future famines—

(Sir William Wedderburn); and the Question being put, That the words in the proposed Amendment be outstand part of the Bill, and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 16th day of May next; and to be printed.
The Yeas to the Right:
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Sir William Welderborn),
Yea, (Mr. Samuel Smith) 72.
Tellers for the (Sir William Wardron),
Noes, (Mr. Austruther) 155.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words
"this House while deeply sympathising with its
Indian fellow-subjects in the sufferings which
plague and famine have inflicted upon them, is
of opinion that it may safely be left to the
Government of India to carry out any modi-
cation of the land tenure and industrial system
which experience may have shown to be likely
to mitigate the effects of famine and epidemic
disease," be added after the word "That" in the
Main Question:—It was resolved in the
Affirmative.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put:
Resolved, That this House, while deeply symp-
thatisng with its Indian fellow-subjects in the
sufferings which plague and famine have inflicted
upon them, is of opinion that it may safely be
left to the Government of India to carry out any
modification of the land tenure and industrial
system which experience may have shown to be
likely to mitigate the effects of famine and epidemic
disease.

A Motion was made, and the Question was pro-
posed, That, in the opinion of this House, it is
desirable, in the interests of the Empire, that
the Colonies should be admitted to some direct
representation in the Imperial Parliament—(Mr.
Heiderrick)—And the said Motion was, with
leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That the present system of Private
Bill Legislation for Ireland constitutes a serious
gravemen to the interests of suitors from that
Country and requires alteration, with a view to
economising the time of Parliament, preventing
delay, and reducing the heavy costs and charges
attending the promotion of Private Bills at present,
and that legislation with this view is urgently required.—(Mr. Serjeant Hemphill).

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the County Courts Bill;
And a Motion being made, and the Question
being proposed, That the Bill be now read a
second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;
And, it being Midnight, the Debate stood
adjourned.

Wednesday, 4th April, 1900:
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon
Tuesday the 1st day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the County Councillors
(Qualification of Women) (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Monday the 30th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Friendly Societies
Disqualification Removal Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Tuesday the 1st day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Agricultural Holdings
(No. 2) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Wednesday the 22nd day of May next.
The Order of the day being read, for the 
Parliamentary 
Second Reading of the Franchise 
(Extension to Women) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time 
on Wednesday the 2nd day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the 
Watermen’s 
Second Reading of the Watermen’s Certificates 
Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time 
on Wednesday the 2nd day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the 
Second Reading of the Workmen’s Compensation 
Act (1897) Amendment (No. 3) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time 
on Wednesday the 2nd day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the 
Franchise and 
Second Reading of the Franchise and Removal 
of Women’s Disabilities Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time 
on Wednesday the 2nd day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the 
Companies’ 
Second Reading of the Companies’ Acts Amend- 
ment Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time 
on Wednesday the 2nd day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the 
Parliamentary 
Second Reading of the Parliamentary Elections 
(Mariners’ Votes) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time 
on Wednesday the 2nd day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the 
Beer Retailers’ 
Second Reading of the Beer Retailers’ and Spirit 
Grocers’ Licences (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time 
on Wednesday the 2nd day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the 
Intoxicating 
Second Reading of the Intoxicating Liquors 
(Committee of the Whole House) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time 
on Wednesday the 2nd day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the 
Truck Acts 
Second Reading of the Truck Acts Amendment 
Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time 
on Wednesday the 2nd day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the 
Public Houses 
Second Reading of the Public Houses (Scotland) 
Later Opening Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time 
on Wednesday the 2nd day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the 
Manhood 
Second Reading of the Manhood Suffrage (Ire- 
land) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time 
on Wednesday the 9th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the 
Licensing Acts 
Second Reading of the Licensing Acts Amendment 
(Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time 
on Tuesday the 1st day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the 
Second Reading of the Workmen’s Houses 
Tenure Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time 
on Tuesday the 1st day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the 
Factory and 
Second Reading of the Factory and Workshop 
Act (1878) Amendment (No. 2) Bill; 
Ordered, (No. 2) Bill.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and 
read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wyndham presented, by Her Majesty’s 
Command,—Copy of Telegrams from Field 
Marshal Lord Roberts to the Secretary for 
War, reporting (1) aTelegram addressed by 
him to State Presidents of the Orange Free State 
and South African Republic in reference to the 
abuse of the White Flag, and (2) the Reply of 
the President of the Orange Free State.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon 
the Table.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley pro- 
sented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of 
Judicial 
Statistics for England and Wales for 
1898, Part I. (Criminal).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon 
the Table; and be printed.

The Order for reading a second time, upon 
Tuesday the 24th day of this instant April, the 
Shops Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time 
upon Tuesday the 1st day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the 
Second Reading of the Workmen’s Compensa-
tion Act (1897) Amendment Bill; 
Mr. Speaker called attention to the Pro-
visions of the Bill.

Whereupon the Order was discharged, and the 
Bill withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the 
Second Reading of the Tenants in 
Towns Improvement (Ireland) Bill; 
And a Motion being made, and the Question 
being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:
An Amendment was proposed to be made to 
the Question, by leaving out the word “now,” 
and, at the end of the Question, adding the 
words “upon this day six months.”—(Mr. South-
Barry),
And the Question being put, That the word 
“now” stand part of the Question;
The House divided;
The Yeas, [Mr. Patrick O’Brien; 
Tellers for the] Captain Donelan, 100,
Noes, [Mr. Hayes Fisher; 
So it passed in the Negative.
And the Question being put, That the words “upon this day six months” be added at the 
end of the Question:—It was resolved in the Admi-
native.
Then the Main Question, so amended, being 
put;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time 
upon this day six months.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 4th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping Acts Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Industrial Schools Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of March last, That the Compensation for Damage to Crops Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 9th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Factories and Workshops Amendment and Consolidation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the District Councillors and Guardians (Term of Office) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 30th day of this instant April.

The House according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Ancient Monuments Protection Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time ;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of May next.

Sir Charles Dalby reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions ; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, and 25th days of March last, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table ; and be printed.

Mr. Oldroyd reported the Lee Conservancy Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table ; and be printed.

Mr. James William Louther reported from the Committee on the Universal Life Assurance Society Bill ; That the Committee had made provision referred to in such Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Louther reported from the Committee on the Saint David's Railway (Additional Powers) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Louther reported the Charing Cross, Euston, and Hampstead Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Louther reported from the Committee on the Hastings Harbour Bill; That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Louther reported the Maidenhead Gas Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Six of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 5th April, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

By Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report on the Question proposed from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Stan

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Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 63 has been complied with, viz.:

City of London Electric Lighting Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Council Bill have been committed to Four Members of this House, to be joined with a Committee of Four Lords, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 19th day of March, and to the Message from the Lords of the 23rd day of March signifying their concurrence therefor; and to request their Lordships to appoint Four Lords to be joined with the Committee of this House: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message. (The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Message from the Joint Committee of Lords and Commons Amalgamation Bill, the Great Southern and Western and Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill, and the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Bill, to be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament.

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Lords in the said Resolution.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to acquaint them that this House doth concur with their Lordships in the Resolution communicated to this House in their Lordships' Message of the 30th day of March last: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

A Motion being made, That the Great Yarmouth Port and Haven Bill be now read the third time;

Sir Charles Dilke, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Reading Corporation (Tramways) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Southport Water Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That in the case of the Central London Railway Bill Standing Orders 204 and 235 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read a second time.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to empower the Urban District Council of Portland to supply Gas, and to provide for the taking in, the Undertaking of the Portland Gas Light and Coke and Coal Company, Limited, to the Council, and to make further provision in regard to the finance of the said District, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The House was moved, That the Resolution of the House of the 19th day of March last, That it is expedient that the Dublin Corporation Bill and the Clontarf Urban District Council Bill be committed to a Joint Committee of Lords and Commons, which was ordered to be communicated to the Lords, and the Message from the Lords of the 23rd day of March last, signifying their concurrence in the said Resolution, might be read; and the same being read:

Ordered, That the Dublin Corporation Bill and the Clontarf Urban District Council Bill be committed to a Select Committee of Four Members nominated by the Committee of Selection to be joined with a Committee of Four Lords.

Ordered, That all Petitions in favour of or against the Bills, presented five clear days before the meeting of the Committee be referred to the Committee; that the Petitioners praying to be heard by themselves, their Counsel, or Agents, be heard in favour of or against the Bills, and Counsel heard in support of the Bills.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to acquaint them that the Dublin Corporation Bill and the Clontarf Urban District Council Bill were suspended, and that the Bill be now read the second time.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Papers relating to the Federation of the Australian Colonies.

Copy of Further Correspondence relating to Jamaica.

Copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Jamaica Church's Patent Bill.

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Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Trade Union Societies or Branches which have been permitted by the National Debt Commissioners to deposit in Savings Banks without restriction as to amount. —(Mr. Woods.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Amounts of British Government Securities held by the several Government Departments and other Public Offices on the 31st day of March 1899, specifying whether held in England or Ireland (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 147, of Session 1899:—

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Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, was read, and discharged.

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Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Gun Barrel Proof Act, 1868, Amendment Gun Barrel Proof Act, 1898, Amendment Bill was read the first time.

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Mr. Schauen reported from the Committee on the Devonport Corporation Bill; That, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 20th day of February last, the Committee have struck out Powers to construct Tramways Nos. 4 and 5.

Mr. Schauen further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Order for taking into consideration, upon Workmen's Compensation Act (1897) Extension Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, was read, and disallowed.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday the 30th day of June next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the proceedings on the Adjourned Debate on the Motion for the appointment of a Joint Committee on Municipal Trading, if under discussion at Twelve o'clock this night, be not interrupted under the Standing Order, Sittings of the House.—(Mr. Balfour): The House divided.

The Order for taking into consideration, upon Workmen's Compensation Act (1897) Extension Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, was read, and disallowed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Reformatory and Industrial School (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 30th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Charges Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Charges Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wages Boards Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 26th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Public Health the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed Bill, upon the 10th day of March last, That the Public Health Bill be now read a second time.
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday the 3rd day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Second Reading of the Leasehold Enfranchisement (England and Wales) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 1st day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the Local Authorities Licences (Ireland) Bill, Officers’ Superannuation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 27th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Registration Second Reading of the Registration of Electors Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 1st day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed Bill, upon the 19th day of March last, That the Vagrants’ Children Protection Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday the 27th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed Bill, upon the 14th day of March last, That the Vagrants’ Children Protection Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday the 27th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Petroleum Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Petty Offices’ Licences (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

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A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying Her Majesty to withhold Her Assent to the Draft Order in Council of the 15th day of March 1900 for the establishment of the Metropolitan Borough of Islington, the incorporation thereof, and for other purposes connected therewith, unless amendments are made therein (1) to omit so much of sub-paragraphs (a) and (c) of Clause 3 as relates to the Nos. 2, 3 and 5 on the map described in the Draft Order, so as to exclude that portion of the Parish of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, as is coloured red on the said map, and to retain in the new Borough of Hammersmith all now belonging to the said Borough, except the portion to be transferred to carry out the boundary mutually agreed upon by the Vestries of the Parishes of Hammersmith and St. Mary Abbots, Kensington; and (2) to substitute the words "Town Clerk of the Borough" for the words "Clerk of the County Council" throughout Clause 5, sub-section (4) —(General Goldsmith).—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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And then the House, having continued to sit till five minutes before One of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Friday, 6th April, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Airdrie and Coatbridge Tramways Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Motion being made, That the Hoylake and West Kirby Improvement Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. James Loutner, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Motion being made, That the Widnes and Runcorn Bridge Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. James Loutner, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Hastings Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Huddersfield Corporation Huddersfield Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Wolverhampton the Wolverhampton, Essington, and Cannock Chase Junction Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Amendments were made to the same Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the London and India Docks London and India Docks Joint Committee Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 1st day of May next.

A Petition of the Promoters of the Manchester Manchester and Liverpool Electric Express Railway Bill, praying that provision may be made in the Bill authorising the Promoters to make lateral and vertical deviations in the Railways originally proposed to be authorised by the said Bill, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Electric Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made Lighting by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Bred- (No. 4.) Age, Runcorn, Widnes and Warrington, Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Government Local Government Board relating to Barnsley Lighting (No. 5.) and bring it in.

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Mr. Ritchie presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Bredbury and Romiley, Bridgwater, Bridlington, Chaddle and Gatley, Hedhbum, Kendal, Long Eaton, Loughton, Loughborough, St. Albans, and Twintall (with Goldershill and Chells) : And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provincial Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Abercorn, Burslem, the Chesterfield Gas and Water Board District, Cole, Fenton, and Kendal: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provincial Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Barnsley (Rural), Featherstone, Hambledon (Rural), Lutterworth (Rural), Snainton (Rural), St. Helen's (Isle of Wight), South Blyth, and Weybridge: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Bill, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Minutes sanctioning the subjects to be taught under Clause 8 of the Technical Instruction Act, 1889, for the following County and Districts:

County of Buckingham, dated 23rd February 1900.

District of Beccles, dated 13th March 1900.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Oldroyd reported from the Committee on Private Bills Group B. of Private Bills; That the parties opposing the Gas Light and Coke, Commercial Gas, and South Metropolitan Gas Companies Bill had stated that the evidence of Professor Vivian Lewes was essential to their case; and, it having been proved that his attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move that the said Professor Vivian Lewes, of 18, Lower Whitecross Street, London, do attend the said Committee to-day, at Three of the clock.

Ordered, That Professor Vivian Lewes do attend the Committee on Group B. of Private Bills this day, at Three of the clock.

A Motion being made, That this House will, Railways upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the remuneration of any persons employed by the Board of Trade, under any Act of the present Session for the better Prevention of Accidents on Railways, and of the Expenses incurred by the Board under such Act—(Sir William Walrond);

Sir William Walrond, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Sir William Houldsworth reported from the London Committee on the London County Council (General Powers) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Petition of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out a recital relating to the purchase of lands for the purposes of rehousing persons of the labouring class, and had otherwise amended the Petition, so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir William Houldsworth reported from the Committee on the City of London (Various Powers) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Petition of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Lewis McIvor reported from the Committee on the Great Western Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Petition of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through...
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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Jeffreys reported from the Committee on the Aberdeen Corporation Tramways Bill; that the Committee had, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 27th day of February last, struck out Tramway No. 6 from Clause 5 of the Bill.

Mr. Jeffreys further reported from the Committee; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sire William Houldsworth reported from the Committee on the London County Council (Spitalfields Market) Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Eastern District Committee of the County Council of the County of Stirling to construct Waterworks and to supply Water within their District; to authorise the County Council of the County of Stirling to acquire Lands and Servitudes for the purposes of such Water Supply; to authorise and require the said County Council to levy Assessments and to borrow Money, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Lord, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Company to construct a Pier at Valencia Bill was read the first time.

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The Great Southern and Western Railway Company to construct a Pier at Valencia Bill was read the first time.

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The Newport Corporation Bill was read the first time.

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The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Monday next, on the Lunacy Board (Scotland) (Salaried, &c.) Bill was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 26th day of this instant April, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order for a second reading, upon Monday next, on the Building and Incorporation of Banks Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 26th day of this instant April.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 26th day of this instant April.

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The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Monday next, on Midwives [Expenses], was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 26th day of this instant April, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Monday next, the Companies Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 26th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Beer Retailers' and Spirit Grocers' Licences (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill:

Ordered, That this House will, upon Friday the 11th day of May next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the First Reading of the Finance Bill:

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the House of Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Bank Holiday Acts Amendment, Bill 175.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Bank Holiday Acts, 1871 and 1874, and to make provision for an additional Bank Holiday, to be called Empire Day: And that Mr. Faithfull Begg, Sir Howard Vincent, Lieutenant-Colonel Prystow Jones, Mr. Hedderwick, Mr. Scott Montague, Mr. William Johnston, Mr. Bainbridge, and Mr. Price do prepare, and bring it in.

Bank Holiday Acts Amendment Bill.

Mr. Faithfull Begg accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Bank Holiday Acts, 1871 and 1874, and to make provision for an additional Bank Holiday, to be called Empire Day: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of May next; and to be printed.

Finance Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Finance Bill: Verbal Amendments were made to the Bill. And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond] Yeas, (Mr. Addron). 103.

Tellers for the [Captain Donelan] Noes, (Mr. James O'Connor) 16.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Police Reservists (Allowances) Bill.

The Police Reservists (Allowances) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Naval Reserve (Mobilisation) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed, upon the 2nd day of this instant April, That the Naval Reserve (Mobilisation) Bill be now read a second time;
Great Berkhampstead Water Bill.

Gun Barrel Proof Act, 1888, Amendment Bill.

Hinchinbury's Uralite Patent Bill.

Kingston-upon-Thames Corporation Bill.

Motherwell Water Bill.

New Brighton Company Bill.

Southampton Harbour Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:—Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 26th day of this instant April.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:—Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 26th day of this instant April.

Message from the Lords.

Finance Bill.

Army Bill (Annual) Bill.

Census (Ireland) Bill.

Public Libraries Bill [Lords.]

Rhymney Iron Company Bill [Lords.]

Manchester Ship Canal Bill [Lords.]

Mountain Ash Water Bill [Lords.]

Burnley Corporation Bill [Lords.]

Edinburgh Corporation Bill [Lords.]

Great Berkhampstead Water Bill.

Gun Barrel Proof Act, 1888, Amendment Bill.

Hinchinbury's Uralite Patent Bill.

Kingston-upon-Thames Corporation Bill.

Motherwell Water Bill.

New Brighton Company Bill.

Southampton Harbour Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Army (Annual) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Census (Ireland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Acts relating to Public Libraries, Museums, and Gymnasiums, and to regulate the Liability of Managers of Libraries to Proceedings for Libel; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the Rhymney Iron Company, Limited, of certain Shares credited as partly paid up; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the Manchester Ship Canal Company to acquire the Manchester Racecourse and other Lands, and to construct a new Dock, Railway, and Works; to establish a Thrift Fund for their Officers and Servants, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the Urban District Council to purchase the Undertaking of the Emsworth Urban District Waterworks Company, and to supply Water within their District, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the Exmouth Urban District Council to confer certain Powers on the said Company, to raise additional Capital, convert their existing Capital, acquire Lands, amend their existing Acts, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to transfer all the Property and Liabilities of the Rhymney Iron Company to the City of Birmingham, to the University of Birmingham, and to repeal the Rhymney Iron Company Act, 1897; to confer certain Powers on the said University, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the Emsworth Urban District Waterworks Company to extend their Limits of Supply, to construct additional Waterworks and Gasworks, to change the Name of the Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Rhymney Iron Company Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Manchester Ship Canal Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Mountain Ash Water Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Burnley Corporation Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Edinburgh Corporation Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Birmingham (King Edward the Sixth) School Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Birmingham University Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, [Lords.]
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Kingston-upon-Thames Gas Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Dorking Water Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Dorking Water Bill was read the first time.

Exmouth Urban District Water Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Exmouth Urban District Water Bill was read the first time.

Fishguard Water and Gas Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Fishguard Water and Gas Bill was read the first time.

Charing Cross, Eaton, and Hampstead Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Glastonbury Corporation Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Hastings Harbour Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Lee Conservancy Bill.

Ordered, That the Lee Conservancy Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday the 26th day of this instant April.

Maidenhead Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Universal Life Assurance Society Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Wellingborough and District Tramways Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Huddersfield Corporation Tramways Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Huddersfield Corporation Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday the 3rd day of May next.

The Governments Stock and other Securities Investment Company Bill was read a second time ; and committed.

The Lincoln Corporation Tramways Bill was read a second time ; and committed.

The Newport (Monmouthshire) Gas Bill was read a second time ; and committed.

The Southport and Lytham Tramroad Bill was read a second time ; and committed.
Arrests for Drunkenness (Ireland) Act, No. 131.

Agricultural and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899. No. 132.

Merchant Seamen.

East India (Use of Government Churches in India.)

Superannuation.

Crown's Nominee Account. No. 133.

China (No. 5, 1900.)

Africa (No. 3, 1900.)

Trade Reports (Annual Statement.)

Egypt, (No. 1, 1900.)

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Trade Reports (Annual Statement.)

Egypt, (No. 1, 1900.)

of Cases in which Persons were made Amenable but not Convicted; the Number of Cases in which Accused are awaiting Trial; and the Number of Cases in which Offenders were neither Convicted nor made Amenable.

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 15th day of March last, for Returns relative to Arrests for Drunkenness (Ireland) Act, 1899.

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of Regulations made under the Agricultural and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899, for the Members of the Council of Agriculture, the Agricultural Board, and the Board of Technical Instruction for Ireland.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to Arrests for Drunkenness (Ireland) and the Agricultural and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899, be printed.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of a Committee appointed by the Board of Trade on the Question of Excessive Discharge Certificates for Seamen, with Minutes of Evidence, Appendix, and Index.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Papers relating to the use for Presbyterian and Wesleyan Services of Garrison Churches in India which have been consecrated for the service of the Church of England.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 3rd April 1900, under the Superannuation Act, 1859, declaring that for the due and efficient discharge of the duties of the posts of Senior Examiner and of Junior Examiner in the Board of Education (Science and Art Department), professional or other peculiar qualifications not ordinarily to be acquired in the Public Service are requisite.

Abstract Account of the Receipts and Payments of the Treasury Solicitor in the year ended 31st December 1899, in the Administration of Estates on behalf of the Crown under the authority of the Treasury Solicitor Act, 1876, and the Alphabetical List of Intestates' Estates in respect of which Letters of Administration were granted to the Treasury Solicitor as Crown's Nominee, and of other cases (partial Intestacies, &c.) in which Accounts were opened in the Books of the Treasury Solicitor in the same year in respect of moneys received by him as Crown's Nominee.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the Crown's Nominee Account be printed.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence with the United States Government respecting Foreign Trade in China.

Copy of Correspondence respecting Slavery and the Slave Trade in East Africa and the Islands of Zanzibar and Pemba (in continuation of Africa, No. 8, 1899).

Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, No. 2396.

Copy of Reports by Her Majesty's Agent and Consul General on the Finances, Administration, and Commerce of Egypt, and the Sudan in 1899.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Goschen presented, by Her Majesty's Navy Command,—Copy of Statement showing the original and revised Programme of Estimated Expenditure in Cash, and in Net Value of Stores to be issued for Shipbuilding, &c. during the year 1899-1900.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Cost Tables. a Copy of Statement showing the Production, Consumption, and Export of Coal, and the Number of Persons employed in Coal Production, in the principal Countries of the World, in each year from 1883 to 1898, as far as the particulars can be stated; together with a Statement showing the Production of, and Trade in, Petroleum in the United States and in the Russian Empire for a Series of Years.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Cost Tables. a Return of Monthly Comparative Statements of the Number of Neoparasites (except in Counties and Borough Asylums, registered Hospitals, and Licensed Houses, and Yagrans) in receipt of Relief in England and Wales on the last day of every month in each month of the several years from 1887 to 1900, both inclusive (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 100, of Session 1899).

Mr. W. R. Russell accordingly presented the said Return.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Cost Tables. a Return of Statement of the Number of Neoparasites relieved on the 1st day of January, 1900, and similar Statement for the 1st day of July 1900 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 100, of Session 1899).

Mr. W. R. Russell accordingly presented the said Return.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Cost Tables. a Return of Statement of the Amount expended for or to be provided for under the Scheme ; the Nature of the Accommodation provided; the Number of Persons who were resident on such Area at the Date of making the Scheme ; and the Number provided for or to be provided for under the Scheme; the Number of Persons of the Working Classes who were resident on such Area at the Date of making the Scheme; the Size of the Area included in each Scheme; the Amount provided for each Area from 1899 to 1899-1900, both inclusive; the Amount authorized to be borrowed, and the Amount actually borrowed for the purpose of the Scheme; the Rate of Interest thereon; the Periods allowed for Repayment; the Amount of Loans outstanding on the 31st March 1900; the Estimated or Actual Expenditure under the Scheme.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Housing of the Working Classes. a Return of Statement of the Amount expended by Boards of Guardians for In-maintenance and Outdoor Relief in England and Wales during the half-year ending Lady-Day 1900. —And, similar Statement for the half-year ending Michaelmas 1900.

Mr. W. R. Russell accordingly presented the said Return.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Housing of the Working Classes. a Return of the Amount expended for or to be provided for under the Scheme; the Number and Size of the Schemes of Housing and Reconstruction provided for each Area; the Nature of the Accommodation provided; the Amount authorized to be borrowed, and the Amount actually borrowed for the purpose of the Scheme; the Rate of Interest thereon; the Periods allowed for Repayment; the Amount of Loans outstanding on the 31st March 1900; the Estimated or Actual Expenditure under the Scheme.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Midwives Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday the 27th day of June next.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Agricultural Holdings Bill, if under discussion at Twelve o'clock this day, be not interrupted under the Standing Order, Sittings of the House.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the removal of Paupers from England to Ireland: And that Mr. T. W. Russell, Mr. Chaplin, and Mr. Attorney General for Ireland do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. T. W. Russell accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the removal of Paupers from England to Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 30th day of this instant April; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Agricultural Holdings Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "it is desirable that legislation " relating to Agricultural Holdings in Scotland " should proceed on the lines hitherto followed; " and that it is highly unsatisfactory to legislate " on that subject for England and for Scotland " in one and the same measure "—(Mr. Ure),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

The Yeas,

Tellers for the Lord Advocate,

Mr. Hayes Fisher.

Tellers for the

Mr. Munro Ferguson.

So it was resolved in the Aye column:

And the Main Question being put:

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures—(Mr. Long);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

The Yeas,

Tellers for the

Mr. Austruther.

Mr. Hayes Fisher.

So it was resolved in the Aye column.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 6th day of this instant April, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then five minutes before Twelve of the clock, till Thursday the 26th day of this instant April.
The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Hastings Tramways Bill; And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time; Mr. James William Leckie, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the London County Council (General Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Saint David's Railway (Additional Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Lee Conservancy Bill, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

The City of London Electric Lighting Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The City of London Electric Lighting Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Metropolitan District Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Portland District Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Portland Urban District Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Saint David's Railway (Abandonment) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 17th day of May next.
Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rule and Time Table of Intermediate Examinations in Ireland for 1900, dated 6th April 1900.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Weller Long presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Warrant, dated the 29th day of March last, for a Return relative to the Cost of the Elections of Councils, Town Councils and Burgh Commissioners, and Parish Councils in Scotland, as first held simultaneously in 1898, in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1894.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 3rd day of this instant April, for a Return relating to East India (Railways and Irrigation Works).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Mr. John Gorst also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made by the Council of the Borough of Walsall redividing the Borough into convenient Polling Districts.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Revised Regulations of the 23rd April 1900 as to Certificates of Age, Proficiency, and School Attendance.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Memorandum stating the nature of the Proposals contained in the Provisional Orders included in the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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

(1) Copy of 6th Schedule containing a List and Particulars of Classes of Documents which have been removed from the Office of the Commissioiners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and deposited in the Public Record Office, but which are not considered sufficient public value to justify their preservation therein.

(2) Copy of Schedule containing a List and Public Particulars of Classes of Documents existing or in ordinary course about to exist in the Office of the Clerk of Assize of the Home Division of the South Eastern Circuit, which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

(3) Copy of Scheme under the Union of Benefices Act, 1860, for effecting an union of the Benefices of Saint Giles, Cripplegate, and Saint Bartholomew, Little Moorfields, and Saint Bartholomew, Little Moorfields.

Ordered, That the Papers relative to the Local Loans Fund and the Thames Conservancy be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Electric Copy of Memorandum stating the nature of the proposals contained in the Provisional Orders included in the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Report of the Board of Trade on the Margate Corporation Bill (Lords).

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Gas Under a Return relating to all authorised Gas Undertakings in the United Kingdom, other than those of Local Authorities, for the year ended the 31st day of December 1899 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 396, of Session 1890).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Gas Under a Return relating to all authorised Gas Undertakings in the Boroughs of Borough of Walsall, (Borough of Walsall.)

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Gas Under a Return relating to all authorised Gas Undertakings in the Local Authorities, for the year ended the 25th day...
day of March 1900 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 359, of Session 1899).

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Return.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a New Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Portsmouth, in the County of York.—(Mr. Herbert Gladstone.)

Contracts for School Boards (Wages.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing, in respect of each School Board District in England and Wales, whether the Contracts entered into by the School Board for the execution of works specify any conditions as to the Wages to be paid by the Contractor, or other conditions with regard to persons employed by him; and, if so, what are the conditions so specified.—(Sir Charles Dilke.)

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Sea Fisheries Regulation (Scotland) Act (1895) Amendment Bill was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of May next.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Smaller Dwellings (Scotland) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 12th day of June next.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Local Government (Scotland) Act (1894) Amendment (No. 3) Bill was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 12th day of June next.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Colonial Marriages (Deceased Wife's Sister) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of May next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1900-1901.

Class III.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £2,54,694, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries of the Law Officers' Department; the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Solicitor for the Affairs of Her Majesty's Treasury; Queen's Proctor, and Director of Public Prosecutions; the Costs of Prosecutions, of other Legal Proceedings, and of Parliamentary Agency: of the Commissioners, the Solicitor to the Queen's Proctor, and of Special Commissioners under Acts of Parliament; and the Salaries and Expenses connected with the Salaries and Expenses of the Supreme Court of Judicature as are not charged on the Consolidated Fund.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £3,33,694, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries of the Supreme Court of Judicature, and for certain Miscellaneous Legal Expenses, including Grants in Aid of the Expenses of the Incorporated Law Societies of England and Ireland.

3. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £3,19,694, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Inspector General of Police in the Colonies.

4. £1,62,594, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Land Registry.

5. £19,925, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses connected with the County Courts.

6. £31,778, to complete the Sum for the Salaries of the Commissioner and Assistant Commissioners of the Metropolitan Police, and of the Receiver for the Metropolitan Police District, the Pay and Expenses of Officers of Metropolitan Police employed on special duties, and the Salaries and Expenses of the Inspectors of Constabulary.

7. £1,358,864, to complete the Sum for the Expenses of the Prisons in England, Wales, and the Colonies.

8. £2,12,623, to complete the Sum for the Expense of the Maintenance of Juvenile Offenders in Reformatory, Industrial, and Day Industrial Schools in Great Britain, and of the Inspectors of Reformatories.

9. £23,846, to complete the Sum for the Maintenance of Criminal Lunatics in the Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum.

Class I.

10. £18,000, to complete the Sum for the Expenditure in respect of Diplomatic and Consular Buildings, and for the maintenance of certain Cemeteries Abroad.

11. £176,000, to complete the Sum for the Customs, Inland Revenue, Post Office, and Post Office Telegraph Buildings in Great Britain, and certain Post Offices Abroad, including Furniture, Fuel, and sundry Miscellaneous Services.

12. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £1,18,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, in respect of sundry Public Buildings in Great Britain, not provided for on other Votes.

Mr. Weir moved, and Question proposed, That Item B (Maintenance and Repairs) be reduced by £100. (Mr. Butcher.)

But it appearing that the Question raised was not relevant to the Vote, the Chairman declined to put the Question thereupon to the Committee, a Question.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

13. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £17,809, be granted to Her
Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Survey of the United Kingdom, and for minor services connected therewith;

Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item C (Post, Sec. of Civil Assistants) be reduced by £100—(Sir Barrington Simeon)—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £226,403, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for Rates on Government Property, and for Rates on Houses occupied by Representatives of Foreign Powers, and for the Salaries and Expenses of the Rating and Valuation Officers of Her Majesty's Revenue Department, and for a Contribution towards the Expense of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade;

Friday, 27th April, 1900;

And, it being Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lounher reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions. Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Mr. James William Lounher also acquainted the House that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the House, that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Lunacy Board (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Lunacy Board (Scotland) [Expenses.] Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Lunacy Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Lunacy Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Midwives [Expenses.] Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee. Vol. 155.
THE House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on previously inquired into, and which are not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Barry Railway (Steam Vessels) Bill.
Cork, Bandon, and South Coast Railway Bill.
East Stirlingshire Water Bill.
Kingston-upon-Thames Gas Bill.
Londen, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Bill.
Newport Corporation Bill.
Newton and Llandudno Urban District Gas Bill.
Paignton Urban District Water Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for additional Provision in the following Bill, (Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Manchester and Liverpool Electric Express Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

The Charing Cross, Easton, and Hampstead Charing Cross, Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed, and ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Glastonbury Corporation Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed.
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The Universal Life Assurance Society Bill Universal Life was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read for the Third Reading of the Wellington and District Trans- roads Bill,

And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. James Campbell, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Army and Navy Investment Trust Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Cleethorpes Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Cowes Pier Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Edinburgh District Lunacy Board Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 4th day of May next.

The Falkirk and District Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Great Berkhamsted Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Gun Barrel Proof Act, 1898, Amendment Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 8th day of May next.

The Incehester's Uralite Patent Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Kingston-upon-Thames Corporation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Motherwell Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The New Russia Company Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Southampton Harbour Bill was read a second time; and committed.

A Bill to regulate the Expenditure of Money by the London County Council on Capital Accounts during the current financial period, and the ending of Money to meet such Ex- penditure, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Alter- gele and Penasara, Bradford-on-Avon, Dorking (Rural), Haworth, Henley (Rural), Hope, Man- chester, and Wokingham (Rural); And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Elections (Scotland), which was presented upon the 26th day of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Railways and Irrigation Works), which was presented upon the 26th day of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Merchant Service (Certificates of Masters, Mates, Skippers, and Second Hands), which was presented upon the 26th day of this instant April, be printed.

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, an Account of the Gross Public Income and Expenditure in the year ended 31st March 1900, together with the Balances in the Exchequer at the commencement and at the termination of the year, and the Amounts received into or issued from the Exchequer in respect of Funded and Unfunded Debt created or redeemed in the said year.

Account, up to 31st March 1900, of the Total Sums issued from the Consolidated Fund, pursuant to the Act 61 Vic. c. 4, in respect of the Annuity which was guaranteed by Her Majesty for the purpose of facilitating the raising of a Loan by the Government of Greece, and of the Sums paid in or towards the repayment of any Money so issued.

Account, up to 31st March 1900, showing the Egyptian Total Sums issued from the Consolidated Fund, pursuant to the Act 48 Vic. c. 11, in respect of the Annuity of £3,155,000, which was guaranteed by Her Majesty for the purpose of facilitating the raising of a Loan by the Government of Egypt, and of the Sums paid in or towards the repayment of any Money so issued.

Account, prepared in pursuance of the Bankruptcy Act, 1883, showing the Receipts and Expenditure on account of Bankruptcy Proceed- ings during the year ended 31st March 1900.

Account, showing the Receipts and Expenditure on account of Proceedings under the Companies Act, 1890, of the Total Sums paid in or towards the repayment of any Money so issued.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Election Reports of the 157th,
Bankruptcy Act, 1883 (Proceedings), and Companies (Winding-up) Act, 1890, be printed.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amended Special Rules with regard to the employment of persons in certain Lucifer Match Factories in which white or yellow Phosphorus is used, as established by Arbitration in pursuance of Section 8 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1891.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Code of Regulations (by the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education in Scotland) for Evening Continuation Schools, 1890, with Schedule and Appendices.

Copy of Eighteenth Annual Report of the Fishery Board for Scotland, being for the year 1899 (Part I.).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

21st April. Mr. Walter Long presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 25th April 1900, entitled the Liverpool (Birkenhead) Foreign Animals Wharf Order of 1900 (No. 2).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Further Return to 148. Return comprising (1) the Reports made to the Charity Commissioners, in the result of an Inquiry held in every Parish wholly or partly within the County of Flint into Endowments subject to the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Acts, 1853 to 1894, and appropriated in whole or in part for the benefit of that County or of any part thereof, together with the Reports on those Endowments of the Commissioners for inquiry concerning Charities, 1818 to 1837; (2) a Digest showing, in the case of each such Parish, whether any, and if any, what such Endowments of the Commissioners are recorded in the Books of the Charity Commissioners, alphabetically arranged, of Names and Places mentioned in the Reports.

Ordered, That the said Return be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return (1) of Advances by way of Loan; (2) of Payments by way of Subsidy to Foreign States; and (3) of Loans raised by Foreign States of which the Interest or Capital has been guaranteed by Act of Parliament, since 1792.—(Lord Balfour.)

Wines Imported.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return (1) of the Quantity of Wines at various degrees of Strength which were imported into the United Kingdom from Spain, Portugal, Madeira, France, Germany, Holland, Italy, Australia, and other Countries for the year 1899 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 195, of Session 1899).—(Mr. Gold.)

Edinburgh and Saint Andrew's University Writs.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a New Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Edinburgh and Saint Andrew's Universities, in the room of Sir William Ossendr Priestley, Knight, deceased,—(Sir William Wrotar.)

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee, to consider of providing further Money out of the Consolidated Fund for the Uganda Railway.

Mr. Akers-Douglas, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Employment of Waiters and Waitresses: And that Mr. Steadman, Mr. Woods, and Mr. Havelock Wilson do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the Privileges of the Graduates of the University of Wales: And that Mr. Bragman Jones, Mr. Alfred Thomas, Mr. Humphreys-Jones, Lieutenant-Colonel Pryce-Jones, Mr. Herbert Lewis, and Mr. William Jones do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Steadman presented a Bill to amend the Employers and Workmen Law Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bragman Jones presented a Bill to extend the Privileges of the Graduates of the University of Wales: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 13th day of June next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself supply into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Revenue Departments Estimates, 1900—1901.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £5,243,695, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries, Expenses of the Post Office Services, the Expenses of the Post Office Savings Banks, and Government Annuities and Insurances, and the Collection of the Post Office Revenue:

Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A (Salaries) be reduced by £1,000, in respect of the Salary of the Postmaster General.—(Sir Henright Heaton) ;—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed.

Motion made, and Question put, That Item A (Salaries) be reduced by £200, in respect of the Salary of the Postmaster General (Mr. Akers-Douglas);—Original Question again proposed.

Mr. John Wilson

(Tellers for the Yeas.)

Mr. Steadman

(Tellers for the Noes.)

Mr. Charles Cameron

(Sir Charles Cameron)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 36.

Tellers for the Noes, 72.

Original Question again proposed.

Motion made, and Question put, That Item A (Salaries) be reduced by £500, in respect of the Salary of the Postmaster General (Mr. Steadman);—The
The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply; Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Shop Hours Acts Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shop Hours Acts Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Licensed Premises (Hours of Sale) (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensed Premises (Hours of Sale) (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 15th day of May next.

Executors (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Executors (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Trust Funds Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trust Funds Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 16th day of May next.

Local Authorities Officers' Superannuation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Authorities Officers' Superannuation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of May next.

Bakehouses (Hours of Labour) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 19th day of March last, That the Bakehouses (Hours of Labour) Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Vagrants' Children Protection Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 19th day of March last, That the Vagrants' Children Protection Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Petroleum Second Reading of the Petroleum Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Beer Retailers' Second Reading of the Beer Retailers' and Spirit Grocers' Licences (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time (Ireland) Bill upon Thursday the 17th day of May next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 30th April, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Petitions Bills originating in the Lords, and referred on previously the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

- Birmingham (King Edward the Sixth) Schools Bill.
- Birmingham University Bill.
- Burnley Corporation Bill.
- Dorking Water Bill.
- Edinburgh Corporation Bill.
- Exmouth Urban District Water Bill.
- Fishguard Water and Gas Bill.
- Manchester Ship Canal Bill.
- Mountain Ash Water Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional Orders for the following Bill, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

- Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No.4) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bill from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Petitions Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

- Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Petitions Bills, That, in the case of the Petition for the following Bill, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

- Tottenham urban District Council Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Petitions Private Bills, That, in the case of the Petition for the following Bill, originating in the Lords, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

- London and San Francisco Bank Bill.

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Order of the day was read, and the House proceeded to take into consideration the Dublin Electric Lighting Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words "now" and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Field.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. William Moore, Mr. Arthur O'Connor.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carew.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put:

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;—(This Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed.)

A Petition of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the vesting of the Railways and other Property of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company in the Secretary of State in Council of India, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Th Lord Advocate also presented, pursuant of Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return showing,

(1) The Expenditure during the year 1899, upon Annual Grants to State-aided Schools;

(2) The Number of Schools on the Annual Grant List, on 30th September 1899; and

(3) The Results of the Inspection and Examination during the year ended the 30th September 1899.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Trade Reports Department,—Copy of Code of Regulations for Evening Continuation Schools for 1900, with Explanation, and Appendix, issued by the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of General Report to the Education Department by the Chief Inspector of the West Central Division, for the year 1899.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2407 and 2408. Ordered,
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

New Member sworn.

William Mother, Esquire, Member for North East Lancashire (Rossendale Division), was sworn.

Public Houses (Scotland) Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Public Houses (Scotland) Later Opening Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of May next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Uganda Railway [Consolidated Fund].

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question put, That it is expedient to authorise the issue, out of the Consolidated Fund, of a further Sum, not exceeding £1,930,000, for the Uganda Railway—(Mr. Brodrick).

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, 185. Mr. Anstruther: Tellers for the Mr. Labour]here, Noes, 40. Mr. Nos.

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the issue, out of the Consolidated Fund, of a further Sum, not exceeding £1,930,000, for the Uganda Railway.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Louchter reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received Tomorrow.

Burial Grounds Bill.

The Burial Grounds Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure.

Sea Fisheries Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sea Fisheries Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Sir Cameron Gull.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question; And a Debate arising thereupon;

And, it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Tuesday, 1st May, 1900:

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Thursday next.

Money-Lending Bill [ Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Money-Lending Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Lunacy Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.


Mr. Aber-Douglas reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1890–1901.

Class III.

Law Officers (Legal Charges.)

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £34,694, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries of the Law Officers' Department; the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Solicitor for the Affairs of Her Majesty's Treasury, Queen's Proctor, and Director of Public Prosecutions; the Costs of Prosecutions, of other Legal Proceedings, and of Parliamentary Agency.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,689, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for certain Miscellaneous Legal Expenses, including Grants in Aid of the Expenses of the Incorporated Law Societies of England and Ireland.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £185,490, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for such of the Salaries and Expenses of the Supreme Court of Judicature as are not charged on the Consolidated Fund.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £19,246, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries of the Commissioner and Assistant Commissioners of the Metropolitan Police, and of the Receiver for the Metropolitan Police District, the Pay and Expenses of Officers of Metropolitan Police employed on special duties, and the Salaries and Expenses of the Inspectors of Constabulary.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £389,964, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Expenses of the Prisoners in England, Wales, and the Colonies.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £31,778, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Expenses of the Inspectors of Constabulary.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £358,964, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries of the Commissioners and Inspectors of the Police Forces in England, Wales, and the Colonies.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £121,628, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Maintenance of Criminal Lunatics in the Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum.

Class I.

10. That a Sum, not exceeding £18,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Maintenance of certain Cemeteries Abroad.
11. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 176,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Customs, Inland Revenue, Post Office, and Post Office Telegraph Buildings in Great Britain, and certain Post Offices Abroad, including Furniture, Fuel, and sundry Miscellaneous Services.

12. That a sum, not exceeding £ 188,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, in respect of sundry Public Buildings in Great Britain, not provided for on other Votes.

13. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 127,609, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Survey of the United Kingdom, and for minor Services connected therewith.

14. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 2,243, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for maintaining certain Harbours under the Board of Trade.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Colonial Solicitors Bill.

(In the Committee.)

**CLAUSE, N° 1, amended, and agreed to.**

**CLAUSE, N° 2, agreed to,**

**CLAUSE, N° 3.**

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill!

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson reported, that the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

**Shop Hours Acts Amendment Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shop Hours Acts Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 22nd day of this instant May.

**Executors (Scotland) Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Executors (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

**Bakehouses (Hours of Labour) Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 19th day of March last, That the Bakehouses (Hours of Labour) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give Compensation to Occupying Tenants of Town Holdings for beneficial Improvements: And that Mr. Hazell, Mr. David Thomas, Mr. Kearley, Mr. Bynn Roberts, and Mr. Channings do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Hazell accordingly presented a Bill to give Compensation to Occupying Tenants of Town Holdings for beneficial Improvements: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 16th day of this instant May; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

**Tuesday, 1st May, 1900.**

The House met at Three of the clock.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable thereto.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir John Gorst presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Minutes of the Statutes made by the Governing Body of Trinity College, Cambridge, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on Cambridge (1) dated 30th April, 1899, amending Clauses 12, 49, 52, and 54 of the said Minutes.

Copy of Statute made by the Governing Body of Brasenose College, Oxford, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on 29th November 1899, amending Clause 13 of the said Statute.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Minutes of the Committee of Council on Education in Scotland, (1) dated 30th April, 1899, amending the terms of paragraph 10 of the Minute of 16th June, 1897.
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1897, providing for the distribution of the Sum available for Secondary Education under Section 2 (1) (b) of the Education and Local Taxation Account (Scotland) Act, 1892, and (2), dated 1st May 1900, providing for the distribution of the Sum available for Secondary or Technical (including Agricultural) Education under Section 2, sub-section 4, of the Local Taxation Account (Scotland) Act, 1898.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wydhams presented, by Mr. Ritchie, the Report of the Select Committee on Standing Orders, stating that they had nominated the following Four Members to serve on the Joint Committee of Lords and Commons on Municipal Trading: Mr. Grant Lawson, Mr. Shaw-Stewart, Captain Sinclair, Mr. Thomas Shaw, Mr. Shaw-Stewart, Captain Sinclair, Mr. Carell Williams, and Mr. Wylie.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence and Proceedings given before the Committees on the Brompton and Piccadilly Circus Railway Bill, 1899, and the Brompton and Piccadilly Circus Railway Bill, 1897, be referred to the Select Committee on Group No. 6 on the above-named Bill. (Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth.)

Mr. Halsey further reported from the Committee on the Standing Committee for the consideration of Bills relating to Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufacitres, in respect of the Railways (Prevention of Accidents) Bill; and that they had appointed Sir James Fergusson to act as Chairman of the Standing Committee for the consideration of Bills relating to Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, in respect of the Ecclesiastical Assessments (Scotland) Bill and of the Town Councils (Scotland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence and Proceedings given before the Committees on the Baker Street and Waterloo Railway Bill, 1899, the Brompton and Piccadilly Circus Railway Bill, 1897, and the City and West End Railway Bill, 1897, be referred to the Select Committee on Group No. 6 on the above-named Bill. (Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth.)
permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that the powers to construct Tramways No. 7, No. 13, and No. 6 (Vauxhall and Kennington Tramway), and 1 chain double line of Tramway No. 8 (Blackpool and Lytham Tramways), be struck out of the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with.

2. That, in the case of the Alexander Park Petition for leave to deposit a Petition for a Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to deposit their Petition for a Bill.

3. That, in the case of the Cumberland County Council (Bridges) Petition for leave to deposit a Petition for a Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to deposit their Petition for a Bill.

4. That, in the case of the Blackburn, Saint Anne's, and Lytham Tramways, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to deposit their Petition for a Bill.

5. That, in the case of the Glyncorrwg Urban District Council Gas Petition for leave to deposit a Petition for a Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

6. That, in the case of the Manchester and Liverpool Electric Railway Bill, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to introduce their additional Provision, if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

7. That, in the case of the Glasgow District Tramways Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that the powers to construct Tramways Nos. 1, 2, and so much of No. 3 as lies outside the Burgh of Dumbarton, be struck out of the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with.

8. That, in the case of the Higham Ferrers Water Bill, Petition of the "British Electric Traction Company" for dispensing with Standing Order 129 in the case of their Petition against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought not to be dispensed with.

The first Seven Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for leave to bring in the London County Tramways (No. 1) Bill, might be read; and the same being read:

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the London County Council to construct new Tramways and to reconstruct and alter certain Tramways in the Counties of London and Middlesex, and to work certain Tramways by Electric Traction, and for other purposes; to which Mr. James Stuart and Mr. John Burns do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Universal Life Assurance Society Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Glasgow Urban District Council to supply Gas, and to provide for the transfer to them of the part of the Undertaking of the Lignvi Valley Gas Company situate in their District, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make further provision for the Purchase of the Hemel Hempstead Waterworks Under the (Water) Bill taking by the Corporation of Hemel Hempstead, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have appointed a Committee of Four Lords, to join with a Committee of this House, to consider the Great Southern and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill, the Great Southern and Western and Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill, and the Midland Great Western Railway Amalgamation Bill; and request this House to appoint an equal number of its Members to be joined with the said Lords.

The Glyncorrwg Urban District Council Gas Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Hemel Hempstead Corporation (Water) Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Medical Officers of Health and Sanitary Inspectors Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; the Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Lloyd-George; 98.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Atkinson; 140.

So it passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That there is urgent need to extend Workmen's Compensation Act, with appropriate modifications, to the Naval and Military Servants of the State who may be killed or injured in the course of their employment—Mr. Kennedy.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Local, Pot, That, having regard to the heavy and inceasing burden of Local Taxation in Urban and certain other Districts, the House urges upon the Government the necessity of forthwith redressing the undoubted grievances from which many ratepayers suffer—Mr. Nasmyth; The House divided.

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Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Nasmyth; 98.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Atkinson; 140.

So it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being War Office proposed, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the allegations of...
1st—2nd May, 1900.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Midland Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee. A Clause (Saving rights of the Duchy of Lancaster) was twice read, and made part of the Bill; and Amendments were made to the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Order be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Tuesday the 22nd day of this instant May, the London and Saint Katherine Docks and East and West India Dock Companies Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Newport Corporation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Newtown and Llandoveryaun Urban District Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Poynings Urban District Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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The Register of Firms Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report on Standard Piece Rates of Wages and Sliding Scales in the United Kingdom, 1900.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Water Supply Bill be read Water Supply a second time upon Tuesday the 12th day of June next.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Shop Hours Tuesday the 15th day of this instant May, the Shop Hours Acts Amendment Bill was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of this instant May.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Shop Hours Tuesday the 22nd day of this instant May, the Acts Amendment Bill was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Water Supply Bill; And Notice being taken that Forty Members were not present,—The House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock:—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker; at half an hour after Eight of the clock, without a Question first put, till To-morrow.

Wednesday, 2nd May, 1900.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Midland Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee. A Clause (Saving rights of the Duchy of Lancaster) was twice read, and made part of the Bill; and Amendments were made to the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Order be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Tuesday the 22nd day of this instant May, the London and Saint Katherine Docks and East and West India Dock Companies Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Newport Corporation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Newtown and Llandoveryaun Urban District Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Poynings Urban District Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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The Register of Firms Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

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Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Water Supply Bill be read Water Supply a second time upon Tuesday the 12th day of June next.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Licensed Tuesday the 15th day of this instant May, the Licences (Hours of Sale) (Scotland) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of this instant May.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Shop Hours Tuesday the 22nd day of this instant May, the Acts Amendment Bill was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of this instant May.

The Registration of Firms Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Select Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Imbeciles (Training Institutions) Bill; And

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And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Borough Funds Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Liquor Traffic Local Veto (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time; and the Debate adjourned.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Bawden.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. John Wilson (Govan) rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put;" but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

And, it being half an hour after Five of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Wednesday the 27th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Voluntary Schools (Grants in Aid) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Liquor Traffic Local Veto (Wales) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 21st day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Professional Accountants Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Electric Lighting Act (1882) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 22nd day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Values Taxation (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shop Hours Act (1892) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 24th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Court of Criminal Appeal Bill;

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Mr. Balfour reported from the Committee on the Uganda Railway Consolidation Bill; a Resolution which was read, as follows:

That it is expedient to authorise the issue, out of the Consolidated Fund, of a further Sum, not exceeding £1,930,000, for the Uganda Railway.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Uganda said Resolution: And that Mr. Balfour, Mr. Railway, Balfour, and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Balfour accordingly presented a Bill to provide further Money for the Uganda Railway:

And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Weights and Measures; And that Mr. Balfour, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Kearley, and Sir James Fortescue Blount do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a County Bill to amend the County Councils (Elections) Act, 1891: And that Sir John Dorrington, Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice, Mr. Jeffreys, Mr. Broadhurst, Mr. Hobhouse, Mr. Hampden-Wynter, Colonel Long, and Mr. Strachey do prepare, and bring it in.

Sir John Dorrington presented a Bill to amend the County Councils (Elections) Act, 1891: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Biddulph reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 26th, 27th, and 30th days of April last, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and to be printed.

Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice reported from the Police and Sanitary Regulations Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills; That, in the case of the Bradford Corporation Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and to be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Electric Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; and that the said Orders ought to be confirmed, and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Mr.
Mr. James William Lothian reported the Saint Albans's Water Bill, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Central London Railway Bill. Vide Supplement to the Votes.

Mr. James William Lothian reported the Central London Railway Bill, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

North Metropolitan Railway and Canal Bill. Vide Supplement to the Votes.

Mr. James William Lothian reported the North Metropolitan Railway and Canal Bill, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Vale of Rheidol Light Railway Bill.

Mr. James William Lothian reported from the Committee on the Vale of Rheidol Light Railway Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Bedford Gas Bill, without Amendment.

Mr. James William Lothian reported the Bedford Gas Bill, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Newport (Monmouthshire) Gas Bill [Lords.], Vide Supplement to the Votes.

Mr. James William Lothian reported the Newport (Monmouthshire) Gas Bill, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Scottish Widows' Fund and Life Assurance Society Bill [Lords.]

Mr. James William Lothian reported the Scottish Widows' Fund and Life Assurance Society Bill, without Amendment.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 3rd May, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Prayers.

THE Exeter Corporation Bill was read the third time, and passed with a New Title, as follows:—An Act to extend the City and County of the City of Exeter, to unite the Parishes within the City into one Parish, to unite the County of the City of Exeter, to unite the Parishes within the City into one Parish, to authorise the reconstruction of the Exe Bridge, and the construction of certain Street Works, and for other purposes. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Hamilton, Motherwell, and Wishaw Tramways Bill was read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Motion being made, That the London and South Western Railway Bill be now read the third time;
Sir John Kennaway, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's Vol. 155.

interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And Notice being taken, that the interest of the Prince of Wales, as Duke of Cornwall, is concerned therein;

Sir John Kennaway, by Command of His Royal Highness, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Royal Highness's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Aberdeen Corporation Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

An Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Bedfor...
Blackpool, Saint Anne's, and Lytham Tramways.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for leave to bring in the Blackpool, Saint Anne's, and Lytham Tramways Bill, might be read; and the same being read:
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise the Blackpool, Saint Anne's, and Lytham Tramways Company, Limited, to construct Tramways in substitution for their existing Tramways in the County Palatine of Lancaster, and for other purposes: And that Lord Balfour and Mr. Heider do prepare, and bring it in.

Public Petitions.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Further Papers relating to the Federation of the Australian Colonies (in continuation of [C. 124], April 1900).
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Public Accounts and Charges Act, 1891.

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 12th April 1900, directing, in pursuance of Section 2 (3) of the Public Accounts and Charges Act, 1891, that any fees payable under the Anchors and Chain Cable Act, 1899, shall be applied as an Appropriation in Aid of the Vote for Mercantile Marine Services; and further directing that any surplus, by order of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, under Section 80 (2) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1889 (61 and 62 Vict. c. 37), deducted from moneys payable from the Local Taxation (Ireland) Account to any Council in respect of a debt due from such Council, and where the amount due from the Council, if paid in ordinary course, would have been applied as an Appropriation in Aid of the Vote for or in repayment of expenses incurred by any Civil Department in Ireland, the Sum deducted in lieu thereof shall be applied as an Appropriation in Aid of the Vote for that Department.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ipswich and Woodbridge District Water Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Mr. Oldroyd reported from the Committee on Private Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, they had adjourned till Monday next, at Eleven of the clock.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Balfour accordingly presented the said Papers, and the Report of the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for leave to bring in the Blackpool, Saint Anne's, and Lytham Tramways Bill, might be read; and the same being read:
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Goschen presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations for Naval Prisons, revised to bring them into agreement with the principles governing the Rules for Local Prisons, dated 21st April 1899.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brodrich presented, by Her Majesty's Trade Reports Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2409 to 2413.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Ulster's Heroes a Copy of Return of Abstract Account of the (Scotland) Receipts and Payments of the Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer in Scotland in the year ended the 31st day of December 1899, No. 160, in the administration of Estates and Treasure Trove on behalf of the Crown:—And, of Alphabetical List of Estates which fell to the Crown as Ulster's Heroes in Scotland administered by the Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer in the same year.

Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented the said Paper.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Wolverhampton Gas Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Vide Supplemen- Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Woodbridge District Water Bill, with Amend- ments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Vide Supple- ment to the Vote.

Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice reported from the Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills; That, in the case of the Liverpool Corporation Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Vide Supple- ment to the Vote.

Mr. Oldroyd reported from the Committee on Private Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, they had adjourned till Monday next, at Eleven of the clock.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:—The Lords have passed a Bill intituled, An Act to authorise the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Ipswich to construct Woodilee and Woodilee Tramways.
Tramways and Street Improvements, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Irish Corporation Tramways Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, the proposals contained in the Code of Regulations for Day Schools and in the Minutes of the Board of Education laid before Parliament during the present Session are conducive to the interests of Education—(Mr. Jeff); An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House approves the adoption of the " principle of the block grant contained in the " New Code, and the establishment, under the " Minute, of higher elementary schools, but is " of opinion that the educational proposals of the " Department contain provisions which are not " conducive to the best interests of education "—(Mr. Alfred Hutton), instead thereof. And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question ;

The House proceeded to a Division. And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 4th May, 1900:

The Yeas to the Right ; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the[Mr. William Walrond], 188. Yeas, [Mr. Austinther];

Tellers for the[Mr. Alfred Hutton], 105. Noes, [Mr. Mother]; So it was resolved in the Affirmative. And the Main Question being again proposed:—And a Debate arising thereupon; And, it being after Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 30th day of April last, That the Sea Fisheries Bill be now read a second time ;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Money-Lending Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Removal Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Land Registry (New Buildings) [Advances].

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the issue, out of the Consolidated Fund, of such sums, not exceeding in the whole £2,260,000, as may be required for the purposes of any Act of the present Session for the acquisition of property for building a new Land Registry Office and other Public Offices in London, and to authorise the Treasury, for the purpose of providing for the issue and repayment of such sums, to borrow money by means of Terminable Annuities for a period not exceeding fifty years, such Annuities to be paid out of moneys to be provided by Parliament for the service of the Commissioners of Works, and, if those sums are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr. Akers-Douglas.) Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Railways (Prevention of Accidents) [Expenses].

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the remuneration of any persons employed by the Board of Trade, under any Act of the present Session for the better Prevention of Accidents on Railways, and of the Expenses incurred by the Board under such Act—(Sir William Walrond); Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Daly)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
Burial Grounds

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Burial Grounds (Remuneration); Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Health Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 15th day of March last, That the Public Health Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

Petroleum Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 19th day of March last, That the Petroleum Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Vagrants' Children Protection Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 19th day of March last, That the Vagrants' Children Protection Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Bakehouses (Hours of Labour) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bakehouses Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Executors (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Executors (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 24th day of this instant May.

Colonial Solicitors Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 19th day of March last, That the Colonial Solicitors Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

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The House met at Three of the clock.

Prayer.

Great Western Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Great Western Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Edinburgh District Lunacy Board Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Edinburgh District Lunacy Board Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Ure.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question.—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, that the Bill be now read a second time—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed.

A Bill to authorise the Blackpool, Saint Anne's, and Lytham Tramways Company, Limited, to construct Tramways in substitution for their existing Tramways in the County Palatine of Lancaster, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The House proceeded to take into consideration that part of the Message from the Lords of the 1st day of this instant May relating to the appointment of a Joint Committee on Railways (Ireland) Amalgamation Bills.

Ordered, That a Select Committee of Four Members be appointed to join with the Committee of the Lords, to consider the Great Southern and Western and Waterford and Central Ireland Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill, the Great Southern and Western and Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill, and the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Bill, as requested by their Lordships in their Message of the 1st day of this instant May.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith; and that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Ordered, That the said Committee be nominated by the Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.—(Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Tramways Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Tramways Act, 1870, relating to Bournemouth Corporation Tramways, Houghton-le-Spring and District Tramways, Liverpool Corporation Tramways, Portsmouth Corporation Tramways, Rotchesly Tramways, Weston-super-Mare Tramways, and Whitefield Urban District Council Tramways: And that Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Hanbury do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented a Bill to Tramways Orders (No. 5.)

And Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented a Bill to Tramways Orders (No. 5.)

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Public Accounts and Charges Act, 1891, which was presented upon the 3rd day of this instant May, 1901, be printed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented.—Return to an Trade Union Order, dated the 5th day of April last, for a Fund, to be applied to the Settlement of Disputes arising under the Trade Union Act, 1871; and for other purposes; and ordered to be printed.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Mr.
Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Memoranda relating to the Uganda Railway, 1900.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Return showing the application and application of the Contribution out of the Local Taxation (Scotland) Account, under Section 2, Sub-section (4), of the Education and Local Taxation Account (Scotland) Act, 1892 (Equivalent Grant), as amended by Section 2 of the Local Taxation Account (Scotland) Act, 1898, for the financial year ended 31st March 1899.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 16th day of February 1899, for a Copy of Digest of the Endowed Charities in the County of Worcester, the particulars of which are recorded in the Books of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales, but are not recorded in the General Digest of Endowed Charities for that County, 1873-75 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper No. 155 (3), of Session 1876).

Ordered, That the said Return be printed.

Mr. Halley reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures,—Sir Elliott Lees; and had appointed in substitution : Mr. Herbert Maxwell.

Mr. Halley further reported from the Committee; That they had added to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, the following Fifteen Members in respect of the Agricultural Holdings Bill:—Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, Sir Thomas Gilchrist-Carnmichael, Mr. Mavor Ferguson, Mr. Jomervy-Quean, Mr. Heywood Johnstone, Mr. Brynnor Jones, Sir John Kinloch, Mr. Lambert, the Lord Advocate, Mr. Jasper More, the Earl Percy, Captain Prettyman, Mr. Pirie, Mr. Solicitor General, and Colonel Williams.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Halley reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from the Joint Committee of Lords and Commons on Municipal Trading,—Sir Samuel Hoare; and had appointed in substitution : Mr. Lewis Fry.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for leave to bring in the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Bill, might be read; and the same being read:

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the vesting of the Railways and other Property of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company in the Secretary of State in Council of India, and for other purposes: And that Sir Andrew Scoble and Mr. Cohen do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on the Manchester Ship Canal Bill, in Session 1885, be referred to the Committee on the London and North Western Railway Bill.

Mr. Baldens reported from the Committee on Private Bills, Group A of Private Bills; That for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Alexander Hargreaves Brown reported Private Bills from the Committee on Group D of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday the 15th day of this instant May, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Emigration, and Abolition, a Copy of Statistical Tables relating to Emigration and Abolition, and Imagination from and into the United Kingdom in the year 1899, and Report to the Board of Trade thereon.—(Mr. Ritchie.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by the Lords, one of their Clerks, as followeth:—

The Lords have agreed to the Postoffice Postpark Bill.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Grocers’ Bill to abolish Dealers’ or Grocers’ Licences in Scotland: And that Sir John Leng, Mr. John Wilson (Govan), Mr. Crombie, Mr. Dalziel, Captain Pirie, Mr. Souttar, Mr. Coleville, and Sir William Wedderburn do prepare, and bring it in.

Sir John Leng accordingly presented a Bill to Grocers’ Licences (Scotland) Abolition Bill, and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of this instant May; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply into itself the Committee of Supply.

(Mr. Runciman.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £.275,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Salaries and Miscellaneous Charges of the War Office, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901.

Ordered, That Item A, (Salaries) be reduced by £.200, in respect of the Salary of the Secretary of State:—(Mr. Runciman.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Gladstone,] Yes, [Mr. William M’Arthur:] 116.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond,] No. [Mr. Austruther:] 215.

Original Question again proposed: Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
Revenue Departments Estimates, 1900–1901.

1. £1,165,085, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Inland Revenue Department.
2. £5,243,505, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Post Office Services, the Post Office Savings Banks, and Government Annuities and Insurances, and the Collection of the Post Office Revenue.

Resolutions to be reported.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £363,015, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Expenses of the Post Office Packet Service:

Motion made, and Question put, That Item A (Contracts for Conveyance of Mails) be reduced by £100, in respect of the service between Kyle and Stornoway.—[Mr. Weir]

The Committee divided.

 Tellers for the [Mr. Weir]: 49.
 Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Mr. Anstruther]: 140.

Original Question again proposed;
Saturday, 5th May, 1900:

And, it being Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lowther also acquainted the House, that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

Mr. Alera-Douglas reported from the Committee on Land Registry (New Buildings) [Advances], a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That it is expedient to authorise the issue, out of the Consolidated Fund, of such sums, not exceeding in the whole £265,000, as may be required for the purposes of any Act of the present Session for the acquisition of Property for building a new Land Registry Office and other Public Offices in London, and to authorise the Treasury, for the purpose of providing for the issue and repayment of such Sums, to borrow money by means of Terminable Annuities for a period not exceeding Fifty Years, such Annuities to be paid out of moneys to be provided by Parliament for the service of the Commissioners of Works, and, if those Sums are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Factory and Workshop Act (1878) Amendment (No. 2) Bill; the Bill was read a second time upon Thursday next.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report of the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Friendly Societies Disqualification Removal Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of February last, That the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (No. 2) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Petroleum Second Reading of the Petroleum Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit until five minutes after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 7th May, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Factory and Workshop Act Disqualification Removal Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of February last, That the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (No. 2) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Petroleum Second Reading of the Petroleum Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit until five minutes after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Factory and Workshop Act (1878) Amendment (No. 2) Bill; the Bill was read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Friendly Societies Disqualification Removal Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of February last, That the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (No. 2) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Petroleum Second Reading of the Petroleum Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit until five minutes after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Factory and Workshop Act Disqualification Removal Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of February last, That the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (No. 2) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Petroleum Second Reading of the Petroleum Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit until five minutes after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Factory and Workshop Act (1878) Amendment (No. 2) Bill; the Bill was read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Factory and Workshop Act Disqualification Removal Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of February last, That the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (No. 2) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Petroleum Second Reading of the Petroleum Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit until five minutes after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Factory and Workshop Act (1878) Amendment (No. 2) Bill; the Bill was read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Factory and Workshop Act Disqualification Removal Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of February last, That the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (No. 2) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Petroleum Second Reading of the Petroleum Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit until five minutes after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Factory and Workshop Act (1878) Amendment (No. 2) Bill; the Bill was read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Factory and Workshop Act Disqualification Removal Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of February last, That the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (No. 2) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Petroleum Second Reading of the Petroleum Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit until five minutes after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Factory and Workshop Act (1878) Amendment (No. 2) Bill; the Bill was read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Factory and Workshop Act Disqualification Removal Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquit them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the North Metropolitan Railway and Canal Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Birmingham (King Edward the Sixth) Schools Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Birmingham (King Edward the Sixth) Schools Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Birmingham University Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Burnley Corporation Bill [Lords.]

The Burnley Corporation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Burton Water and Gas Bill [Lords.]

The Burton Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Fishguard Water and Gas Bill [Lords.]

The Fishguard Water and Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

London County Council (Money) Bill [Money Bill.]

The London County Council (Money) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Manchester Ship Canal Bill [Lords.]

The Manchester Ship Canal Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Mountain Ash Water Bill [Lords.]

The Mountain Ash Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Rhydmyne Iron Company Bill [Lords.]

The Rhydmyne Iron Company Bill was read a second time; and committed.

A Bill to provide for the vesting of the Railways and other Property of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company in the Secretary of State in Council of India, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for leave to bring in the Bray Urban District Council Bill, might be read; and the same being read:

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to continue the Powers for the making of, and to extend the time limited for the completion of, certain Works authorised by the Bray Township Act, 1890, namely, the Promenade, Pier and Landing Stage thereby authorised, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Field and Mr. William Abraham (Cork) do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on the North Eastern Railway Bill, in Session 1895, be referred to the Committee on the Tyneside Electric Power Bill. (Mr. Caldwell.)

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Chaplin presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—General Abstract of the Number of Marriages, Births, and Deaths registered in England in the year 1896.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Seventeenth Report of the Comptroller General of Patents, Designs, and Trade Marks, with Appendices, for the year 1899.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the Return relative to Emigration and Immigration be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Return of the Number of Evictions from Agricultural Holdings, which have come to the knowledge of the Constabulary, and also of the Number of Tenancies determined, in the Quarter ended 31st March 1900.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wyndham presented, pursuant to the Army (Rules of Procedure) of Rules of Procedure (Army), 1899.

Copy of Rules for Military Prisons, 1899. Army (Military Prisons.)

Copy of Further Regulations relating to the Army Militia.

Copy of Further Regulations relating to the Army Reserve.

Army Reserve.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Browne presented, by Her Majesty’s Trade Reports Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Annual Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2414 to 2417.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth reported the Baker Street and Waterloo Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Oldroyd reported from the Committee on Private Bills Group B of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, they had adjourned till Wednesday, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Isolation Hospitals (Amendment) Bill was read, and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

The Youthful Offenders Bill was read the first Youthful Offenders time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into Colonial Committee, upon Wednesday next, on the Solicitors Bill.

Colonial Solicitors Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Sale of Wednesday the 16th day of this instant May, Intoxicating Liquors to Children Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Land Dedication Wednesday the 16th day of this instant May, the Dedication Land Dedication Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Tyneside Second Reading of the Uganda Railway Bill; and
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And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time ;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Byron Jones.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question ;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right ;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], 226.

Yea. [Mr. Austruther ; ]

Tellers for the [Mr. Byron Jones], 53.

Noes. [Mr. Buchanan ; ]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put ;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time ;—The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Sea Fisheries Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 30th day of April last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Sea Fisheries Bill be now read a second time ;

And which Amendment was, to leave out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, add the words "upon this day six months."—(Sir Cameron Gull) ;

And the Question being again proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question ;—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put ;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right ;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], 160.

Yea. [Mr. Austruther ; ]

Tellers for the [Sir Cameron Gull], 33.

Noes. [Mr. Price ; ]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put ;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time ;—The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and committed to a Select Committee.

Money-Lending Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Money-Lending Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Naval Reserve (Mobilisation) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Naval Reserve (Mobilisation) Bill.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

CLAUSE, No 1 (Directions by Admiralty as to numbers of Volunteers called out, 22 & 23 Vic. c. 40).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 8, after the word "Admiralty," to insert the words "from "time to time."—(Mr. Caldwell.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted ;

The Committee divided.

Yea. [Mr. Courtney Warner ; ] 43.

Tellers for the [Mr. Caldwell ; ]

Noes. [Mr. Austruther ; ]

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 8, after the word "give," to insert the words "and when given to revoke or vary."—(Mr. Caldwell.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted ;

Tuesday, 8th May, 1900 :

And, it being Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Grant Lawson reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Working Classes Act (1890) Amendment Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Midwives (Expenses.) Bill ;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Companies Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Tithe Rent-charge (Ireland) Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Factories and Workshops Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Charitable Loans (Ireland) Bill ;

Ordered, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Lunacy Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Elementary Education Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Dogs Regulation Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Inebriates Amendment (Scotland) Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Palatine Court the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed of Durham Bill [Lords.] upon the 2nd day of April last, That the Palatine Court of Durham Bill be now read a second time ;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Removal Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Railways (Prevention of Accidents) [Expenses].

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the Remuneration of any persons employed by the Board of Trade, under any Act of the present Session for the better Prevention of Accidents on Railways, and of the Expenses incurred by the Board under such Act.—(Sir William Walrond.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the Remuneration of any persons employed by the Board of Trade, under any Act of the present Session for the better Prevention of Accidents on Railways, and of the Expenses incurred by the Board under such Act.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Grant Lawson reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Burial Grounds [Remuneration.]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Burial Grounds [Remuneration].

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the Remuneration and Allowances which may become payable under any Act of the present Session to amend the Law relating to Burial Grounds.—(Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Grant Lawson reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.


The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply; Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply; Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Weights and Measures Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Weights and Measures Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 16th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 19th day of March last, That the Vagrants' Children Protection Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 19th day of March last, That the Bakehouses (Hours of Labour) Bill, upon the 19th day of March last, That the Bakehouses (Hours of Labour) Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Petroleum Second Reading of the Petroleum Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, in the opinion of this House, the Special Rules with regard to the Employment of persons in Lucifer Match Factories, in which the manufacture of White or Yellow Phosphorus is used, ought to be annulled.—(Captain Norton;)

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Sir Charles Dilke;) 37.

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Anstruther;) 98.

So it passed in the Negative.

And then the House, having continued to sit till five minutes before One of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Tuesday, 8th May, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading with, Standing Order No. 63 has been complied with, viz.:—

Blackpool, Saint Anne's, and Lytham Tramways Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Motion being made, That the Great Western Railway Bill be now read the third Railway Bill time;

Mr. Ritchie, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And Notice being taken that the interest of the Prince of Wales, as Duke of Cornwall, is concerned therein;

Mr. Ritchie, by Command of His Royal Highness, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Royal Highness's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Central London Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time. A A
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Huddersfield Corporation Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now taken into consideration; An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words from the words "Bill be" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "re-committed to the former Committee"—(Sir James Woodhouse), instead thereof. And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question, it was passed in the Negative. And the Question being put, That the words "re-committed to the former Committee" be there added:—It was resolved in the Affirmative. And the Main Question, so amended, being put; Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to the former Committee. Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee to consider and report as to the expediency of re-inserting in the Bill the power to construct additional Tramways to and in the Borough, Districts, and Parishes hereinafter mentioned adjacent to the Borough, that is to say: The Borough of Brighouse; The Urban Districts of Mirfield, Marsden, Slaitheatwe, Louthwaite, Legden, Kirkburton, Honley, Thurstonland, New Mill, Netherthong, Holmfirth; and The Parishes of Fisby, Clifton, and Hartshead, in the Rural District of Halifax.—(Sir James Woodhouse.)

Edinburgh Corporation Bill was read a second time; and committed. The Exmouth Urban District Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The London County Tramways (No. 1) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Gun Barrel Proof Act, 1868, Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

A Bill to continue the powers for the making of and to extend the time limited for the completion of certain Works authorised by the Bray Township Act, 1890, namely, the Promenade Pier and Landing Stage thereby authorised, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Order made upon the 20th day of March last, That the Knott End Railway Bill be committed, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.—(Mr. Calderhead.)

Ordered, That the Committee of Selection do add Two Members to the Select Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills; that they do divide the Committee, so augmented, into two Committees, and from time to time apportion the Bills committed to the original Committee and not already disposed of between the two Committees, each of which shall have the full powers of and be subject to the Orders and Instructions in force in the case of the unindivided Committee.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Ilkeston and Rothwell (Northampton); And that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring it in; Mr. T. W. Russell accordingly presented a Local Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Government Local Government Board relating to Ilkeston and Rothwell (Northampton): And the same was (Gaz. Bill) read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Trade Union Funds, which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Patents, Designs, and Trade Marks, which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant May, be printed.

Mr. Goschen presented,—Return to an Order, H.M.S. "Diadem," &c. Dated the 19th day of February last, for a Return relative to H.M.S. "Diadem," &c. (Boilers). Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The following Paper, pursuant to the Report of the Select Committee on Expiring Laws, in Laws, Session 1866, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of Register of Temporary Laws for the Seventh Session of the Twenty-sixth Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland (63 Vic., 1900).

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Select Committee on War Office Contracts have leave to hear Counsel to such extent as they shall see fit.—(Mr. Jackson); The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noses to the Left. Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, [Mr. Austruther] 184. Tellers for the [Mr. James Leother], Noes, [Mr. Strachey] 82. So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Report and Minutes of Public Evidence of the Select Committee on Public Departments (Purchases, &c.), 1873-4, be referred to the Select Committee on War Office Contracts.—(Mr. Jackson.)

Complaint made by Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Privilege, Member for Kilkenny City, of certain passages in a letter written by Messrs. Rees and Hindley, Solicitors, and forwarded to every Member of Parliament. The said letter was handed in, and the passages complained of were read, as followeth:—Rees and Hindley, Solicitors, 43, Castle Street, Liverpool, 7th May 1900.

Army Contract Scandals.

"Dear Sir,

"Below is copy letter of even date forwarded by us to Mr. Powell-Williams, M.P. herein:—"

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"As you are aware, we act for Mr. John Brown, of Eversleigh, against whom allegations have been made with regard to the quality of hay supplied by him to Her Majesty's transports. Our client's extensive dealings with the War Office, and more particularly the circumstances connected with the hay shipped on Her Majesty's transport to Manchester Port, will be a subject matter for enquiry by the Select Committee on Government Contracting recently appointed.

"Further, it was Mr. Houston, despite the fact that a Board of Officers at Tilbury passed the hay on the 'Manchester Port', who refused to allow the vessel to sail, it was chartered by you, and until the hay had been unloaded. Why, therefore, should he who has prejudged our client be allowed to sit in biased judgment upon him? We hope to examine him before the Committee, and it is common knowledge to yourself and ourselves that he will be an important witness."

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, in the opinion of this House, the passages in the letter of Messrs. Rees and Hindley, read at the Table of the House, constitute a breach of the Privileges of this House—(Mr. Patrick O'Brien); The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the [Mr. Patrick O'Brien] 192. Tellers for the [Mr. Keartley] 100. So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, the passages in the letter of Messrs. Rees and Hindley, read at the Table of the House, constitute a breach of the Privileges of this House. A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Messrs. Rees and Hindley do attend at the Bar of this House on Thursday next, at Three of the clock—(Mr. James Lowther);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That", in the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House do now propose to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto."

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Sack-Hogge reported from the Committee on the South Lancashire Tramways Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Arthur O'Conor reported from the Standing Committee on the South Lancashire Tramways Bill; That the Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Acts for the London United Tramways United Tramways Bill; That, in pursuance of the Instruction of the Lords, the House of the 27th March last, the Committee had considered whether it was desirable to introduce into the Bill provisions to secure Cheap Fares for the Labouring Classes, and whether Amendments should be made in the Clauses with this object in the original Acts of the Company in respect of the number of Cars run, the hours at which the Cars run, the maximum and minimum Fares charged, and whether Penalties should be inserted to secure the objects of the Clauses; and a new Clause, agreed with the Local Authorities and submitted by the Promoters to the Committee had been inserted in the Bill, providing for the Number and Times of running of Workmen's Cars on the Tramways, and the Fares to be taken thereon, and whether Penalties for the non-observance of such provisions.

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Mr. Bakwin reported from the Committee on Private Bills Group A of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Thursday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection; that they had discharged the following Member from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures:—Sir John Kinloch; and appointed in substitution: Sir William Welderburn.

Mr. Halsey further reported from the Committee; that they had added to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, the following Fifteen Members in respect of the Land Charges Bill:—Mr. Bond, Mr. Boughey, Mr. Culme, Mr. Channing, Mr. Droge, Mr. Maurice Healy, Mr. Hedderwick, Mr. Kimber, Mr. Herbert Lewis, Mr. Moon, Mr. Perks, Mr. Pollock, Mr. Perrins, Mr. Rendall, and Mr. Shaw-Cox.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

The Order for reading a second time, Tomorrow, the Manhood Suffrage (Ireland) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 16th day of this instant May.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to remove Doubts respecting the Powers of the Local Government Board for Ireland for determining the Area on which certain Expenses are to be chargeable: And that Mr. Gerald Balfour and Mr. Attorney General for Ireland do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the County Surveyors (Ireland) Act, 1862: And that Mr. Gerald Balfour and Mr. Attorney General for Ireland do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Local Authorities to deal separately with the Sewage and Drainage of their Districts: And that Mr. Stephens, Sir Michael Foster, Sir Walter Foster, Mr. John Burns, Mr. Lawson Walton, Dr. Robert Ambrose, Mr. Bryngau Jones, and Mr. Gripps do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented a Bill to remove Doubts respecting the Power of the Local Government Board for Ireland for determining the Area on which certain Expenses are to be chargeable: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented a Bill to amend the County Surveyors (Ireland) Act, 1862: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Stephens presented a Bill to enable Local Authorities to deal separately with the Sewage and Drainage of their Districts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of this instant May; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That no Speech (other than those delivered by Ministers or Ex-Ministers, or by the mover of a Bill or Resolution) shall exceed twenty minutes in length.—(Major Rasch); The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Major Rasch, Sir Alexander Acland. 91.
Tellers for the Yeas, H. Row. 38.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. T. P. O'Connor. 137.

So it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, in the opinion of this House, the position of a Public Company Director is incompatible with the position of a Minister of the Crown, and the union of such offices is calculated to lower the dignity of public life.—(Mr. MacNeill):

The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. MacNeill. 71.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Charles Murray. 82.

So it passed in the Negative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Merchant Shipping (Liability of Shipowners and others) Bill, as amended by the Standing Committee.

Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present.—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, at ten minutes before Nine of the clock, without a Question first put, till Tomorrow.

Wednesday, 9th May, 1900.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Sir John Kenyon reported from the Committee on the Manchester and Liverpool Electric Express Railway Bill; That the parties in interest, in promoting the said Bill had stated that the evidence of Samuel B. Cottrell, Engineer to the Liverpool and Manchester Railway Company, was essential to their case; and, it having been proved that his attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move that the said Samuel B. Cottrell do attend the said Committee this day.

Ordered, That Samuel B. Cottrell do attend the Committee on the Manchester and Liverpool Electric Express Railway Bill this day.

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Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing (1) the Number of Men who have been transferred from the 4th Battalion of the Bedfordshire Regiment to the 1st and 2nd Battalions, and (2) the Number of Recruits residing in Hertfordshire who have enlisted into the Line Battalions of the Bedfordshire Regiment during the last three years.—(Mr. Hudson.)

The County and Borough Franchise Assimilation (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Waste Lands Afforestation (Ireland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Sunday Closing (Wales) Act (1881) Sunday Closing Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure.

The Salmon Fisheries (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures.—(Mr. Tomlinson)—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Fisheries (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill;

And Notice being taken, at Three of the clock, that Forty Members were not present, the House was told by Mr. Speaker, and Twenty-one Members only being present, Mr. Speaker retired from the Chair until Four of the clock, when the House was again told by Mr. Speaker, and Seven Members only being present, the House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker without a Question first put till To-morrow.

Thursday, 10th May, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional Order Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; That, in the case of the following Orders Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the applicable Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.,—

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.,—

Great Southern and Western Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.
Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Returns of Accidents and Casualties as reported to the Board of Trade by the several Railway Companies in the United Kingdom during the year ending 31st December 1899, together with the Reports of the Inspecting Officers of the Railway Department to the Board of Trade upon certain Accidents which were inquired into.

Mr. Ritchie also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of the Metropolitan Gas Companies' accounts for the year ending 31st December 1899, together with the Reports of the Inspecting Officers of the Gas Companies of the United Kingdom for the same year, and the Reports of the Auditor of the Gas Companies of Ireland, arranged according to the several Railway Companies in the United Kingdom, Germany, and the United States of America, as required by the Standing Order 158A, Copy of Report by the Committee on the Bill.

Mr. Ritchie also presented, in pursuance of Railways Standing Order 158A,—Copy of Report by the Committee on the Bill that the Paper relative to Gas Companies (Metropolis) be printed; and that the Paper relative to Gas Companies (Metropolis) be printed; and that the Paper relative to Railways Abandonment be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2418 to 2421.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Writ to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of the Isle of Wight, in the room of Sir Richard Everard Webster, Baronet, q.c., who, since his election for the said County, hath accepted the Office of Master of the Rolls.

(Sir William Walrond.)

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Writ to the Clerk of the Crown in Ireland, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Dublin University, in the room of the Right Honourable Edward Henry Carson, q.c., who, since his election for the said University, hath accepted the Office of Her Majesty's Solicitor General.

(Sir William Walrond.)

Ordered, That Mr. Round have leave of absence for one week, on account of domestic affliction. (Sir William Walrond.)

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Local Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 1) Bill; That they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table. Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration tomorrow.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Local Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed them to be printed.

The North Metropolitan Railway and Canal Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Rheidol Light Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Woodbridge District Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Bradford Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do prepare, and bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Atherton, Barmouth, Catterick, Leicester, Stafford, and Teignmouth; and that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. T. W. Russell accordingly presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Atherton, Barmouth, Catterick, Leicester, Stafford, and Teignmouth; and the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. Walter Long presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Agricultural Returns for Great Britain, showing the Acreage and Produce of the United Kingdom, British Possessions, and Foreign Countries for 1899.

Mr. Walter Long also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a Chart, giving the Average, and Produce of Crops, Prices of Corn, and Number of Live Stock; together with Agricultural Statistics for the United Kingdom, British Possessions, and Foreign Countries for 1899.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


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Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Additional Articles to existing Money Order Agreements between the General Post Office and the governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the General Post Offices of Austria, Hungary, Luxemburg, Norway, Romania, and Switzerland respectively, providing for an exchange of Telegraph Money Orders.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Nottingham Corporation Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Baldwin reported from the Committee on the London County Council (Improvements) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the T份额 of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Tatten Egerton reported from the Committee on Group 5 of Railway Bills; That the parties opposing the Bray and Enniskerry Railway Bill had stated that the evidence of Charles Herbert Wilkinson, of 224, Dashwood House, 5, New Broad Street, London, was essential to their case; and, it having been proved that his attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move that the said Charles Herbert Wilkinson do attend the said Committee on Wednesday next the 16th of May, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That Charles Herbert Wilkinson do attend the Committee on Group 5 of Railway Bills on Wednesday next the 16th of May, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Numbers of Cases of Lead Poisoning reported as occurring (1) in the Earthenware and China Industry for each month from January 1898 to March 1900, both inclusive, and (2) in all other Trades.—(Mr. Coghill.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Cheshire Lines Committee Bill, without any Amendment.

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Ordered, That the Merchant Shipping (Liability of Shipowners and others) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Wednesday the 27th day of June next.

Mr. Ritchie reported from the Committee on Railways (Prevention of Accidents) [Expenses], a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the Remuneration of any persons employed by the Board of Trade, under any Act of the previous session of Parliament for the better Prevention of Accidents on Railways, of the Expenses incurred by the Board under such Act.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing of the Working Classes Act (1890) Amendment Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "no Bill dealing with the Housing of the Working Classes can be regarded as adequate which provides for the amendment of one part only of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890; which omits to amend the law relating to the assessment of compensation for unhealthy dwelling-houses; and which makes no provision whereby the councils establishing dwelling-houses outside their districts may, where necessary, be enabled to obtain adequate railway or other communication between their districts and such dwelling-houses."—(Mr. Robson),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—And a Debate arising thereupon:

And, it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Friday, 11th May, 1900:

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Uganda Committee on the Uganda Railway Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Money—Second Reading of the Money—Lending Bill; [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Poor Removal Bill was, according to Poor Removal Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ecclesiastical Law relating to the assessment of compensa-

Second Reading of the Ecclesiastical Assessments (Scotland) Bill; [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Youthful Offenders Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Midwives Committee on Midwives [Expenses]; [Lords.]

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

The Order of the day being read, for the Companies Second Reading of the Companies Bill; [Lords.]

Ordered,
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tithes Rent-charge (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Factories and Workshops Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Charitable Loans (Ireland) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Elementary Education Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dogs Regulation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Inebriates Amendment (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 2nd day of April last, That the Palatine Court of Durham Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The County Surveyors (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Plushott reported from the Committee on Burial Grounds [Remuneration], a Resolution; which was read, as follows:—That it is expedient to authorize the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of any remuneration and allowances which may become payable under any Act of the present Session to amend the Law relating to Burial Grounds. Vol. 155.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply [4th May] Report.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Petty Customs Abolition (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Act (Scotland) Act, 1894 (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Education Bill; Second Reading of the Education (School Attendance) (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Revised Session to amend the Law relating to Burial Grounds.

Inebriates Amendment (Scotland) Bill, Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Second Reading of the Inebriates Amendment (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 4th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Factory and Workshop Act (1878) Amendment (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of this instant May.

Second Reading of the Isolation Hospitals (Amendment) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Colonial Solicitors Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Second Reading of the Vagrants' Protection Bill; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 30th day of this instant May.

Second Reading of the Isolation Hospitals (Amendment) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 19th day of March last, That the Vagrants' Children Protection Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till the 29th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 19th day of March last, That the Vagrants' Children Protection Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till the 29th day of this instant May.

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The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 19th day of March last, That the Vagrants' Children Protection Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till the 29th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 19th day of March last, That the Vagrants' Children Protection Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till the 29th day of this instant May.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 31st day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Old Age Provident Pensions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 28th day of this instant May.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 25th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Outdoor Provident Relief Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Distress Abolition and Substitution Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 22nd day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Houses (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the University of Wales (Graduates) Bill;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday the 24th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Colonial Marriages (Deceased Wife's Sister) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the University of Wales (Graduates) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Houses (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 24th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Houses Electorate Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 22nd day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Petroluem Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 12th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Truck Acts Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Truck Acts Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Factories and Workshops Amendment and Consolidation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Friendly Societies Disqualification Removal Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 24th day of this instant May.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 24th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (No. 2) Bill (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 24th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 8th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Distress Abolition and Substitution Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Distress Abolition and Substitution Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Acts Amendment (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 24th day of this instant May.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 24th day of this instant May.

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Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday the 24th day of this instant May.
THE House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 62 has been complied with, viz. —

Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Central London Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed, with a verbal Amendment made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 1) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time ; and committed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Acreing-ton and Church Outfall Sewerage District, and to Acton, Chester (Rural), Reigate, Weymouth (Rural), and Wigan (Rural) ; and that Mr. T. W. Russell do prepare, and bring in it.
Establisnent of the Secretary of State in Council of India; and Estimate of the Amount received in the year ending 31st March 1901 to pay the Salaries and other Expenses of the India Office, and of the Office of the Auditor of the Accounts of the Secretary of State in Council.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to East India (Estimate) and East India (Home Account) be printed.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table, to be laid before the Clerk of the House.—Copy of Report made to the Lord Chancellor under the Lunacy Act, 1890, by the Visitors of Lunatics, of the Number of Visits made, the Number of Patients seen, and the Number of Miles travelled by the said Visitors, between the 1st day of October 1899 and 31st day of March 1900.

Ordered, That the Parties appearing before the Select Committee on War Office Contracts have leave to print the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee day by day from the Committee Clerk's Copy, if they think fit.

Mr. Tutton Egerton reported from the Committee on Group 5 of Railway Bills; That the Parties promoting the Great Northern Railway (Ireland) Bill had stated that the evidence of Peter Chalmers Cowan, Chief Engineering Inspector for the Local Government Board (Ireland), Custom House, Dublin, was essential to their case; and it having been proved that his attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move that the said Peter Chalmers Cowan do attend the said Committee on Monday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That Peter Chalmers Cowan do attend the Committee on Group 5 of Railway Bills on Monday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice reported from the Select Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills, Aberdeen Police and Improvement Bill.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Colonel Cotton-Jodrell reported from the Committee on the South Eastern Metropolitan Tramways Bill; That, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 20th day of February last, the Committee have struck out the powers to construct the Tramways Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8.

Colonel Cotton-Jodrell further reported; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereof.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Electoral Disabilities (Military Service) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Redhill Gas Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the Trustees of the British Museum to deposit copies of Local Newspapers with Local Authorities, and to dispose of, without less printed matter; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further Powers on the London Sea Water Supply Company; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the Great Central Railway Company to make new Railways and other Works; to acquire additional Lands; to extend the time for the compulsory purchase of certain Lands, for the completion of certain Railways, and for the sale of superfluous Lands; to raise additional Capital; to define and regulate the existing Capital of the Company; to confer further Powers upon the Wrexham, Mold, and Conwy's Quay Railway Company, the Liverpool, Saint Helen's, and South Lancashire Railway Company, and the Nottingham Joint Station Committee, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have appointed a Committee, consisting of Five Lords, to join with the Committee of the Commons (pursuant to Message of this House of the 5th April), to consider and report as to the principles which should govern powers given by Bills and Provisional Orders to municipal and local authorities for industrial enterprise within or without the area of their jurisdiction; and they propose that the said Joint Committee do meet in the Chairman of Committee's Committee Room on Thursday next, at Three of the clock.

The House proceeded to take the said Message into consideration.

Ordered, That the Committee of this House do meet the Lords Committee as proposed by their Lordships.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith; and that the Clerk do carry the same.

The Lords propose that the Joint Committee Railways appointed for the consideration of the Great Southern and Western and Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill, the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Bill, and the Great Southern and Western and Waterford and Central Ireland Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill, do meet in Committee Room B on Friday next, at Two of the clock.

The House proceeded to take the said Message into consideration.

Ordered, That the Committee of this House do meet the Lords Committee as proposed by their Lordships.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith; and that the Clerk do carry the same.

The Lords have appointed a Committee, consisting of Four Lords, to join with the Committee of the Commons (pursuant to Message of this House of the 5th April last), to consider and report as to the principles which should govern powers given by Bills and Provisional Orders to municipal and local authorities for industrial enterprise within or without the area of their jurisdiction; and they propose that the said Joint Committee do meet in Committee Room A on Thursday next, at Two of the clock.

The House proceeded to take the said Message into consideration.

Ordered, That the Committee of this House do meet the Lords Committee as proposed by their Lordships.
Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith; and that the Clerk do carry the same.

The London Sea Water Supply Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Great Central Railway Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had nominated the following Four Members to serve on the Joint Committee of Lords and Commons on the Railways (Ireland) Amalgamation Bills:—Mr. Buchanans, Sir Samuel Montagu, Mr. Pierpoint, and Mr. Usborne.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from the Standing Committee on Trade, &c.:—Mr. Cameron, Mr. J. B. Collings, Mr. Goddard, Mr. Grettan, Mr. Jebb, Mr. William Jones, Mr. Perks, Mr. Pym, Mr. Herbert Roberts, Mr. Richards, Mr. T. W. Russell, Mr. J. W. Siddle-clark, Mr. Talbot, and Mr. Carvel Williams.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Akers-Douglas, Colonel Lockwood, and Mr. Ure were nominated Members of the Select Committee on the Land Registry (New Buildings) Bill.—(Sir William Walrond.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1900—1901.

Revenue Departments Estimates.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 489,993, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Customs Department.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item B, 1 (Post Establishments) be reduced by £ 100.—(Mr. Steadman):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 563,015, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Expenses of the Post Office Packet Service.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item B (Contracts for Asia and Australasia) be reduced by £ 100.—(Mr. T. P. O'Connor):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

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Original Question put, and agreed to.

3. £ 2,206,330, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Working Expenses of the Post Office Telegraph Service.

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Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 29,036, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Charity Commission for England and Wales:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

4. £ 25,774, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Civil Service Commission.

5. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 38,691, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Comptroller and Auditor General.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A (Salaries) be reduced by £ 250, in respect of the Salary of the Chief Clerk.—(Mr. Weir):

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, | Mr. Weir | 1

Tellers for the Noes, | Mr. Steadman | 35

Original Question put, and agreed to.

6. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 5,197, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Registry of Friendly Societies.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A (Salaries) be reduced by £ 100, in respect of the Salary of the Chief Registrar.—(Mr. Wode):

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, | Mr. Woods | 39

Tellers for the Noes, | Mr. Pickard | 98

Original Question again proposed;

Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item B (Salaries and Allowances, Scotland) be reduced by £ 50, in respect of the Salary of the Assistant Registrar in Scotland.—(Mr. Weir):

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, | Mr. Weir | 30

Tellers for the Noes, | Mr. Caldwell | 93

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 9,778, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners in Lunacy in England;

Saturday, 12th May, 1900:

And, it being Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Louthor reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.
Mr. James William Leathler also acquainted the House, that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Beer Retailers' and Spirit Grocers' Licences (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of February last, That the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (No. 2) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Petroleum Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till five minutes after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have not been complied with, viz.:

Gas Provisional Order (No. 3) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the Petition for the following Bill, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

Cumberland County Council (Bridges) Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the Petition for the following Bill, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

Costa Rica Railway Company, Limited, Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

The Bedford Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Bradford Corporation Bill was read the Bradford Corporation Bill a second time, and passed; with a New Title, as followeth:

An Act to authorise the Mayor, Aldermen, [New Title] and Citizens of the City of Bradford, in the County of York, to construct additional Tramways in and near the City; to acquire Lands for the protection of their Water Supply; to purchase the Undertaking of the North Beverley Gas Company; to make further provision for the Health and good Government of the City, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Inschewetzkj's Uralite Patent Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Kingston-upon-Thames Corporation Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Newport (Monmouthshire) Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments, so that which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Vale of Evesham Light Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Woodbridge District Water Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the City of London the City of London (Various Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (For the protection of the Postmaster General) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Saving rights of the Crown) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Liverpool Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Wolverhampton Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Blackpool, Saint Anne's, and Lytham Tramways Bill was read a second time; and Committee.

Ordered, That the Bruy Urban District Council Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Hemel Hempstead Corporation (Water) Bill was read a second time, and committed.

The Ipswich Corporation Tramways Bill was read a second time; and committed.
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Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Birmingham (King Edward the Sixth) Schools Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Birmingham (King Edward the Sixth) Schools Bill ; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed. 
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 1) Bill.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Public Petitions. Vide Sixth Report.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland, for the year 1899.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Heneage presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Annual Accounts of Receipts and Payments in respect of the Capital and Income of the National School Teachers (Ireland) Pension Fund, for the year ended 31st December 1899.

Account of all Moneys issued from the Consolidated Fund, of Sums borrowed, and of Transactions in relation to Sums so borrowed up to the 31st March 1900, in pursuance of "The Imperial Defence Act, 1888."
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table ; and that the Account relative to the Imperial Defence Act, 1888, be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of General Report by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector on the Schools in the Southern Division of Scotland, for the year 1899.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Colonel Cotton-Jodrell reported from the Committee on the Metropolitan District Railway Bill ; That in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 3rd April, the Committee had inserted in the Bill the additional Provision referred to in such Resolution.

Colonel Cotton-Jodrell further reported from the Committee ; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true ; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table ; and be printed.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Names of Bills, since the date covered by the House of Lords Return, No. 196, of 1894, passed by both Houses of the Legislature in Colonies possessing responsible Government, to which Her Majesty has not given Her Assent, and of Bills so passed with a Suspending Clause, under which the Act does not come into operation until proclaimed, in respect of which no such Proclamation has been made.—(Sir Charles Dilke.)

The British Museum Bill was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next ; and to be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing, for each year from 1894 to 1899, inclusive, (1) the Number of Railway Servants killed by Accidents in which the movement of Vehicles used exclusively on Railways was concerned : and (2) the Number of Instances in which such Fatal Accidents to Railway Servants have been investigated by Inspectors of the Board of Trade, in the following form :—

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(in continuation of Parliamentary Paper No. 166, of Session 1894.)—(Mr. Channing.)

Mr. John Edward Ellis reported from the Trade, &c. Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, to whom the Railways (Prevention of Railway Accidents) Bill was referred ; That they had amended the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table ; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings No. 175. of the Standing Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Bill 197. Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next ; and be printed.

Mr. Seale-Hayne reported the London and North Western Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table ; and be printed.

Mr. Seale-Hayne reported the London and North Western Railway (Wales) Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table ; and be printed.

Mr.
The Lords. Message from Bill, Grantham Gas and Ratcliff Tunnel Bill [Lords.]
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the London County Council to make a Tunnel or Subway under the River Thames between Rotherhithe and Rotherhithe and Approaches thereto, and for other purposes connected therewith; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further Powers upon the Milford Docks Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to remove Doubts as to the Investment of Moneys belonging to the Life Fund of the Commercial Union Assurance Company, Limited, in the name of the Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer upon the Neath Harbour Commissioners further Powers for the Improvement of the Harbour; to reduce and regulate the Indebtedness and Borrowing Powers of the Commissioners, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Rotherhithe and Ratcliffe Tunnel Bill was read the first time.

The Milford Docks Bill was read the first time.

The Commercial Union Assurance Company Bill was read the first time.

The Neath Harbour Bill was read the first time.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Thursday next. The order for reading a second time, and passed. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning; Tuesday, 15th May, 1900:

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply: [4th May] Report. Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply; [11th May] Report. Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Poor Removal Bill. (In the Committee.)

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Louther reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Naval Reserve (Mobilisation) Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Clauses, No. 1 and No. 2, agreed to. Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Louther reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Poor Removal Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clauses, No. 1.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Louther reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time,—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning; Tuesday, 15th May, 1900:

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply: [4th May] Report. Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Poor Removal Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clauses, No. 1.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Louther reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Lunacy Board (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Lunacy Board (Scotland) [Salaries, &c.] Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Health (Ireland) Bill.

The Public Health (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Money-Lending Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Money-Lending Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

Lunacy Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy Bill;

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Elementary Education Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Elementary Education Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Dogs Regulation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dogs Regulation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Isle of Man Amendments (Ireland) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Isle of Man Amendments (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Palatine Court of Durham Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 2nd day of April last, That the Palatine Court of Durham Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the School Board Elections (London) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Veterinary Surgeons Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the County Councillors (Qualification of Women) (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 29th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Salmon Fisheries (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill; and that Mr. Batson, Mr. Burt, Sir Walter Foster, Mr. Lloyd-George, Mr. Fenwick, and Mr. Trevelyan do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report Private Bills.

Mr. Lloyd-George reported, That the Committee Bill;

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the order be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Petroleum Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Separate Assessment of Land, and to amend the Law relating to Parochial Assessments in England and Wales; And that Mr. Billing, Mr. Burt, Sir Walter Foster, Mr. Lloyd-George, Mr. Fenwick, and Mr. Trevelyan do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Billing accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the Separate Assessment of Land, and to amend the Law relating to Parochial Assessments in England and Wales; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of this instant May; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Tuesday, 13th May, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on previously by the Standing Orders of the House, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are not applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Great Central Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London and India Dock Joint Committee Bill; and that

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.
And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Alfred Gibbs.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question—it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "upon this day six months" be added at the end of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day six months.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Birmingham (King Edward the Sixth) Schools Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Joseph Albert Pease.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:

The House divided.

The Yeas as follows—

Tellers for the Yeas—Mr. Joseph Albert Pease, 208.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain, 140.

Tellers for the Noes—Mr. Matthew White Ridley.

Mr. Lawrence, 140.

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put:

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Field.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed.

A Petition of the County Council of Cumberland, for leave to bring in a Bill to transfer certain Public Bridges in the Parish of Crosthwaite, in the County of Cumberland, to the Cumberland County Council and other Authorities, and for other purposes, was presented, read and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Gas Provisional Order (No. 3) Bill, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Birmingham (King Edward the Sixth) Schools Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Electric Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Battersea, (No. 10) Limehouse, Mile End Old Town, and Saint George-in-the-East: And that Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Hanbury do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Local Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Gas Provisional Orders (No. 11) made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Marylebone: And that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Local Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Gas Provisional Orders (No. 3) made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Marylebone: And that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Local Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Sanitary Provisional Orders (No. 5) made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Marylebone: And that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Local Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Sanitary Provisional Orders (No. 6) made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Marylebone: And that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Local Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Gas Provisional Orders (No. 9) made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Battersea, (No. 10) Limehouse, Mile End Old Town, and Saint George-in-the-East: And that Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Hanbury do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Local Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Gas Provisional Orders (No. 10) made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Battersea, (No. 10) Limehouse, Mile End Old Town, and Saint George-in-the-East: And that Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Hanbury do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a London Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State for improving an Area situated in the Parishes of Saint James and Saint John, Clerkenwell, and Saint Andrew, Holborn, in the County of London: And that Mr. Jesse Collings and Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a London Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State for improving certain Areas situated in the Parishes of Poplar and Bromley-by-Bow, in the County of London: And that Mr. Jesse Collings and Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a London Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State for improving certain Areas situated in the Parishes of Poplar and Bromley-by-Bow, in the County of London: And that Mr. Jesse Collings and Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Ritchie presented a Bill to confirm certain Electric Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Battersea, Limehouse, Mile End Old Town, and Saint George-in-the-East: And the Bill was the same as the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Ordered, That Mr. Ritchie presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Battersea, Limehouse, Mile End Old Town, and Saint George-in-the-East: And Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm the same Order:—And the Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Marylebone Union and the Parish of Saint Mary Magdalen, (Poor Law) (No. 11):—And the said Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Marylebone Union and the Parish of Saint Mary Magdalen, (Poor Law) (No. 11):—And the said Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Marylebone Union and the Parish of Saint Mary Magdalen, (Poor Law) (No. 11):—And the said Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Marylebone Union and the Parish of Saint Mary Magdalen, (Poor Law) (No. 11):—And the said Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Marylebone Union and the Parish of Saint Mary Magdalen, (Poor Law) (No. 11):—And the said Bill was read the first time.
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Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provincial Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Cheadle (Rural), Leigh, Milford Haven, and Wallasey: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provincial Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Burton-upon-Trent, Dorchester, the Parishes of Kesteven, Warrington, and Hoylake: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. Jesse Collings presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by one of Her Majesty’s Principal Secretaries of State for improving an Area situated in the Parishes of Saint James and Saint John, Clerkenwell, and Saint Andrew, Holborn, in the County of London: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. Jesse Collings presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by one of Her Majesty’s Principal Secretaries of State for improving an Area situated in the Parishes of Folkestone and Broadstairs, in the County of Kent: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 23rd day of June 1899, for a Return showing the extent to which, and the manner in which, Local Authorities in Scotland have allocated and applied Funds to the purposes of Technical Education during the year ended the 30th day of June 1899: Local Education and Local Taxation Account (Scotland) Act, 1892; Technical Schools (Scotland) Act, 1887; Technical Instruction Amendment (Scotland) Act, 1882; and Local Public Libraries Acts.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report of the Committee appointed by the Board of Trade to inquire into the loss of Strength in Steel Rails through the use on Railways, together with the Appendices thereto.

Mr. Ritchie also presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report by the Board of Trade, in compliance with Section 4 of the Gas and Water Works Facilities Act, 1870, as to dispensing with the consent of the Tenterden Urban District Council in the case of the Tenterden Water Provisional Order.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relating to the Gas and Water Works Facilities Act, 1870, be printed.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Contract between (Jamaicas) the Crown Agents for the Colonies and Messrs. Elder, Dempster, and Company for a Steamship Service between Jamaica and the United Kingdom, dated 19th April 1900.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brodick presented, by Her Majesty’s Suan Gazal Command,—Copy of Returns of Shipping and (Commercial) Tonnage passing through the Suez Canal in 1897, 1898, and 1899 (in continuation of "Commercial, No. 4, 1898").

Copy of Convention between the United Kingdom Treaty Series and France regulating the Telegraphic Con- (No. 11, 1890) moniation between the two Countries. Signed at Paris, 17th February 1900. Ratifications exchanged at Paris, 2nd April 1900.

Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Trade Reports Annual Series, Nos. 2422 and 2423.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Oldroyd reported from the Committee on Private Bills Group B of Private Bills; That the parties pro- moting the South Metropolitan Gas Bill had stated that the evidence of Professor Vivian B. Lewes, Royal Naval College, Greenwich, was essential to their case; and, it having been proved that his attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move that the said Professor Vivian B. Lewes do attend the said Committee to-day, at half-past Three of the clock.

Ordered, That Professor Vivian B. Lewes do attend the Committee on Group B of Private Bills to-day, at half-past Three of the clock.

Mr. Tatton Egerton reported from the Committee on Group D of Private Bills; That the parties opposing the Bray and Enniskerry Railway Bill had stated that the evidence of Charles Herbert Wilkinson, of 224, Dashwood House, 9, New Broad Street, London, was essential to their case; and, it having been proved that his attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move that the said Charles Herbert Wilkinson do attend the said Committee during the proceedings on the Bray and Enniskerry Railway Bill.

Ordered, That Charles Herbert Wilkinson do attend the Committee on Group 5 of Railway Bills during the proceedings on the Bray and Enniskerry Railway Bill.

Mr. Alexander Hargreaves Brown reported Private Bills from the Committee on Group D of Private Bills; That the parties opposing the Dublin Electric Lighting Bill had stated that the evidence of Mr. H. M. Swaine, Secretary to the Lighting Bill, Local Government Board, Custom House, Dublin, was essential to their case; and, it having been proved that his attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move that the said Mr. H. M. Swaine do attend the said Committee upon Thursday 17th May, at half-past Eleven of the clock, and produce to the Committee on the above-mentioned Bill the transcript of the Notes of Evidence taken at the recent local inquiry on the application of the Dublin Corporation for a loan in connection with the Electric Lighting of the City of Dublin, and the Correspondence which has been received since the date of such inquiry.
Ordered, That Mr. H. M. Swaine do attend the Committee on Group D of Private Bills on Thursday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock, and produce the said Documents.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the House, to make a New Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Manchester (South Division), in the room of the Right Honourable John Douglas Sutherland Cameron, commonly called Marquess of Lothian, now Duke of Argyll, called up to the House of Peers. — (Sir William Walrond.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Memorandum stating the nature of the Proposals contained in the Provisions included in the Tramways Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill. — (Mr. Ritchie.)

Standing Orders.

Tottenham Urban District Council Bill,

London and San Francisco Bank Bill [Lords.]

North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Bill.

Selection (Joint Committees.)

Railways (Ireland) Amalgamation Bills.

Selection (Standing Committees.)

Law, &c.

Borough Funds Bill.

Trade, &c.

Mr. Halsey reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That, in the case of the Tottenham Urban District Council Bill, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to introduce their additional Provision, if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

2. That, in the case of the London and San Francisco Bank Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

3. That, in the case of the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Bill, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to introduce their additional Provision, if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Mr. Halsey reported from the Select Committee on Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from the Joint Committee of Lords and Commons on the Railways (Ireland) Amalgamation Bills — Mr. Buchanan; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Hazell.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Halsey reported from the Select Committee on Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure — Mr. Crombie; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Edmund Robert son.

Mr. Halsey further reported from the Committee; That they had added to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, the following Nineteen Members in respect of the Borough Funds Bill — Mr. William Allen (Gatehead), Mr. Broadby, Mr. Corrall, Sir Charles Duke, Mr. Doughly, Sir Samuel Hoare, Mr. Bryarman Jones, Mr. William Moore, Mr. Palmer, Colonel Pittington, Sir Albert Rolli, Mr. T. W. Russell, Mr. J. Samuel; Mr. Charles Shave, and Mr. Tomlinson.

Mr. Halsey further reported from the Committee on Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure — Mr. Chadwick; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Victor Cawood, Commander Bothel, Colonial Milheard, Mr. Abel Smith, Mr. Loyd, Mr. Monckton, Sir Charles Wellys, and Mr. Great Lawson.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Alexander Hargreaves Brown reported from the Committee on the Charing Cross and Strand Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble, and amended the same by inserting a further recital relating to the site of the Promoters' proposed generating station and the delivery of particulars to the local authority in the event of such site being outside the Promoters' area of supply, so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Metropolitan Police Provisional Order Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the Cork Electric Tramways and Lighting Company, Limited, to extend their Tramways to Blackrock, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the Cork Electric Tramways Railway Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the Ryther Railway Company to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for enabling the Brewery and Commercial Investment Trust, Limited, to arrange for the extinction of its Founders' Shares; for issuing Shares in satisfaction of such Shares; for subdividing the Stock of the Company and creating certain Preferences, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further Powers upon the Toff Vale Railway Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to extend the Powers of the Bristol Waterworks Company for the protection of the purity of their Waters; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The Falkirk Corporation Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Cork Electric Tramways Bill was read the first time.

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The Ryhmyne Railway Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Brewery and Commercial Investment Trust, Limited, Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Bristol Water Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Taff Vale Railway Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, To-morrow, on the Quaries Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. James William Loutcher informed the House that the Committee on Group II of Private Bills not being appointed to meet until Thursday next, the parties promoting the Church's Patent Bill, which was set down for consideration upon the first day of the meeting of the Committee, had appeared before him and proved that the Evidence of Mr. Cornelius Neal Dalton, c.m., Comptroller General of Patents, Southumpton Buildings, w.c., was essential to their case, and that his attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Cornelius Neal Dalton do attend the Committee on Group II of Private Bills on Thursday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Church's Patent Bill.

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the table, and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday next; and be printed.

Savings Banks and Friendly Societies.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Public Worship Regulation Act, 1874: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Intermediate Education in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Henry David Greene presented a Bill to provide for the Registration of Architects: And the Registration of Architects Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Atherley-Jones presented a Bill to provide for the Registration of Architects for the Registration of Architects: And the Registration of Architects Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next the 23rd day of this instant May; and to be printed.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer presented a Savings Banks and Friendly Societies Bill to amend the Law with respect to the Rate of Interest payable on Deposits in the Post Office Savings Bank, and on Money invested with the National Debt Commissioners on behalf of Trustee Savings Banks and Friendly Societies, and for other purposes connected with Trustee Savings Banks: And the said Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Atherley-Jones presented a Bill to provide for the Registration of Architects: And the Registration of Architects Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That Mr. Houston be discharged War Office from further attendance on the Select Committee on War Office Contracts.

Ordered, That Colonel Mellor be added to the Committee.—(Sir William Walrond.)

A Motion was made, and the Question was put:—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That it is desirable that the Government should introduce Legislation dealing with the National Registration of Plumbers, and create a Scheme for that purpose.—(Mr. Lee Knowles):—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House regrets the growing tendency to put upon the Stage Plays of a demoralising character, and considers that a stricter supervision of theatrical performances is needed, alike in the interest of the public and the theatrical profession (Mr. Samuel Smith):—And a Debate arising thereupon:

And, it being Midnight, Mr. Speaker proceeded to interrupt the Business.

Wednesday, 16th May, 1900:

Whereupon Mr. Samuel Smith rose in his Closure place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put": but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question. assent.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned.

Ordered, That the Bill be adjourned.}

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The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 10th day of this instant May, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Housing of the Working Classes Act (1890) Amendment Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the District Councillors and Guardians (Term of Office) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 28th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 2nd day of April last, That the County Courts Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 16th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Beer Retailers' and Spirit Grocers' Licences (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of February last, That the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (No. 2) Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till five minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Wednesday, 16th May, 1900.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Baker Street and Waterloo Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Higham Ferriers Water Bill (Lords.) and an Amendment was made to the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Kingston-upon-Thames Gas Bill (Lords.) and an Amendment was made to the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Southampton Harbour Bill (Lords.) and an Amendment was made to the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the South Lancashire Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Great Southern and Western Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board relating to Harrogate, Hotspur, Ripon, Rochdale, and Tunbridge Wells; And that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board relating to Harrogate, Hotspur, Ripon, Rochdale, and Tunbridge Wells; And that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Harrogate, Hotspur, Ripon, Rochdale, and Tunbridge Wells; And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Harrogate, Hotspur, Ripon, Rochdale, and Tunbridge Wells; And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statistical Tables of the Dublin Metropolitan Police for the year 1899. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 15th day of this instant May, for a Return relative to Tramways Provisional Orders Bill (No. 5) Bill. Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The County Courts (Investment of Deposits) Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read the second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cheap Trains Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time; An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Jackson.) And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question; The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left;
Tellers for the [Mr. Laugh;]
Yeas, [Mr. George Whiteley;] 143.
Tellers for the [Mr. Jackson;]
Noes, [Colonel Lockwood;] 172.
So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "upon this day six months" be added at the end of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day six months. 

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Access to Mountains (Scotland) Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;
And, it being half an hour after Five of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wine and Beerhouse Acts Amendment Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Temperance Reform Threefold Option (Scotland) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustee Savings Banks Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wages Boards Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trust Funds Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 13th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Town Holdings Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 13th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Medical Officers of Health and Sanitary Inspectors Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Voluntary Schools (Grants in Aid) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 29th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Court of Criminal Appeal Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of this instant May.

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The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 9th day of this instant May, that the Salmon Fisheries (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the payment of the Expenses of Jurors attending Assizes and Quarter Sessions: And that Mr. Lloyd Morgan, Mr. John Haslam, Mr. Philips, and Mr. Horace to prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Lloyd Morgan accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the payment of the Expenses of Jurors attending Assizes and Quarter Sessions: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 11th day of June next; and to be printed.

Mr. Scale-Hague reported the Southport and Lytham tramroad Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Colonel Gunter reported from the Committee on the East London Water Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Alexander Hargreaves Brown reported from the Committee on the City of London Electric Lighting Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice reported from the Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills, that in the case of the Ilfracombe Improvement Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

The Liverpool Corporation Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 9th day of this instant May, that the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the payment of the Expenses of Jurors attending Assizes and Quarter Sessions: And that Mr. Lloyd Morgan, Mr. John Haslam, Mr. Philips, and Mr. Horace to prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Lloyd Morgan accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the payment of the Expenses of Jurors attending Assizes and Quarter Sessions: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 11th day of June next; and to be printed.

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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Mr. Alexander Hargreaves Brown reported from the Committee on the City of London Electric Lighting Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice reported from the Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills, that in the case of the Ilfracombe Improvement Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bill, from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

London Sea Water Supply Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bill, from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have not been complied with, viz.:

Alexandra Park.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bill, from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have not been complied with, viz.:

Buenos Ayres and Rosario Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Grantham Gas Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

A Motion being made, That the City of London (Various Powers) Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Hanbury, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed, with a New Title, as follows—[New Title.] Act to empower the Corporation of the City of London to acquire and maintain Finchley Circus Gardens as an open space, and to purchase Lands for various purposes, and to adopt and apply the Baths and Washhouses Acts; to establish a Crematorium at Hordle Cemetery; to make further and better accommodation for the laying of Pipes, Wires, and other Apparatus in, over, or under Streets; to confer further Powers upon the Corporation with respect to the control of Streets and Structures across Streets, and the fixing of Apparatus for public lighting in Streets; to make further provisions for the Health and good Government of the City, and of the open Spaces therein; to enable persons elected to corporate offices in the City to retain therefrom; to empower the Corporation to borrow money, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bill, from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have not been complied with, viz.:

Tramways Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 9th day of this instant May, that the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the payment of the Expenses of Jurors attending Assizes and Quarter Sessions: And that Mr. Lloyd Morgan, Mr. John Haslam, Mr. Philips, and Mr. Horace to prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Lloyd Morgan accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the payment of the Expenses of Jurors attending Assizes and Quarter Sessions: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 11th day of June next; and to be printed.

Mr. Scale-Hague reported the Southport and Lytham tramroad Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Colonel Gunter reported from the Committee on the East London Water Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Alexander Hargreaves Brown reported from the Committee on the City of London Electric Lighting Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice reported from the Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills, that in the case of the Ilfracombe Improvement Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.
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Wolverhampton Gas Bill.

The Wolverhampton Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Lancashire, Derbyshire and East Coast Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

London United Tramways Bill.

Ordered, That the London United Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Salsete's Railway (Abandonment) Bill.

The Salsete's Railway (Abandonment) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 11) Bill.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Lancaster, Ossett, and Wakefield; and that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring it in.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill.

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Barrow-upon-Saxon (Rural), Bootle and Osney (Rural), and the Doncaster and Mexborough and the Selby and Selby United Districts: And that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring it in.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 13) Bill.

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Barrow-upon-Saxon (Rural), Bootle and Osney (Rural), and the Doncaster and Mexborough and the Selby and Selby United Districts: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 14) Bill.

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Lancaster, Ossett, and Wakefield: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Alexandra Park.

A Petition of the Promoters of the Alexandra Park Bill, for leave to bring in a Bill to constitute a body of Trustees for the purpose of acquiring the Alexandra Palace and Park, and other Lands in the County of Middlesex; and to empower them to hold and manage the same as a piece of Public Resort and Recreation, and for other public purposes; and to make all Provisions necessary or proper in that behalf, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Public Petitions.

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Loans and Advances to Foreign States, No. 180.

Mr. Huxley presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of April last, for a Return relative to Loans and Advances to Foreign States.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Irish Land Commission (Grants and Rents) Bill.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return, according to Provinces and Counties, of Judicial Rents Vox. 155.

fixed by Chief Commission, Sub-Commissions, and Civil Bill Courts for First and Second Statutory Terms, together with a Return prepared in a similar manner of Judicial Rents that have been revised by the Land Commission and the Irish Land Commission during the months of August, September, and October 1899; also, Rents fixed upon the Report of Valuers appointed by the Irish Land Commission on the Joint Applications of Landlords and Tenants.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Trade Reports Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular (Annual Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2424 and 2425.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth reported from Dublin the Select Committee appointed to join with a Corporation Committee of the House of Lords in the Dublin Corporation Bill and the Clontarf Urban District Council Bill; That the parties promoting the Clontarf Corporation Bill Dublin Corporation Bill had stated that the evidence of Robert E. Matheson, Charlemont House, Marylebone Square, Thomas Matthews, Railway Clearing House, Dublin, Very Rev. Canon Dillon, Pembroke, Captain Graves, Harbour Master, Dublin, Edward H. Kearney, Common Road, Drumcondra, John P. Griffith, Engineer of the Dublin Port and Docks Board, Dublin, and John E. Barton, Valuation Officer, Ely Place, Dublin, was essential to their case; and, it having been proved that their attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move that the said Robert E. Matheson, Thomas Matheson, Very Rev. Canon Dillon, Captain Graves, Edward H. Kearney, John P. Griffith, and John E. Barton do attend the said Committee upon Thursday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That Robert E. Matheson, Thomas Matheson, the Very Rev. Canon Dillon, Captain Graves, Edward H. Kearney, John P. Griffith, and John E. Barton do attend the said Joint Committee on the Clontarf Urban District Council Bill upon Thursday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Mr. John Edward Ellis reported from the Standing Committee on the Clontarf Urban District Council Bill; That they had appointed Sir James Ferguson, as Chairman of the Standing Committee for the consideration of Bills relating to Law, and Courts of Justice, Law, &c. and Legal Procedure, in respect of the Burial Grounds Bill and Borough Funds Bill; and that they had appointed Mr. Lawrence Hardy, as Chairman of the Standing Committee for the consideration of Bills relating to Trade, &c. (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, in respect of the Agricultural Holdings Bill.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Claring Cross, Charing Cross Estates, and Hampstead Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Wetherby District Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, incorporating the Glasgow and South Western Railway Company for the South Western Railway Bill the Lords.
the construction of Works and the acquisition of Lands; for extending the Powers of the Glasgow and Renfrew District Railway Company for the compulsory purchase of Lands; for empowering the Glasgow and South Western Railway Company to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to extend the time limited by the Dearne Valley Railway Act, 1897, for the compulsory purchase of Lands for and the completion of certain of the Works thereby authorised; to authorise the Dearne Valley Railway Company to abandon certain of their authorised works, and to construct further Works, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Rawmarsh Urban District Council to construct and work Tramways and to make Street Improvements, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Glasgow and South Western Railway Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Dearne Valley Railway Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Rawmarsh Urban District Council (Tramways) Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday the 8th day of June next, the Colonial Marriages (Deceased Wife’s Sister) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 10th day of this instant May, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890; which omits to amend the Law relating to the assessment of compensation for unhealthy dwelling-houses; and which makes no provision whereby the councils establishing dwelling-houses outside their districts may, where necessary, be enabled to obtain adequate railway or other communication between their districts and such dwelling-houses—

Mr. Robson, instead thereof;

And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Uganda Railway Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Health (Ireland) Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Youthful Second Reading of the Youthful Offenders Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Mr. Ritchie reported from the Committee of Supply Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, [4th May] Report, as follow:

Revenue Departments.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,165,083, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Inland Revenue Department.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £234,605, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Post Office Services, the Expenses of Post Office Savings Banks, and Government Annuities and Insurances, and the Collection of the Post Office Revenue.

Mr. Ritchie reported from the Committee of Supply Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, [11th May] Report, as follow:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Expenses Estimates, 1900-1901.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £488,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Customs Department.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £553,015, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Expenses of the Post Office Packet Service.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,220,339, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Working Expenses of the Post Office Telegraph Service.
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4. That a Sum, not exceeding £5,774, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Civil Service Commission.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £5,691, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Comptroller and Auditor General.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £5,197, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Registry of Friendly Societies.

The said Resolution being read a second time; The first Five Resolutions were agreed to. An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Sixth Resolution, by leaving out £5,197, and inserting £6,597 (Mr. Stirling) instead thereof. And the Question being proposed, that £5,197 stand part of the Resolution; And a Debate arising thereupon; And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 18th May, 1900:

The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn. And the Resolution was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Companies Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tithe Rent-charge (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Factories and Workshops Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Railways (Prevention of Accidents) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Lunacy Board (Scotland) [Salaried, &c.] Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Money-Lending Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Ecclesiastical Assessments (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Lunacy Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Elementary Education Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dogs Regulation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Isbrieates Amendment (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed of Durham Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the County Courts Second Reading of the County Courts (Investment of Deposits) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Beer Retailers' Second Reading of the Beer Retailers' and Spirit Grocers' Licences (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time (Ireland) Bill, upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Dedication Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Petty Customs Second Reading of the Petty Customs Abolition (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 21st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the Local Government (Scotland) Act (1894) Amendment (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 21st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Education Second Reading of the Education (School Attendance) (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday the 21st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Isolation Hospitals (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed.
upon the 15th day of March last, That the Public Health Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 28th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Museum Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Quarries Bill. Bill No. 200. The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Quarries Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawton reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday the 25th day of this instant May.

Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (No. 2) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of February last, That the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (No. 2) Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Wine and Beerhouse Acts Amendment Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wine and Beerhouse Acts Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of this instant May.

Colonial Solicitors Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Colonial Solicitors Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resume itself into the said Committee.

County Councils (Elections) Act (1911) Amendment Bill. The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the County Councils (Elections) Act (1911) Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Friday, 18th May, 1900.
The House met at Three of the clock.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional Orders (Standing Orders not previously inquired into complied with.)

Commercial Union Assurance Company Bill. Mriford Docks Bill. Rotherhithe and Ratcliff Tunnel Bill. Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional Orders (Standing Orders not previously inquired into complied with.)

Local Government Provisional Orders (Gas) Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Cork, Bandon, and South Coast Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Otley Urban District Council Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the London United Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question was Birmimgham proposed, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Birmingham (King Edward the Sixth) Schools Bill, to omit Clauses 16 and 20—(Mr. Grant Lawton)—And a Debate arising thereupon:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Sir John Brunner);

The House divided.

Tellers for the (Sir John Brunner, Mr. Heald);

Noes, Mr. Lovett:

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Original Question being again proposed—the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Tramways Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Ashton-under-Lyne, Bury, Legh, Shipley, and Salford (Standing Orders applicable thereto complied with.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1892 and 1888, relating to Ban (No. 12) bury, Dartmouth, Gosport and Alverstoke, Heston and Isleworth, Sescavas, Shere, Spenavy, Stanmore, Stour, and Catterick, Stamford, Uxbridge and District, and Wellingborough: And that Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Hanbury do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered,
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to the Urban Districts of Clones, Louthderry, Monaghan, Pembroke, Rathmines and Rathdrum, and the Rural Districts of Dun- gannon and Rathfran: And that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Mr. Gerald Balfour do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to the Urban District of Navan and the Towns of Boyle and Newbridge: And that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Mr. Gerald Balfour do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Ashton-under-Lyne, Bury, Lygton, Shipley, and Sunderland: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. Ritchie presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Banbury, Dartmouth, Guayport and Abbeville, Heaton and Eldonworth, Sevenoaks, Sheerness, Spennymoor, Staines, Egham and Chelesey, Stamford, Uxbridge, and District, and Wellingborough: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to the Urban Districts of Clones, Lountderry, Monaghan, Pembroke, Rathmines and Rathdrum, and Wicklow, and the Rural Districts of Dun- gannon and Rathfran: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to the Urban District of Navan and the Towns of Boyle and Newbridge: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, under the Superannuation Act, 1884, dated 10th May 1900, declaring that John Brand, Postman, Saffron Walden, Post Office Department, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate through inadvertence on the part of the Head of his Department.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Report and Papers relating to the Training Colleges of Scotland for the year 1899.

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Mr. James William Lougher reported the Mountain Ash Water Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lougher reported the Fishguard Water and Gas Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lougher reported the Manchester Ship Canal Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lougher reported the Rhymney Iron Company Bill, without Amendment. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir Henry Fletcher reported from the Government Provisional Order Committee on Group H of Private Bills; That, in the case of the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill, they had considered the Orders therein contained, that the said Orders ought to be confirmed, and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Oldroyd reported from the Committee on Group B of Private Bills; That, in the case of the Gas Light and Coke Company Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, but the same had not been proved to their satisfaction. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Tutton Egerton reported from the Committee on Group 5 of Railway Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday next, at Twelve of the clock. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Halsey reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth: That, in the case of the Cumberland County Council (Bridges) Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with, and the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

The said Resolution, being read; and the Standing Orders, in respect to the borrowing of Money by the Corporation, and to make further and better provisions with respect to the borrowing of Money by the Corporation, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, said that the Bill had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:—

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Irish Land Acts, in the return, the names of the Lay Commissioners in connection with the Irish Land Commission holding office on the 15th day of May 1900; (2) Date of Original Appointment; (3) Date upon which Appointment expires; (4) Age on Appointment; (5) Residence at time of Appointment; (6) Locality in which Practical Experience of Land was acquired; (7) where Educated; (8) Previous Occupation; (9) Acreage of Land farmed; (10) whether held as Owner or Tenant; (11) what other Experience in Agriculture; and (12) what other Experience in Valuing, Mapping, and Surveying [in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 417, of Session 1897].—[Mr. Patrick O'Brien.]
Mr. Halley further reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure (added in respect of the Borough Funds Bill)—Sir Charles Dilke.

Mr. Halley further reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure—Mr. Lloyd-George, Viscount Cranborne, and Mr. Bromley-Davenport; and had appointed in substitution:—Sir Charles Dilke, Lord Hugh Cecil, and Mr. Griffiths-Buacanan.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Halley, Member for North Louth, rose in his place, and asked leave to move the Adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "the refusal of Her Majesty's present Advisers to recognise the just claim of Ireland to representation in the Final Court of Appeal for the three Kingdoms and the breach of constitutional usage involved in the appointment of an English Judge to the vacancy created by the resignation of the Irish Law Lord"; but the pleasure of the House not having been signified, Mr. Speaker called on those Members who supported the Motion to rise in their places, and not less than Forty Members having accordingly risen:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, "That this House do now adjourn"—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy); The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the [Mr. Timothy M. Healy, ] 99. Tellers for the [Mr. William Morris; ] 144. So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Loutcher acquainted the House, that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Local Government (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Teinds Second Reading of the Teinds (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, upon Thursday the 28th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 14th day of March last, That the Local Government (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday the 29th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Trustee Savings Banks Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 12th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Dedication Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till five minutes after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.
Monday, 21st May, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 62 has been complied with, viz.:

- Plymouth, Stonehouse, and Devonport Tramways Bill.
- Order, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into have been complied with, viz.:

- Brewery and Commercial Investment Trust, Limited, Bill.
- Bristol Water Bill.
- Cork Electric Tramways Bill.
- Deerness Valley Railway Bill.
- Falkirk Corporation Bill.
- Glasgow and South Western Railway Bill.
- North Harbour Bill.
- Roemur, Kirkcaldy, and Kirkcudbright Urban District Council (Tramways) Bill.
- Rybery Railway Bill.
- Taff Vale Railway Bill.
- Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

- Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill.
- Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

- Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill.
- Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Baker Street and Waterloo Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Motion being made, That the Higham Ferrers Water Bill be now read the third time; Sir William Walrond, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Motion being made, That the Southamptons Harbour Bill be now read the third time; Sir William Walrond, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera-

- Aberdeen Police and Improvement Bill, as amended in the Committee.
- Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera-

- Charing Cross and Strand Electricity Committee.
- Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera-

- Cleethorpes Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.
- Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera-

- Dundee Harbour Bill, as amended in the Committee.
- Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera-

- Nottingham Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.
- Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera-

- South Eastern Metropolitan Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.
- Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Great Central Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Bray Urban District Council Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

A Bill to transfer certain Public Bridges in the Parish of Crosthwaite, in the County of Cumberland, to the Cumberland County Council and other Authorities, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time; and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to (No. 1) BILL to the Lords; and desire their concurrence.

The Kingston-upon-Thames Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Kingshook upon Thames Gas Bill [Lords.]
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Metropolitan Common Scheme (Petersham) Provisional Order Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

The Local Government Provisional Orders (Gas) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, relating to Eastbourne, Ifracombe, Lowestoft, and Portervis: And that Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Hanbury do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Ritchie presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Local Government Board relating to Gloucester, Northampton, and Torquay, and to the Walton-upon-Trent Bridge, in the Counties of Derby and Stafford: And that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Louth, Northampton, and Torquay, and to the Walton-upon-Trent Bridge, in the Counties of Derby and Stafford: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Louth, Northampton, and Torquay, and to the Walton-upon-Trent Bridge, in the Counties of Derby and Stafford: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

The Order made upon the 19th day of February last, That the Buckingham, Tewkesbury, and Metropolitan Junction Railway Bill be committed, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn. (Mr. Coldwell.)

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Reports of the Inspectors of Constabulary for the year ending 29th September 1899, made to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State, under the Provisions of the Statute 19 & 20 Vic. c. 69.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Police (Counties and Boroughs) be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to the Agriculture directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Technical Rules made under Section 3 of the Agricultural (Ireland) Act, 1899.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 14th day of this instant May, for Returns relative to Railways (Accidents to Railway Servants other than Train Accidents), be printed.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Hendrick, by Her Majesty’s Trade Reports Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2429 to 2439.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Goschen presented,—Return to an Order, South Africa, dated the 6th day of February last, for a Return relative to South Africa (Transport), be printed.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table,—Inquiry into the manner in which, Local Authorities in England, of Wales, and Ireland have applied, or are applying, Local Authority Funds to the purposes of Technical Education (including Science, Art, Technical and Manual Instruction) during the years 1898-99 and 1899-1900, under the following Acts: Local Taxation (Customs and Excise) Act, 1890; Technical Instruction Acts, 1889 and 1891; Welsh Intermediate Education Act, 1889; and Public Libraries and Museums Act. — (Sir John Gorst.)

Resolved,
Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Casualties during the War, as reported to the War Office, among Non-Combatants serving with the Army, distinguishing those caused by Wounds and by Disease.—(Mr. Humphreys-Owen.)

Colonel Gautier reported from the Committee on the Lambeth Water Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preliminary Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Henry Fletcher reported Church's Patent Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Public Worship Regulation Act (1874) Amendment Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order for resuming, upon Friday next, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of March last, That the Compensation for Damage to Crops Bill be now read a second time, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Wednesday the 13th day of June next, on the Highways and Bridges Act (1891) Amendment Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Wednesday the 20th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to regulate of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and to amend the same, as amended, to be true; and to be printed. Vide Supplement to the Votes.

Sir Cameron Gall, Sir Brampton Gurdon, Mr. Seale-Hayne, the Lord Advocate, Mr. Pretyman, Mr. William Redmond, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Rothschild, and Captain Sinclair were nominated other Members of the Committee.—(Sir William Walrond.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That General Goldsworthy be another Member of the Committee.—(Sir William Walrond.)

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief statement from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question in pursuance of Standing Order No. 16; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; 
Yeas, [Mr. Anstruther] 212, [Mr. Gibson Bowles] 77.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Sir Cameron Gall, Sir Brampton Gurdon, Mr. Seale-Hayne, the Lord Advocate, Mr. Pretyman, Mr. William Redmond, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Rothschild, and Captain Sinclair were nominated other Members of the Committee.—(Sir William Walrond.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Five be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Sir William Walrond.)

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief statement from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question in pursuance of Standing Order No. 16; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; 

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Committ- Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday the 18th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Land Charges into consideration the Land Charges Bill, as Bill [Lords.] amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the County Surveyors Bill 
(Ireland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1 (Amendment of 25 & 26 Vict. c. 106, as to examination of County Surveyors). Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 8, after the word "commissioners," to insert the words "or " shall have obtained a degree in engineering in any university in Great Britain or Ireland."—(Mr. Leacy.)

Question, Whether those words be there inserted—put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause, No. 2, agreed to.

Bill to be reported.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Charitable Loans (Ireland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Irish Education Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Intermediate Education (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Savings Banks and Friendly Societies Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Housing of the Working Classes Act (1890) Amendment Bill,

Clause, No. 1.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Youthful Offenders Bill [Lords.];

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;—An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Carew Williams.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And, it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Tuesday, 22nd May, 1900;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Companies Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tithe Rent-charge (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Factories and Workshops Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Railways (Prevention of Accidents) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Lunacy Board (Scotland) [Salaries, &c.] Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Money-Lending Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dogs Regulation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Inebriates Amendment (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 2nd day of April last, That the Palatine Court of Durham Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Courts Second Reading of the County Courts (Investment of Deposits) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 7th day of March last, That the Old Age Pensions Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 20th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors to Children (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 21st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing of the Working Classes (Rural Districts) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 14th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Liquor Traffic Local Veto (Wales) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Board Elections (London) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Architects' Registration Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 15th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wages Boards Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 18th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Museum Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of February last, That the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (No. 2) Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Colonial Solicitors Bill.

Clause, No. 3. Question again proposed, That Clause 3 stand part of the Bill. Question put, and agreed to. Clauses, Nos. 4 and 5, amended, and agreed to. Clauses, Nos. 6 and 7, agreed to. Schedule agreed to. Bill, as amended, to be reported.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Dedication Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Tuesday, 22nd May, 1900.

The House met at three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Wetherby District Water Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Army and Navy Investment Trust Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Birmingham University Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Cork, Bandon, and South Coast Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Lettinver Road and Acton Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and desire their concurrence.

The New Russia Company Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Otley Urban District Council Water Bill was read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment.

Ordered,
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with an Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the City of London Electric Lighting Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the East London and North Western Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London and North Western Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the City of London Electric Lighting Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the East London Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the London and North Western Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London and North Western Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The London Sea Water Supply Bill was read a second time; and committed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Order for the Committal of the Birmingham (King Edward the Sixth) Schools Bill be discharged, and that the Bill be committed to a Select Committee.—(Mr. Humphreys-Owen):—

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Sir Walter Foster: Lord Hugh Cecil;] 144.

Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. James Lushington: Mr. Chaplin;] 201.

So it passed in the Negative.

The Local Government Provisional Orders Local Government Provisional Orders Local Government Provisional Orders Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Local Government Provisional Orders Local Government Provisional Orders Local Government Provisional Orders Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Metropolitan Common Scheme (Petersham) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders Electric Lighting Provisional Orders Electric Lighting Provisional Orders Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders Local Government Provisional Orders Local Government Provisional Orders Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the following:—

Birmingham, Tame, and Rea Main Sewerage (No. 12), District, and to Leeds and Wolverhampton: And that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring in.

Mr. T. W. Russell accordingly presented a Local Government Provisional Orders Local Government Provisional Orders Local Government Provisional Orders Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill, and the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions, Vide Seventh Report.

Ordered, That the Return relative to South Africa (Transport), which was presented upon (Transports) the 21st day of this instant May, be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Report of the Government of Wellington College, for the year ended the 31st December 1899; with Accounts.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, Wellington by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Fifth Annual Report of the Government of Wellington College, for the year ended the 31st December 1899; with Accounts.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir James Ferguson reported from the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, to whom the Burial Grounds of Burial Grounds Bill was referred; That they had gone through Bill, the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Manchester and Liverpool Electric Express Railway Bill. [Preamble to be proved.]

Vice Supplemen to the Votes

Sir John Keansway reported from the Committee on the Manchester and Liverpool Electric Express Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, but the same had not been proved to their satisfaction.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Kirkcudbright and Uxbridge Valley Water Bill.

Vice Supplemen to the Votes

Colonel Guater reported the Kirkcudbright and Uxbridge Valley Water Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Cows Pier Bill [Lords.]

Vice Supplemen to the Votes

Mr. Henry Fletcher reported from the Committee on the Cows Pier Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Huddersfield Corporation Tramways Bill.

Vice Supplemen to the Votes

Mr. Jeffreys reported from the Committee on the Huddersfield Corporation Tramways (re-committed) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and had amended the same so as to make it consistent with the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee on Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure:—Lord Hugh Cecil and Mr. Griffith-Boas; and had appointed in substitution:—Vicount Cranborne and Mr. Bromley-Davenport.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Law, &c.

County and Borough Franchise Assimilation (London) Bill.

Mr. Halsey further reported from the Committee; That they had added to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, the following Members in respect of the County and Borough Franchise Assimilation (London) Bill:—Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Bond, Mr. Benihou, Mr. John Burns, Mr. Cunlif, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Allan Gibia, Captain Jesel, Mr. Long, Sir Samuel Montagu, Mr. Reckitt, Mr. William Frederick D. Smith, Mr. Steadman, Mr. Stuart, and Mr. Whitmore.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Post Office Sites Bill, with respect to compliance with the Standing Orders relative to Private Bills.—(Mr. Hambury.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Quarterly Returns by Counties, of the Public Elementary Schools (1) which have been warned by the Board of Education under Article 86 of the Code, including Schools from which the Grant has been withheld under that Article; (2) which have been warned by the Board of Education that the Annual Grant will, in future, be withheld unless defects in the School Premises are remedied; (2) the Annual Grants to which have been suspended for Three Months or more from the date of the receipt by the Board of Education of the Inspector's Report on account of defects in School Premises (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 117, of Session 1899).—(Sir Francis Sharp Powell.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:—

The Lords have agreed to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for the admission of the Manchester, Machin, and Dalmellington Railways; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for the adoption of the Margate, Musick, and Bow Railway Company, and for other purposes relating to the Margate, Musick, and Bow Railway Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for conferring further Powers on the South Eastern Railway Company in reference to their Own Undertaking and the Undertakings of other Companies in which they are interested, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act, to authorize the Company of Proprietors of the Margate, South Eastern, and Bow Railway Company to construct Works; to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes relating to the Undertaking of the Company, and with which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Aston Manor Tramways Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Murrich, Machin, and Dalmellington Railways (Abolishment; Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Margate Pier and Harbour Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The South Eastern Railway Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Whitechapel and Bow Railway Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
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read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Charitable Loans (Ireland) Bill have precedence this day of the Notice of Motions and the other Orders of the Day.—(Mr. Balfour.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Charitable Loans (Ireland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

 Clause, No. 1 (Cases in which charitable loans are not to be invalid or liable to stamp duty). Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 10 and 11, to leave out the words "in any county."—(Mr. Swift MacNeill.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16, to leave out sub-section (a).—(Mr. Dillon.)

Question proposed, That sub-section (a) stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 1, to leave out sub-section (f).—(Mr. Dillon.)

Question proposed, That sub-section (f) stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 4, after the word "made," to insert as a new sub-section the words "(g) The loan having been in the first instance for a sum exceeding ten pounds, in contravention of Section twenty-four of the principal Act."—(Mr. Sergeant Hemphill.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 11, after the word "excess," to add the words "or in the event of its being found impossible to obtain such an account as is hereinafter provided, such sum as may under all the circumstances appear to the Court equitable."—(Mr. Dillon.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

 Clause, No. 2 (Provisions with respect to taking account). Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 17, to leave out from the word "note" to the end of sub-section (2), in order to insert the words "in cases wherein the note sued on is the last of a series of notes which have been given as renewals in whole or in part, or in substitution for any promissory note, heretofore made by the borrower, or any person on his behalf, the account shall be taken from the first transaction between the parties."—(Mr. Swift MacNeill.)

Question proposed, That the words from the word "note," in l. 17, to the word "Six," in l. 18, stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

 Clauses, No. 3, amended, and agreed to.

Clauses, No. 4 and No. 5, agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lomthor reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That it is desirable that inquiry should be held into the commercial and strategic defects of Imperial Telegraphic Communications—Vol. 155.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration on Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 16th day of this instant May, That the Access to Mountains (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday the 14th day of June next.

Post Office Sites Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Post Office Sites Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Colonial Solicitors Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Colonial Solicitors Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Land Dedication Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Dedication Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till five minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Wednesday, 23rd May, 1900.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A MOTION being made, That the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Bill be now read the third time;

Sir William Walrond, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments;

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments;

The Rhymney Iron Company Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the South Lancashire Tramways Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Improved Improvement Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Saint Albans Water Bill, as amended in the Committee, A Clause (Confirming Scheduled Agreement) was twice read; and made part of the Bill. Then a Schedule was added, and Amendments were made to the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Commercial Union Assurance Company Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Milford Docks Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Rotherhithe and Ratcliff Tunnel Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Memorandum stating the Nature of the Proposals contained in the Provisional Orders included in the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill.—(Mr. Ritchie.)

Mr. Holland reported from the Committee on the Blackpool, Saint Anne's and Lytham Tramways Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Holland reported from the Committee on the Railway Bills Group No. 7; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the British Museum Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 18th day of June next.

Ordered, That the Report and Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Sea Fisheries be referred to the Select Committee on Sea Fisheries Bill.—(Mr. Ritchie.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Committees do not sit To-morrow, an Amendment being Assented to, until Two of the clock—Day. (Mr. Balfour):—

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

 Tellers for the [Lord Hugh Cecil, Yeas,] Mr. William Johnson : 106. [Mr. Maddison ;] Tellers for the [Mr. Lambert, Noes.] 100. So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Borough Council (Women's Disabilities Removal) Bill;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Boulnois.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;
The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Mr. Lough, Mr. Tritton); 248.

Tellers for the (Mr. Boulnois, Mr. Eyton); 129.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put; Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure.—(Mr. Lough:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being half an hour after Five of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Thursday the 21st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Church Discipline Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bank Holiday Acts Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 21st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rivers Pollution Prevention Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Intoxicating Liquors (Local Veto) (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sewage and Drainage (Local Authorities) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the University of Wales (Graduates) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 18th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Truck Acts Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of June next, Vol. 155.
Mr. Luttrell presented a Bill to amend the Law in regard to the Qualifications of Justices of the Peace; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 1st day of June next; and to be printed.

Wild Animals Protection Bill. Bill 234.

Mr. Luttrell presented a Bill to make better provision for the Protection of Wild Animals; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 1st day of June next; and to be printed.

Mr. Luttrell presented a Bill to amend the Acts relating to Cruelty to Animals; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 1st day of June next; and to be printed.

Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills (Section A.)

Mr. Luttrell presented a Bill to amend the Acts relating to Sanitary Regulations; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 1st day of June next; and to be printed.

Mr. Luttrell presented a Bill to amend the Acts relating to Cruelty to Animals; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 1st day of June next; and to be printed.

Mr. Luttrell presented a Bill to amend the Acts relating to Sanitary Regulations; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 1st day of June next; and to be printed.

Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice reported from the Select Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills (Section A.), that, in the case of the Farnworth Urban District Council Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Reginald McKenna reported from the Select Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills (Section B.), that, in the case of the Halifas Corporation Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Charles Dalrymple reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; that they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, and 18th days of this instant May, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Oldroyd reported from the Committee on the Wandleworth and Putney Gas Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Oldroyd reported from the Committee on the Gas Light and Coke Commercial Gas and South Metropolitan Gas Companies Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out recitals relating to the testing of the illuminating power of gas, and had otherwise amended the Preamble so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Six of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 24th May, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,--Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Order not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:--

Birmingham Corporation (Stock) Bill.

Sheffield District Railway Bill.

Wirral Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Standing Committee on Standing Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, have leave to sit this day during the Sitting of the House.—(Mr. Laurence Hardy.)

The Aberdeen Police and Improvement Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Charing Cross and Strand Electricity Supply Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to Supply Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That Church’s Patent Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Cloothorpes Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That Church do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Dundee Harbour Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Nottingham Corporation Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The South Eastern Metropolitan Tramways South Eastern Bill was read the third time, and passed, with a Metropolitan Tramways Bill, New Title, as follows:--

An Act for conferring further Powers on the South Eastern Metropolitan Tramways Company for using mechanical power on their Tramways, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.
The South Lancashire Tramways Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Devonport Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Transfer to be by deed duly stamped) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London County Council (Improvements) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain, presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Ordinance, No. 11 of 1898, "The Law relating to Public Meetings (Malta)."

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules for the government of the Prisons in Barbados.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 23rd day of this instant May, for a Return relative to the Electric Lighting Provisions Orders (No. 9) Bill, No. 185.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, No. 2430.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Jarrow and Hebburn Electricity Supply Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Mid-Kent Water Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Jarrow and Hebburn Electricity Supply Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Newtown and Llanllwchaiarn Urban District Gas Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Governments Stock and other Securities Investment Company Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Great Berkhampstead Water Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Poignton Urban District Water Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Birmingham (King Edward the Sixth) Schools Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Mr. Oldroyd reported from the Committee on the Metropolitan Gas Bill; that, in accordance with the Instruction of the House of the 6th March 1900, the Committee had considered the desirability of inserting in the Bill such Clauses as may be required to give effect to Recommendations 1 and 2 of the Select Committee on Metropolitan Gas Companies. Mr. Oldroyd further reported from the Committee; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Dublin Electric Lighting Bill.

Mr. Alexander Hargreaves Brown reported the Dublin Electric Lighting Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Tuesday next, the County Councillors (Qualification of Women) (Scotland) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order for resuming, upon Monday next, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 9th day of this instant May, That the Salmon Fisheries (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 18th day of June next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services Estimates, 1900-1901. Class II.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 32,339, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Local Government Board in Ireland.

Motion made, and Question put, That Item 2 (Salaries) be reduced by £ 1,000—(Mr. Dillon);

The Committee proceeded to a Division.

Friday, 20th May, 1900:

Tellers for the [Captain Donelan, 83. Mr. Patrick O’Brien;]

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, 129. Mr. Austruther;]

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

And, it being after Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Louther reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Mr. James William Louther also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Irish Education Second Reading of the Irish Education Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Law Second Reading of the Criminal Law and Procedure (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Shop Hours Second Reading of the Shop Hours Act (1892) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 15th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Law Second Reading of the Criminal Law and Procedure (Irish) Act (1887) Repeal Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchant Shipping Acts Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 21st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Roman Catholic Second Reading of the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing of the Working Classes Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 18th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Beer Retailers’ Second Reading of the Beer Retailers’ and Spirit Grocers’ Licences (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Isolation Hospitals Second Reading of the Isolation Hospitals (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of February last, That the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (No. 2) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into Consideration the Beer Retailers’ and Spirit Grocers’ Licences (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday the 20th day of June next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Dedication Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

2. Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill.
Ordered, That the Standing Committee on Law do consider the Dorking Water Bill, as amended in the Bill [Lords.]

3. Metropolitan Police Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1900.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

1. Local Government Provisional Orders (Poor Law) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time upon Monday next.

The London United Tramways Bill was read the third time, and passed, with verbal Amendments made to the Bill.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The City of London Electric Lighting Bill was read the third time, and passed, with verbal Amendments made to the Bill.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Motion being made, That the London and North Western Railway Bill be now read the third time ; Mr. James A. Campbell, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.
Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the London and North Western Railway (Wales) Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The London United Tramways Bill was read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Church's Patent Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill [Lords.] to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Dorking Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Fishguard Water and Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Manchester Ship Canal Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Scheme to be registered under Friendly Societies Acts) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Friday, 25th May, 1900.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Metropolitan District Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Mountain Ash Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Public Petitions. Vide Seventh Report.

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Copy of Directory of the Board of Education, South Kensington, for the year 1899, with Regulations for establishing and conducting Science and Art Schools. (Vide Seventh Report.)

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Copy of General Report by the Chief Inspector of the Northern Division of Scotland, for the year 1899.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Copy of Report of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales under "The Welsh Intermediate Education Act, 1889" (1899).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Commissioners, and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of a Light Railway in the County of Suffolk, from Hangleton to Hadleigh, with a Branch to Debenham and Westfield (Mid-Suffolk Light Railway Order, 1900).

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Commissioners, and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of a Light Railway in the County of Cornwall, between St. Ives and Callington (Callington Light Railway Order, 1900).

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Commissioners, and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of a Light Railway in the County of Durham, from Bishop Auckland to Darlington (Bishop Auckland Light Railway Order, 1900).

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Commissioners, and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of Light Railways in the Borough of Dudley, and the Urban Districts of Stafford and of West Bromwich, in the County of Wolverhampton (Dudley and District Light Railways Extension Order, 1900).

Copies of Special Reports by the Board of Trade under Section (1) of the Electric Lighting Act, 1888:

(1) Battersea Electric Lighting Order, 1900;
(2) Freshwater and Totland (I.W.) Electric Supply Company, Limited, Electric Lighting Order, 1900;
(3) Marylebone Electric Lighting Order, 1900;
(4) Royal Leamington Spa Electric Lighting Order, 1900;
(5) Staines, Egham, and Chertsey Electric Lighting Order, 1900.

Copy of Annual Statement of the Trade of the Trade (Foreign United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions for the year 1899, compared with the four preceding years.

Mr. Ritchie also presented, Return to an Order, dated the 8th day of June 1899, for a Train. Return showing (1) the Number of Workmen's Trains running on all Railways in Great Britain; (2) the Distance run and the Fares charged on each particular Train; (3) the Return to be prepared and issued by the Board of Trade dealing with London Railways in 1897.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Return be printed.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Australia. Her Majesty's Command, Copy of Extract from a Memorandum on the Draft Australian Commonwealth Bill, Adelaide, 1897, communicated to the President of New South Wales, after the Conference with the Colonial Premiers assembled in London in July 1897.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Holland reported from the Committee on Christiechurch, the Christchurch, Bournemouth, and Winton, Bournemouth, and Winton, Tramways Bill; That in pursuance of the Resolution of the House on the 6th March last, the Committee had struck out the powers to construct Sections I. and III. of the Tramways proposed to be authorised by the Bill; that in pursuance of the Instruction of the House of the 20th March last the Committee had considered whether it was desirable to amend Clause 42 (Cheap Fares for Labouring Classes) by inserting penalties to secure the objects of the Clause, and as to the number of cars to be provided, the hours at which the cars shall run, and the maximum and minimum fares to be charged, but as the Clause had already been amended by the Promoters by agreement with one of the local authorities the Committee had not thought it necessary to make any further alterations therein.

Mr. Holland further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Holland reported from the Committee on Railway Bills Group 7 of Railway Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday the 19th day of June next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Aker-Douglas reported from the Select Committee on the Land Registry Bill: That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed for Monday next.

Mr. Hills reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders; several Resolutions; Orders, which were read, as follow:—

1. That, in the case of the Alexandra Park Alexandra Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with.
25th May.

Order, That there be laid before this House, a Return in the following form:

Return of Transfers of Rights of Patronage registered under the Benefices Act, 1898, in the year 1899.

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(b) The total number of transactions annually registered from the 1st day of January 1899 to the 31st day of December 1899, showing the numbers of (i.) first registrations under the Acts of 1875 and 1897, (ii.) conveyances, transfers, and cessations of land, (iii.) mortgages, charges, further charges, and transfers of mortgages and charges, (iv.) reconveyances of mortgages and cessation of charges, (v.) Leases and surrenders of Leases, (vi.) miscellaneous.


A statement, so far as may be practicable, of the nature and amount of the work done under these Acts from the 1st day of January 1899 to the 31st day of December 1899.

5. Under the Land Charges Registration and Searches Act, 1888.

The number of registrations, official searches, and ordinary searches made from the 1st day of January 1899 to the 31st day of December 1899.


The number of registrations and searches made from the 1st day of January 1899 to the 31st day of December 1899.

And, showing the amount of fees received and the amount of salaries and expenses in the Land Registry from the 1st day of April 1899 to the 31st day of March 1900, distinguishing for the purposes of Section 22 of the Land Transfer Act, 1897, the fees received and salaries and expenses paid under the Land Transfer Acts and the other Acts above referred to (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 304, of Session 1899).—(Mr. Henry David Greene.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return in the following form:

Return of Transfers of Rights of Patronage registered under the Benefices Act, 1898, during the year 1899 (to be extracted from the Register prescribed by Rules 2 and 3 of the Benefices Act, 1898).

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Return of Benefices (if any) in respect of which refusals of Institution were made under the Benefices Act, 1898, during the year 1899.

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Return of Benefices (if any) in respect of which Commissions were issued during the year 1899, under the Pluralities Act, 1888, as amended by the Pluralities Act Amendment Act, 1885, and the Benefits Act, 1898.

(Lord Hugh Cecil.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Return of the Return of the Return of the Return of the Return of the

Marine Engineers.

Sir James Kitson reported from the Committee on Electric Power Bills; That, for the convenience of the Committee, they had adjourned till Monday 18th June, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by

Electrical Power

Glasstone

Kingston-upon-

Southampton

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Education

Rotherham

Rotherham

Education

Board

Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, to whom the Borough Funds Borough Bill was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Mr. Tatton Egerton reported from the Committee on the Nevery, Kenady, and Tymon Light Railway Bill; That, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 27th February last, the Committee have struck out the words in Clause 21 of the Bill mentioned in the said Resolution.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday the 14th day of June next; and to be printed.

Sir Henry Fletcher reported the Motherwell Motherwell Water Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Tatton Egerton further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and had amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Henry Fletcher reported from the Committee on the Exmouth Urban District Water Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Tramways Bill to amend the Tramways (Ireland) Acts: And that Mr. Harrington, Mr. John Redmond, Mr. James Campbell, Mr. Timothy M. Healy, Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Mr. Sergeant Hempill, and Mr. William Moore do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prevent Cruelty to Wild Animals in Captivity: And that Mr. Henry David Green, Sir Robert Reid, Mr. Alfred Lyttelton, Mr. Brynmor Jones, and Mr. Benbury do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Harrington presented a Bill to amend the Tramways (Ireland) Acts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 25th day of June next; and to be printed.

Mr. Henry David Green presented a Bill for Cruelty to Wild Animals in Captivity: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 14th day of June next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
The Order of the day being read, for the Workmen’s Second Reading of the Workmen’s Compensation Amendment Act (1897) Amendment (No. 3) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time (No. 3) Bill, upon Monday the 25th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Factory and Second Reading of the Factory and Workshop Act (Scotland) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill, upon Wednesday the 29th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the District Second Reading of the District Abolition and Substitution Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 14th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Quaries Committee on the Quaries (re-committed) Bill;  
Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Law Second Reading of the Criminal Law and Procedure (Ireland) Act (1887) Repeal Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill, upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Roman Catholic Second Reading of the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 25th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Second Reading of the Land Dedication Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 14th day of June next.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Sea Fisheries Bill have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.—(Captain Sinclair).

And then the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 28th May, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

M. Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been compiled with, viz.:—

Aston Manor Tramways Bill. 
Margate Pier and Harbour Bill. 
South Eastern Railway Bill. 
Whitstable and Dover Railway Bill. 
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report provisionally from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Orders of the Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, the applicable Standing Orders which are applicable thereto, have been compiled with, viz.:—

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill. 
London (Clerkenwell and Holborn) Provisional Order Bill. 

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Civil Services Estimates, 1900—1901.

Class II.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £10,486, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Offices of the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant in Dublin and London, and of the Inspectors of Lunatic Asylums.

Motion made, and Question put, That Item A (Salaries) be reduced by £100, in respect of the Salary of the Chief Secretary.—(Mr. John Redmond);

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Captain Dunne), 77;  
Tellers for the (Sir William Walrand), 105.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Class III.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £1,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Irish Land Commission.

Motion made, and Question put, That Item A (Salaries) be reduced by £1,000.—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy);

The Committee proceeded to a Division.

Saturday, 26th May, 1900:

Tellers for the (Captain Dunne), 75;  
Tellers for the (Sir William Walrand), 104.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

And, it being after Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Sea Fisheries Bill have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.—(Captain Sinclair).

And then the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.
Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Grand and Water Orders Confirmation Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 22nd day of this instant May, That, in the case of the following Bill, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Post Office Sites Bill.

Spalding Urban District Council (Water) Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Devonsport Corporation Bill be now read the third time, and passed, which was agreed to, without Amendment.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed, with a new Title, as follows:—A Bill to confer Powers upon the Corporation of the Borough of Devonsport with respect to the construction and working of Tramways within the Borough; for extending the Powers of the said Corporation as to Electric Lighting; for extending the Boundaries of the said Borough; to make provision for the acquisition of the Devonsport Market Undertaking; to confer further Powers upon the said Corporation with respect to Streets and other matters and in regard to the Health, Local Government, and improvement of the said Borough; to make further provision for the collection and recovery of Rates, for the borrowing of Money, and for other purposes. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Governments Stock and other Securities Investment Company Bill was read the third time, and passed.

A Motion being made, That the Ilfracombe Improvement Bill be now read the third time; Mr. James William Louther, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The London County Council (Improvements) London Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Saint Alban's Water Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the London and North Western Railway (Wales) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words "now read the third time," and adding the words "re-committed to the former Committee in respect of Clause 6"—(Mr. Herbert Roberts),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "now read the third time" stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Lloyd-George moved, "That the Debate Mr. Speaker be now adjourned"; but Mr. Speaker, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, declined to propose a Question thereon to the House.

And the Question being proposed; So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Galloway; Mr. Galloway; Mr. Herbert Roberts, Noes Lient-Col. Pryce-Jones; 163. 106.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being again proposed:

—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Bryn Roberts moved, "That the Debate Mr. Speaker be now adjourned"; but Mr. Speaker, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, declined to propose a Question thereon to the House.

And the Main Question being put; So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House proceeded to take into considera- tion the Lambeth Water Bill, as amended in the Water Bill Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera- tion the Lancashire Inebriates Acts Board Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Southport and Lytham TramRoad Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Brewery and Commercial Investment Trust, Limited, Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bristol Water Bill be read a second time; and committed.

The Cork Electric Tramways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Cumberland County Council (Bridges) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Darne Valley Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Falmouth Corporation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Glasgow and South Western Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The North Harbour Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Plymouth, Stonehouse, and Devonport Tramways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Rawmarsh Urban District Council (Tramways) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Rhymney Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Taff Vale Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

A Bill to constitute a body of Trustees for the purpose of acquiring the Alexandra Palace and Park and other Lands in the County of Middlesex; and to empower them to hold and manage the same as a place of Public Resort and Recreation and for other public purposes, and to make all provisions necessary or proper in that behalf, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 39, 129, and 230 be suspended, and that the time for depositing Petitions and Memorials against Private Bills, or against any Bill to confirm any Provisional Order or Provisional Certificate, and for depositing duplicates of any Documents relating to any Bill to confirm any Provisional Order or Provisional Certificate, be extended to the first day on which the House shall sit after the Recess. — (The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (Poor Law) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to Bray: And that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Mr. Gerald Balfour do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, relating to Apr, Bridlington, Felixstowe, and Poynings: And that Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Austen do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Local Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to Bray: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland presented Local Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to Bray, and the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders under the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, 1892, relating to Perth and Paisley: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Austen do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Local Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to Bray: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Business was ordered; and to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's War Relief Command, — Copy of Treasury Minute relating to the appointment of the War Relief Funds Committee, dated 17th February, 1890, and of the Report of the Committee, dated 28th May 1900.

Mr. Hanbury also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 5th day of April last, for Returns relative to Government Departments Appropriation in the Public Health, Education, and other Departments.

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the Sinking Fund directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt; showing the Amount received from the Exchequer in respect of the Old and New Sinking Funds, in the Financial Year ended 31st March 1900, also of the particular application thereof, pursuant to Section 7 of the Act 38 & 39 Vic. c. 45.
Appropriation Accounts of the Sums granted by Parliament for sundry Colonial Services, including certain Grants in Aid, for the year ending 31st March 1899 (Supplement), together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of Draft Post Office Savings Bank Regulations, 1900.

Copy of Draft Regulations of the Trustees Savings Banks, 1900.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Return relative to Government Departments Securities, and the Papers relative to Sinking Funds and Civil Services and Revenue Departments (Appropriation Accounts) and Trustee Savings Banks (Regulations) be printed.

Mr. Chaplin presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Thirty-sixth Annual Report by the Chief Inspector, under the Alkali, &c. Works Regulations Act, 1870, of his Proceedings during the year 1899, presented to the Local Government Board and to the Secretary for Scotland.

The Annual Local Taxation Returns for England for the year 1898-99, Part I. (Poor Rate and Valuation for Poor Rate).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Ritchie presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report by the Board of Trade respecting the Saint David's Wath-upon-Deane and District Gas Provisional Order.

Mr. Ritchie also presented, in pursuance of Standing Order 158A,—Copy of Report by the Board of Trade respecting the Saint David's Railway (Abandonment) Bill, and the objects thereof.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Gas and Water Works Facilities Act, 1870, do lie upon the Table, and be printed; and that the Paper relative to Railways Abandonment be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of General Orders for the Regulation of Proceedings under and in pursuance of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2431 to 2435, inclusive.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Further Return to an Order, dated the 10th day of February 1898, for a Return comprising (1) the Reports made to the Charity Commissioners, in the Result of an Inquiry concerning Charities, 1818 to 1837; (2) a Digest showing, in the case of each such Parish, whether any, and, if any, what such Endowments are recorded in the Books of the Charity Commissioners in the Parish; and (3) an Index, alphabetically arranged, of Names and Places mentioned in the Reports.

Ordered, That the said Return be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Electric a Copy of Memorandum stating the nature of the Proposals contained in the Provisional Orders included in the—

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Gas and Water a Copy of Memorandum stating the nature of the Proposals contained in the Provisional Orders included in the Gas and Water Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Gas and Private a Copy of Memorandum stating the nature of the Proposals contained in the Provisional Orders included in the Gas Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lomther reported from the Local Government Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (Gas) Bill; that they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed, and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday the 14th day of June next.

Mr. James William Lomther reported from the Local Government Committee on the Leith Burgh Provisional Orders Bill; that they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed, and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday the 14th day of June next.

Mr. James William Lomther reported the Brag Brag Urban District Council Bill, with an Amendment. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Mr. James William Loothor reported the Second Stage of the Railway (Abandonment) Bill, without Amendment. **Ordered.** That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Loothor reported the Great Central Railway Bill, with Amendments. **Ordered.** That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

**Sir Henry Fletcher** reported from the Committee on Group II of Private Bills, that a letter was received from Viscount Sandon, one of the Members of the said Committee, stating that he was unable to be present at the meeting of the Committee this day on account of illness. **Ordered.** That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Tatum Egerton reported the Kingstown, Killkenny, and Arneway Railway Bill, with Amendments. **Ordered.** That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

**Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth** reported from the Joint Committee on the Dublin Corporation Bill and the Clontar Urban District Council Bill; that, for the convenience of parties, they had adjourned till Thursday, 21st day of June next, at half-past Eleven of the clock. **Ordered.** That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice reported from Section A of the Select Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills; that, in the case of the Lancaster Corporation Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto. **Ordered.** That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Arthur O'Connor reported from the Chairman's Panel; that they had appointed Mr. Arthur O'Connor to act as Chairman of the Standing Committee for the consideration of Bills relating to Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, in respect of the Town Councils (Scotland) Bill, in the place of Sir James Ferguson. **Ordered.** That the Report do lie upon the Table.

**Registration of Firms Bill.**

**Ordered.** That the Select Committee on the Registration of Firms Bill have Power to send for persons, papers, and records. (Mr. Attorney General.)

**Reginald McKenna** reported from Section B of the Select Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills; that, in the case of the West Bromwich Corporation Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto. **Ordered.** That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that a Message had been brought from the Lords by the Honourable William Robert Wellesley, New Member for the Borough of Manchester sworn,(South Division), was sworn.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of February last, That the Public Health Bill be now read a second time; Mr. Speaker directed it to be resumed (ordered) That the Debate be further adjourned till the 19th day of June next.

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The Margate Corporation Bill was read the first time.

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The Westgate and Birchington Water Bill was read the first time.

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The Motherwell and Bellishill Railway Bill was read the first time.

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The North Eastern Railway Bill (Steam Vessels) Bill was read the first time.

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The Education (Scotland) Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 18th day of June next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Quarries Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 18th day of June next, resolve itself into the Committee on the (re-committed) Quarries Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House at its rising do adjourn till Thursday the 14th day of June next, and that so soon as Government Business is disposed of this day Mr. Speaker do adjourn the House without Question put—Mr. Balfour.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by inserting, after the word "rising," the word "To-morrow"—Mr. Samuel Smith.

And the Question was then put, "That the Question be now put." And the Question being put, the Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Havelock Wilson; 187.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Kilbride; 67.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the Main Question being accordingly put; 
Resolved, That this House at its rising do adjourn till Thursday the 14th day of June next, and that so soon as Government Business is disposed of this day Mr. Speaker do adjourn the House without Question put.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Railways (Prevention of Accidents) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Provision against double notices, double inspections, &c.)—(Mr. Ritchie) was twice read, and amended; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Application to Scotland) (Mr. Alcorn) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Failure of patentee to supply patented appliance on reasonable terms)—(Sir Alfred Hickman) AND the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, that the said Clause be now read a second time; The said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Application to rescind or vary rules):—

"(1) Any person affected by any rule, order, or direction made under this Act, which has been in operation for a period exceeding six months, may apply to the Board of Trade to rescind or vary the same. Such application shall be made in writing and shall be accompanied by a statement of the grounds upon which it is made.

"(2) If the Board of Trade shall decline to entertain such application, or if the person making the application is dissatisfied with the decision of the Board of Trade thereon, the Board of Trade shall at the request of such person refer the application to the Railway and Canal Commissioners as if it were an objection to the Board of Trade to the Board of Trade on which the rule in respect of which the application is made shall be made in writing and shall be accompanied by a statement of the grounds upon which it is made.

"(3) If the Board of Trade shall decline to entertain such application, or if the person making the application is dissatisfied with the decision of the Board of Trade thereon, the Board of Trade shall at the request of such person refer the application to the Railway and Canal Commissioners as if it were an objection to the Board of Trade to the Board of Trade on which the rule in respect of which the application is made shall be made in writing and shall be accompanied by a statement of the grounds upon which it is made.

"(4) If the Board of Trade shall decline to entertain such application, or if the person making the application is dissatisfied with the decision of the Board of Trade thereon, the Board of Trade shall at the request of such person refer the application to the Railway and Canal Commissioners as if it were an objection to the Board of Trade to the Board of Trade on which the rule in respect of which the application is made shall be made in writing and shall be accompanied by a statement of the grounds upon which it is made.

"(5) Where the Board of Trade has, at the request of the objector or, in the opinion of the Board of Trade, the Board of Trade, or the objector or the railway company, directed the Board of Trade to entertain the application, the Board of Trade shall, if the Board of Trade is of opinion that the application is reasonable or not, as if it was an objection to a rule under this Act, and if they decide that the application is reasonable, the Board of Trade shall propose a rule to meet it."

(Mr. Jackon.)

And the Question being put, That those words "railway service," stand part of the Clause :—It was passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That those words "board of Trade," stand part of the Clause :—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Clause, so amended, was made part of the Bill.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 9, by leaving out the words "railway service," and inserting the words the "employment of persons on any railway by any railway company"—(Sir James Joycely) ; instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "railway service," stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 2, after the word "shown," by leaving out the words "to the satisfaction of the Board of Trade."—(Mr. Renshaw)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 4, by leaving out from the word "Trade" to the word "objectors," in l. 5, and inserting the words "may, with the consent of the objector or (Mr. Renshaw);—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 5, by leaving out the words "Board of Trade," and inserting the words "Railway and Canal Commissioners"—(Mr. Stuart-Worthley) ; instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "Board of Trade," stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 6, by leaving out the words "in priority to,"—(Mr. Banbury) ;

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The House divided; The Yeas to the Right; The Noses to the Left; Tellers for the [Mr. Banbury]; 101. Tellers for the [Mr. Adderley]; 35. So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 13, by leaving out sub-section (4), of Clause 14.—(Mr. Renshaw)

And the Question being put, That the word "where" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 20, by leaving out the words "objector, or the railway company," and inserting the words "(5) Where the Board of Trade hold a special inquiry with reference to an objection to a proposed rule on the application of
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Elementary Education Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 18th day of June next.

The Post Office Sites Bill was, according to Post Office Order, read a second time; and committed to a Select Committee of Five Members, Three to be nominated by the House, and Two by the Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That all Petitions against the Bill presented Five clear days before the meeting of the Committee be referred to the Committee; that the Petitioners praying to be heard by themselves, their Counsel, or Agents, be heard against the Bill, and Counsel heard in support of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.—(Mr. Hanbury)

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Registry Committee on the Land Registry (New Buildings) (re-committed) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 18th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Gerald Balfour reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Service Estimates, 1900-1901.

Class II.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £10,486, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Chief Secretary for Ireland (Offices, &c.) necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Offices of the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant in Dublin and London, and of the Inspectors of Lunatic Asylums.

Class III.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £81,681, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Irish Land Commission.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Savings Banks and Friendly Societies Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 14th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing of the Working Classes Act (1890) Amendment Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 18th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Companies Second Reading of the Companies Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 18th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Tithe Rent-charge (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 18th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Factories and Second Reading of the Factories and Workshops Bill;
Ordered,
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 18th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Lunacy Bill (Scotland) Bill, 
Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday the 18th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Money-Lending Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 18th day of June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Intermediate Education Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday the 18th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Irish Education Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 18th day of June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Ecclesiastical Assessments (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 18th day of June.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 2nd day of April last, That the Palace Court of Durham Bill be now read a second time; 
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 18th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dogs Regulation Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 18th day of June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Inebriates Amendment (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 18th day of June.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate of the Question proposed upon Thursday next, That his Honours, the Lords, and their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 2nd day of April last, That the Palace Court of Durham Bill be now read a second time; 
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 18th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Refractory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 18th day of June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Courts (Investigation of Deposits) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 18th day of June.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Burial Grounds Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; 
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday the 18th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Irish Education Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 18th day of June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Intermediate Education (Ireland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 18th day of June.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 21st day of this instant May, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Young Offenders Bill be now read a second time;

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Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 18th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Ways and Means; 
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 14th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Glastonbury Corporation Gas Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to; 
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Spalding Urban District Council (Water) Bill; 
Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Dorking Water Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments. 
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Fishguard Water and Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments. 
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

A Motion being made, That the Manchester Ship Canal Bill be now read the third time; 
Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments. 
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

A Motion being made, That the Metropolitan District Railway Bill be now read the third time; 

Mr.
The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Portland Urban District Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the South Metropolitan Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Wandsworth and Putney Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
The Birmingham Corporation (Stock) Bill was read a second time; and committed.
The Scottish American Investment Company Limited, Bill was read a second time; and com-
mitted.
The Sheffield District Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.
The Wirral Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Leithburgh Pro-
visional Order Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to Local Government Provisional Orders (Gas) Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.
The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders Electric Lighting Provisional Order (No. 10) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.
The Gas and Water Orders Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.
The London (Clerkenwell and Holborn) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.
The London (Poplar) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.
The Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.
Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.
The following Papers, presented by Command of Her Majesty during the Whitsuntide Recess, were delivered to the Librarian of the House of Commons during the Recess, pursuant to the Standing Order of the 14th August 1896:—
Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Nos. 2430 to 2449.
Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, No. 256.
Copy of Ordinance No. X. of 1898 (The Contagious Diseases Law) (Malta).
Harbour be printed; and that the Paper relative to Railways Abandonment be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

Mr. Chaplin presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made by the various County and County Borough Councils in England and Wales under Sections 57 and 59 of the Local Government Act, 1888, as confirmed by the Local Government Board. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, Penal Servitude Acts, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Licence under the Prevention of Crimes Act, 1871, granted by Her Majesty to Elizabeth Martin, a Convict under detention in Aylesbury Prison, permitting her to be at large on condition that she enter the Royal Victoria Home, Horfield, near Bristol.

Copy of Orders made by the County Council appointing the Parliamentary Divisions of Heywood, Leigh and Stretford into convenient Polling Districts. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, by East India Commissioners for England and Wales, under Sections 2, 6 and 7 of the Indian Prisons Act, 1899, Section 2, dated the 21st May 1900.

Copy of General Report to the Board of Education of the Proceedings of the Charity Commission for the year 1899. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Copy of Report to the Board of Education by the Chief Inspector of the Education of the Proceedings of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales, under the Endowed Schools Acts, 1869 to 1889, for the year 1899.

Copy of General Report to the Board of Education by the Chief Inspector of the South Eastern Division for the year 1899.

Copy of General Report to the Board of Education by the Chief Inspector of the East Central Division, for the year 1899.

Sir John Gorst presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Minutes by the Board of Education, sanctioning the Subjects to be taught under Clause 8 of the Technical Instruction Act, 1889, for the following Counties:

County of Glamorgan (Ninth Minute),
County of Warwick (Sixth Minute), dated 21st May 1900.

Copy of Scheme for the Management of the Endowed Schools Act, 1869, and Amending Acts, No. 204.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the Endowed Schools Act, 1869, and Amending Acts, be printed.

Mr. Walter Long presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Fees to be taken in respect of Transactions under the Title and Simile Acts in accordance with the provisions of the Inclosure, &c. Expenses Act, 1868.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the London and Saint Katherine Docks and East and West India Dock Companies Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as submitted to and passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing (1) the number of men employed in Army Services who have received Compensation since July 1st, 1898; (2) the Amount of Compensation received in all cases of Incapacity through Accident; (3) the Amount of Compensation received in cases of Fatal Accident; (4) the Amount of Weekly Wages received by all persons receiving Compensation since the above date. (Mr. Woods.)

A Motion being made, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, all sums payable by the Postmaster General under any Act of the present Session to enable Her Majesty’s Postmaster General to acquire Lands for the Public Service, and of all expenses incurred in carrying into effect the Provisions of such Act. (Mr. Ritchie);

Mr. Ritchie, by Her Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, that Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

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

The Public Libraries Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Railways (Prevention of Accidents) Bill, as amended, be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. (In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1900-1901.

Class IV.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £5,585,099, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Education, and of the various Establishments connected therewith, including sundry Grants in Aid.

Motion made, and Question put, That Item A (Salaries) be reduced by £100, in respect of the Salary of the Vice-President of the Committee. (Mr. Samuel Smith); The Committee divided. Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Samuel Smith, 46, Mr. Lloyd-George; Tellers for the Noes, Sir William Walrond, 128.

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Original Question again proposed.

And, it being after Midnight, and objection being taken to further proceeding, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, that the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Savings Banks Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means and the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Borough Funds Bill, and amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday the 27th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Executors Second Reading of the Executors (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Cruelty to Wild Animals in Captivity Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Dedication Second Reading of the Land Dedication Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Industrial Schools Second Reading of the Industrial Schools Bill; Schools Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the District Councils Second Reading of the District Councillors and Guardians (Term of Office) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Office Bill, upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of March last, That the Compensation for Damage to Crops Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the School Board Second Reading of the School Board Elections (London) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Education of the Blind Second Reading of the Education of the Blind (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Isolation Hospitals Second Reading of the Isolation Hospitals (Amendment) Bill.

Ordered,
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The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of February last, That the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (No. 2) Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Acts Amendment (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 27th day of March last, That the Bakehouses (Hours of Labour) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Court of Criminal Appeal Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vaccination Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Houses (Scotland) Later Opening Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Holdings (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Workmen's Houses Tenure Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Water Supply Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Watermen's Certificates Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Friendly Societies Disqualification Removal Bill; Vol. 152.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law respecting the Hours of Polling at Elections, and to extend the Hours of Polling on Saturdays: And that Mr. Flower, Mr. Marks, Mr. Charrington, and Mr. Harry Samuel, do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Flower accordingly presented a Bill to change the Law respecting the Hours of Polling at Elections, and to extend the Hours of Polling on Saturdays: And the same was read the first Bill time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 2nd day of July next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Friday, 15th June, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bill from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the Petition for the following Bills, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

London, Walthamstow, and Epping Forest Railway (Abandonment).

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provincial Order Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, the Standing Orders applicable thereto have not been complied with, viz.:

Electric Lighting Provisional Order (No. 11) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Town Holdings Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Leasehold Enfranchisement (England and Wales) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

PRAYERS.

The Lambeth Water Bill was read the third Lambeth time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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in the Secretary of State in Council of India, and of any costs, charges, and expenses incurred under such Act.—(Mr. Caldecott).

Mr. Jesse Collings, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Leith Burgh Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, that this House has agreed to the same, with an Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Local Government Provisional Orders Local Government (Gas) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a London Tramroad Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State for improving certain areas situated in the Parish of Saint Luke, in the County of London: And that Mr. Jesse Collings and Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That Standing Order 130 be suspended, and that the Bill be read the first time.—(Mr. Jesse Collings.)

Mr. Jesse Collings accordingly presented a London (Southwark) Provisional Order Bill, for improving certain areas situated in the Parish of Saint George-the-Martyr, Southwark, in the County of London: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a London (Southwark) Provisional Order Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State for improving certain areas situated in the Parish of Saint George-the-Martyr, Southwark, in the County of London: And that Mr. Jesse Collings and Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That Standing Order 130 be suspended, and that the Bill be read the first time.—(Mr. Jesse Collings.)

Mr. Jesse Collings accordingly presented a London (Southwark) Provisional Order Bill, for improving certain areas situated in the Parish of Saint George-the-Martyr, Southwark, in the County of London: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions, Vide Seventh Report, read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Prisons (Dietaries), which was presented upon the 14th day of this instant June, be printed.

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, in the Secretary of State in Council of India, and of any costs, charges, and expenses incurred under such Act.—(Mr. Caldecott).

Copy of I. Return (in pursuance of Act 32 & 33 Vic. c. 102, s. 49) showing up to the 31st March 1900: (1.) The Amount of Consolidated Stock; (II.) The Application of the Money raised by
such Stock: (III.) The Sums carried to the Consolidated Loans Fund; (IV.) The Application of the Consolidated Loans Fund; and (V.) An Estimate of the Expenditure of the Council for all purposes, for the year ending 31st March 1900: (1) All Moneys raised by the Metropolitan Board of Works and the Council since the passing of the Act; and (II.) Particulars in relation to every Parish, District, Union, or Place, in respect whereof a Loan has been obtained from the Metropolitan Board of Works, or the Council, since the passing of the Act.

Copy of Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1884, dated 25th May 1900, declaring that Mr. John Roberts, Turrnkey, Consul General, Yokohama Consular Service, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate through inadversity on the part of the Head of his Department.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 6th June, 1900, under the Superannuation Act, 1884, declaring that Mr. James Alfred Dawson, Rural Postman, Post Office Department, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate, through inadversity on the part of the Head of his Department.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 6th June, 1900, declaring that, for the due and efficient discharge of the duties of the Office of Sanitary Surveyor under the Board of Trade (Mercantile Marine Services), professional or other peculiar qualifications not ordinarily to be acquired in the public service are required.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the London County Council be printed.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Statement exhibiting the Moral and Material Progress and Condition of India during the year 1898-99. Thirty-sixth Number. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of List of (1) Associations constituted under the Voluntary Schools Act, 1897; (2) Associated Schools and Amounts of Aid Grant paid; and (3) Unassociated Schools and Amounts of Aid Grant paid, 1899-1900. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Number of Experiments performed on Living Animals during the year 1899 under Licences granted under the Act 39 & 40 Vic. c. 77, distinguishing Painless from Painful Experiments; and the results of such experiments, inclusive of all Payments and Salaries, for the year ended the 29th day of November 1899; the Rate per Centum per annum on the Capital of the Bank for the Expenditure of Management; the Rate of Interest paid to Depositors on the various Amounts of Deposit, and the Average Rate of Interest on all Accounts; the Number of Accounts remaining open; the Total Amount owing to Depositors; the Total Amount invested in the funds, with the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt; the Balance in the hands of the Treasurer at the 20th day of November 1899; the Total Amount of the Consolidated Loans Fund on the 20th day of November 1899; other Assets, including Estimated Value of Bank Premises, Furniture, &c.; the Total Assets; the Total Amount of Government Stock standing to the Credit of Depositors; the Number and Amount of Annuities granted; and the Average Cost of each Transaction; also the year in which Business commenced in each Bank, and the Name of the Day or Days, and the Number of Hours in the Week, on which the Banks are open for the Deposit and Withdrawal of Money; including in such Return a List of all such Savings Banks as, under the provisions of the Act 26 Vic. c. 14, or otherwise, have been closed and have transferred their Funds, or any part thereof, to the Post Office Savings Banks, showing, in each Case, the Number of such Banks, as well as the Number and Amount of Depositors' Accounts so transferred, and the Amount of Compensation, if any, made to all or any of the Officers of such Banks respectively; and showing also the Years in which such Banks were respectively closed and opened, and the Number and Amount of their Depositors' Balances, and the Number of Days and Hours in each Week on which the same Banks were open for Public Business during the year next preceding the Date of such Closing; distinguishing the same, as in the form of the Return, for each separate County, as well as collectively, for England and Wales, Scotland, Ireland, and the Channel Islands, and for the United Kingdom: and (2) for the year ending the 20th day of November 1899, showing the Total Number of Depositors in Trustee Savings Banks; the Total Number of Depositors' Average Amount of each Deposit Account; the Average Sums paid in and drawn out; the Total Number of Persons who have deposited in single Sums the entire Amount allowed to be deposited during the year (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 297, of Session 1899).—(Sir John William Maclure.)

Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had disallowed the nomination of a Standing Member from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures:—Mr. Munro Ferguson (added in respect of the Agricultural Holdings Bill); and had appointed in substitution: Sir William Wedderburn.

Ordered,
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(Ordered.)

(Civil Services Estimates, 1900-1901.)

Class IV.

1. £ 5,585,099, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Education, and of the various Establishments connected therewith, including sundry Grants in Aid.

2. £ 86,280, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and other Expenses of the British Museum, and of the Natural History Museum, including certain Grants in Aid.

3. £ 3,537, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Gallery, and of the National Gallery of British Art, Millbank, including a Grant in Aid for the purchase of Pictures.

4. £ 2,920, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Portrait Gallery, including a Grant in Aid for the purchase of Portraits.

5. £ 4,967, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Wallace Collection (Hertford House).

6. £ 35,724, to complete the Sum for sundry Grants in Aid of Scientific Investigation, &c., and other Grants.

7. £ 67,500, to complete the Sum for Grants in Aid of the Expenses of certain Universities and Colleges in Great Britain, and of the Expenses under the Welsh Intermediate Education Act, 1889.

8. £ 5, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the University of London.

Class V.

9. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 255,384, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Expenses of Her Majesty's Embassies and Missions Abroad, and of the Consular Establishments Abroad, and other Expenditure chargeable on the Consular Vote:

Motion made, and Question put, That Item P (Salaries of the General Consular Service) be reduced by £ 100, in respect of the Salary of P (Salaries of the General Consular Service).

Tellers for the Yeas, Sir Charles Dilke, Mr. Joseph Albert 

Tellers for the Nays, Sir William Walrond, Mr. Austruther

Original Question put, and agreed to.

10. £ 167,186, to complete the Sum for Grants in Aid of the Expenses of the British Protectorates in Uganda and in Central and East Africa, and under the Uganda Railway Act, 1896.

11. £ 256,955, to complete the Sum for sundry Colonial Services, including certain Grants in Aid.

12. £ 1,000, to complete the Sum for a Grant in Aid of the Revenue of the Island of Cyprus.

13. £ 14,350, to complete the Sum for the Salaries to certain Telegraph Companies.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lowther also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Railton)—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Eleven of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 18th June, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have not been complied with, viz.:

Beeston Corporation Bill.

Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Bill.

Glyncorrwg Urban District Council Gas Bill.

Gorygvi Rural District Council Water Bill.

Margate Corporation Bill.

Mersey Railway Bill.

Motherwell and Bellshill Railway Bill.

North Eastern Railway (Steam Vessels) Bill.

Rotherham Corporation Bill.

South Staffordshire Tramways Bill.

Westgate and Birchington Water Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

Roe's Patent Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto, have not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have not been complied with, viz.:

North Eastern Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto, have not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have not been complied with, viz.:

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Housing of Working Classes) (No. 2) Bill.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill.

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Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 14) Bill.
Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 15) Bill.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Education Board Provisional Orders Confirmation (Brighton and Preston United District, &c.) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill.
Perth and Paisley Gas Provisional Orders Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

The Farnworth Urban District Council Bill was read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Gas Light and Coke, Commercial Gas, and South Metropolitan Gas Companies Bill was read the third time, and passed, with a New Title, as followeth:
An Act for regulating the Charges to be made by the Gas Light and Coke, the South Metropolitan Gas, and the Commercial Gas Companies in the Administrative County of London in respect of Gas supplied by means of prepayment Meters.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Great Berkhamstead Water Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Huddersfield Corporation Tramways Bill was read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Jarrow and Hebburn Electricity Supply Bill was read the third time, and passed, with a New Title, as followeth:
An Act to enable the Walker and Welland Union Gas Company to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Lancashire Inebriates Acts Board Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Meestone Water (Transfer) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Mid-Kent Water Bill was read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Newport Corporation Bill was read the Newport Corporation Bill [Lords.] third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Newry, Killarney, and Tyrnn Light Railways Bill was read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Newtown and Llanllwydiar Urban District Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Portland Urban District Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed, with a New Title, as followeth:
An Act to empower the Urban District Council [New Title] of Portland to supply Gas, and to provide for the transfer of the Undertaking of Sir Richard Nicholas Howard, as successor of the Portland Gas Light and Coke and Coal Company, Limited, to the Council, and to make further provisions in regard to the Finance of the said District, and for other purposes.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The South Metropolitan Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Wandsworth and Putney Gas Bill was Wandsworth and Putney Gas Bill read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into considera- Birmingham tion the Birmingham (King Edward the Sixth) Bill, which was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into considera- Birmingham tion the Blackpool, Saint Anne's, and Lytham Tramways Bill, which was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into considera- Cowes Pier tion the Cowes Pier Bill, which was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Great Central Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Companies' Powers Act, 1864, and of Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London and Saint Katherine Docks and East and West India Dock Companies Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Motherwell Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company Bill [Annuities].

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the creation of Annuities to be charged on and payable out of the Revenues of India in lieu of the sum of money amounting to £34,859,217 17s. 6d. agreed upon for the purchase by the Secretary of State in Council of India of the Undertaking of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company, and the payment of any costs and expenses incurred by the said Secretary of State under any Act of the present Session for vesting the said Undertaking in the said Secretary of State in Council of India; and also any costs, charges, and expenses of obtaining and passing the said Act not provided by the surplus profits arising from the said Undertaking for the half-year ending the 30th day of June 1900.—(Mr. Coldwell): Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Gibson Bowles),—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Louther reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Electric Lighting Provisional Order (No. 11) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time (No. 11) Bill. To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time (No. 12) Bill. To-morrow.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Housing of Working Classes) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Order (Housing of Working Classes) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 11) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to East India (Progress and Condition), which was presented upon the 15th day of this instant June, be printed.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Annual Statement of the Navigation and Shipping of the United Kingdom for the year 1899.

Mr. Ritchie also presented, Return to an Order, dated the 15th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill.

Return to an Order, dated the 15th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to the Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill.

Mr. Ritchie also presented, pursuant to the References, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of No. 210, Report by the Board of Trade on an Application made during the year 1899 under the Railway Companies' Powers Act, 1864, and of the Proceedings of the Board of Trade with respect thereto.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to the Pier and Harbours Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill, the Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill, and Railways, be printed.
Commissioners of the Treasury, pursuant to Royal Warrant of 27th October 1884.

Copy of Grant of Oldham Railway (Purchase) Corporation Bill, the Committee had inserted provisions contained in the Provisional Orders included in the Electric Lighting Provisions (No. 12) Bill, Visional Orders (No. 12) Bill. — (Mr. Ritchie.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Tables showing the progress of Shipping, 1899.

British Merchant Shipping. — (Mr. Ritchie.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, with a Copy of Tables made by the Governing Body of the Cape of Good Hope Observatory to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty for the year 1899.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House. — (Richmond Bridge.)

Cash Account for the year 1899.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of Tables made by the Lord Commissioners of the Admiralty, the Courts of South Australia to Vessels registered in that Colony.

Mr. Goschen — presented, by Her Majesty's Command, — Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2450 to 2460.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

An Abstract of the Accounts of all Fines and other Penal Sums accounted for under the Act 14 & 15 Vict. c. 90, and a Statement of Accounts under the Act 21 & 22 Vict. c. 100, for the year ending 31st December 1898.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to the Dogs Regulation (Ireland) Act, 1865, and Fines, &c. (Ireland), be printed.

An Abstract of the Accounts of all Fines and other Penal Sums accounted for under the Act 14 & 15 Vict. c. 90, and a Statement of Accounts under the Act 21 & 22 Vict. c. 100, for the year ending 31st December 1898.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to the Dogs Regulation (Ireland) Act, 1865, and Fines, &c. (Ireland), be printed.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated 18th June 1894. — (Oxford.)

Sir John Gorst presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, — Copy of Order in Council of 15th May 1900, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, approving certain Pilotage Bye-laws made by the Humber Pilotage Commissioners.

Copy of Order in Council of 15th May 1900, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, recognizing in this Country Certificates of Free Board (Load Line) issued by the Government of South Australia to Vessels registered in that Colony.

Copy of Statute made by the Governing Body of St. John's College, Oxford, on 9th December 1899, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, amending Statutes III. 1. III. 14. V. 4a, and XV. 2. of the Statutes of the College.

Copy of Statute made by the Governing Body of Winchester College, Oxford, on 21st January 1900, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, amending Statute III. 1 of the Statutes of the College.

Copy of Order in Council of 15th May 1900, under the Explosives Act, 1875, declaring that Acetylene, in admixture with air or Oxygen Gas shall be deemed to be an Explosive within the meaning of the Explosives Act, 1875.

Ordered, That the said Papas do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, be printed.

Copy of Statute made by the Governing Body of St. John's College, Oxford, on 9th December 1899, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, amending Statute III. 1, III. 14, V. 4a, and XV. 2, of the Statutes of the College.


Copy of Order in Council of 15th May 1900, under the Explosives Act, 1875, declaring that Arson, in admixture with air, or Oxygen, shall be deemed to be an Explosive within the meaning of the Explosives Act, 1875.

Ordered, That the said Papas do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, be printed.

Mr. Goschen presented, by Her Majesty's Command, — Copy of Report by the Hydrographer of the Admiralty of the Work performed under the direction of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty during the year 1899 in the Examination and Charting of the Seas and Coasts in various parts of the Globe.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Mr. M'Kenna further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That for the remainder of the Session Government Business do have precedence on Tuesday and Wednesday (except on Wednesdays the 20th and 27th of June), and that the provisions of Standing Order No. 56 be extended to all the days of the week.—(Mr. Balfour);—(Mr. Channing), instead thereof.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 3, by leaving out the word "Tuesday," and inserting the word "Tuesdays"—(Mr. Channing), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "Tuesday" stand part of the Question;—(Mr. Balfour).

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;—(Mr. Balfour), 236.

The Noes to the Left;—(Mr. Channing), 118.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 3, by inserting, after the words "except on," the words "Tuesday the 19th and."—(Mr. Edward Morton).

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—(Mr. Balfour).

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;—(Mr. Balfour), 93.

The Noes to the Left;—(Mr. Channing), 250.

So it was resolved in the Negative.

And the Main Question being put:

Ordered, That for the remainder of the Session Government Business do have precedence on Tuesday and Wednesday (except on Wednesdays the 20th and 27th of June), and that the provisions of Standing Order No. 56 be extended to all the days of the week.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law with respect to Customs Duties in the Isle of Man: And that Mr. Hanbury and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in;—(Mr. Hanbury).

Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Law with respect to Customs Duties in the Isle of Man: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Bill.

CLAUSE, N° 5 (Operation of the constitution and laws).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 14, to leave out from the word "Notwithstanding" the word "State," in l. 18, both inclusive.—(Mr. Secretary Chamberlain).

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;—(Mr. Balfour).

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Ecclesiastical Assessments (Scotland) Bill;—(Sir Charles Cameron), instead thereof.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;—(Sir Charles Cameron).

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words "now read the third time," and adding the words "re-committed in respect of a new Clause"—(Sir Charles Cameron).

And the Question being put, That the words "now read the third time" stand part of the Question;—(Mr. Caldwell).

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;—(Mr. Anstruther), 145.

The Noes to the Left;—(Mr. Caldwell), 55.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;—(Mr. Anstruther).

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;—(Mr. Anstruther), 145.

The Noes to the Left;—(Mr. Caldwell), 61.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;—(Mr. Caldwell).

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Land Charges Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 12, by leaving out from the word "transfer" to the end of sub-section (1), of Clause 1—(Mr. Caldwell).

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill—(Mr. Caldwell).

The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;—(Mr. Caldwell).

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordsships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Land Charges Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the House be now resolved into the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 11, by inserting, after the word "board," the words "Provided that where any portion of a burial ground is allotted under any Act for the use of any particular religious denomination, the freehold of the same shall remain vested in the burial authority, which shall have the same control over burial therein as in other parts of the burial ground, and
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The Order of the day being read, for Charitable Loans (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for Education Second Reading of the Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords.];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for Railways Third Reading of the Railways (Prevention of Accidents) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing of Committee on the Housing of the Working Classes Act (1890) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday amendment next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Tithe Rent—Second Reading of the Tithe Rent-charge (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Factories and Second Reading of the Factories and Workshops Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Lunney Board Committee on the Lunney Board (Scotland) (Salaries, &c.) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Dogs Regulation Second Reading of the Dogs Regulation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for re-Palatine Court running the adjourned Debate on the Question of Durham Bill [Lords.]; proposed upon the 2nd day of April last, That the Palatine Court of Durham Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Reformatory Second Reading of the Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time bill upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Irish Education Second Reading of the Irish Education Bill [Lords.];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the intermediate Education Second Reading of the Intermediate Education Bill (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for re-running the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 21st day of May last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the
Youthful Offenders Bill be now read a second time.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Savings and Friendly Societies Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Mr. Hanbury reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Services Estimates, 1890-1901.

Class IV.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £5,585,099, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Education, and of the various Establishments connected therewith, including sundry Grants in Aid.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £86,880, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and other Expenses of the British Museum, and of the National History Museum, including certain Grants in Aid.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £8,374, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Gallery, and of the National Gallery of British Art, Millbank, including a Grant in Aid for the purchase of Pictures.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,520, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Portrait Gallery, including a Grant in Aid for the purchase of Portraits.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £4,967, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Portrait Gallery, including a Grant in Aid for the purchase of Portraits.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £35,724, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries, and Expenses of the Wallace Collection (Hertford House).

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £67,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of certain Universities and Colleges in Great Britain.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £5, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the University of London.

Class V.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £255,384, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Expenses of Her Majesty’s Embassies and Missions Abroad, and of the Consular Establishments Abroad and other Expenditure chargeable on the Consolidated Fund.

10. That a Sum, not exceeding £167,188, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for Grants in Aid of the Expenses of the British Protectorates in Uganda, and in Central and East Africa, and under the Uganda Railway Act, 1896.

11. That a Sum, not exceeding £256,355, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for sundry Colonial Services, including certain Grants in Aid.

12. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for a Grant in Aid of the Revenue of the Island of Cyprus.

13. That a Sum, not exceeding £14,350, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Subsidies to certain Telegraph Companies.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply.

Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee on Post Office (Supply).

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Post Office (Supply).

(Post Office (Supply).)

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of all Sums payable by the Postmaster General under any Act of Parliament, necessary to enable Her Majesty's Postmaster General to acquire Lands for the Public Service, and of all Expenses incurred in carrying into effect the Provisions of such Act.—(Mr. Hanbury.)

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Coldwell.),—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Stuart-Wortley reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Quorums.

The House will be now in Committee on the Quorums (re-committed) Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
Crueity to Wild Animals in Captivity Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Cruelty to Wild Animals in Captivity House:
Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Museum Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Executors (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Industrial Schools Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 2nd day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the District Councillors and Guardians (Term of Office) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of March last, That the Compensation for Damage to Crops Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Board Elections (London) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 2nd day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education of the Blind (Scotland) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Isolation Hospitals (Amendment) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of February last, That the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (No. 2) Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Friendly Societies Disqualification Removal Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Dedication Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return giving the following particulars of the results of the Marriage Act, 1898, during the year ended the 31st day of March 1900:
1. Number of "registered buildings" for which "authorised persons" have been appointed under Section 6 of the Act, classified according to Religious Denominations as follows: Wesleyan Methodists, Primitive Methodists, Baptists, Congregationalists, other Denominations;
2. Number of "authorised persons" so appointed;
3. Number of Marriages which have taken place under the Act;
4. Number of cases in which there have been serious irregularities by "authorised persons" in connection with the Marriage Certificates.—(Mr. Price.)

Ordered, That the leave be given to bring in a James' Bill to regulate the summoning and payment of Payment.

Sir James Fortescue Flannery, Mr. Cowie, Mr. Fowke, Mr. McPherson, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Emmott, Sir Edwin Durling-Lawrence, Mr. Flower, and Captain Greville do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That the leave be given to bring in a Boards of Bill to constitute as ex-officio Magistrates the Chairmen of Boards of Guardians: And that Sir James Fortescue Flannery, Mr. Fowke, Mr. Heath, Mr. Galloway, Sir Edwin Durling-Lawrence, Mr. Flower, and Captain Greville do prepare, and bring it in.

Sir James Fortescue Flannery presented a Bill to regulate the summoning and payment of Board.

Ordered, That the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Sir James Fortescue Flannery presented a Bill to constitute as ex-officio Magistrates the Chairmen of Boards of Guardians: And the same was printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 2nd day of July next; and to be printed.

Sir James Fortescue Flannery presented a Bill to constitute as ex-officio Magistrates the Chairmen of Boards of Guardians: And the same was Bill 251.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 2nd day of July next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Tuesday, 19th June, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The British Gas Light Company (Staffordshire Potteries) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Richmonworth and Uxbridge Valley Rickmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Saint David's Railway (Abandonment) Saint David's Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Dublin Electric Lighting Dublin Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

The House proceeded to take into considera- Lancaster Corporation Bill.

The Lancashire Corporation Bill.
Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time. — (Mr. Caldwell.)

Secretary Lord George Hamilton, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed, with a New Title, as followeth:

An Act to empower the Corporation of Lancaster to construct Tramways, to widen Streets, and make a Footbridge over the River Lune; to deal with Lancaster Marsh, to commute portions of the Vicar of Lancaster's Tithe and Dues, to make further provisions for the good Government of the Borough, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the West Bromwich Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Registration of Schemes) — (Mr. Strange) — was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill now be read the third time. — (Mr. Caldwell.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company Bill [Annuities].

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the creation of Annuities to be charged on and payable out of the Revenues of India in lieu of the Sum of money, amounting to £34,859,217 17s. 6d., agreed upon for the purchase by the Secretary of State in Council of India of the Undertaking of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company, and the payment of any Costs and Expenses incurred by the said Secretary of State under any Act of the present Session for vesting the said Undertaking in the said Secretary of State in Council of India; and also any costs, charges, and expenses of obtaining and passing the said Act not provided for by the surplus profits arising from the said Undertaking for the half-year ending the 30th day of June 1900. — (Mr. Caldwell.)

Question put, and agreed to. Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received tomorrow.

The Education Board Provisional Orders Confirmation (Brighton and Preston United District, &c.) Bill [Lords].

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Housing of Working Classes) (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Local Orders (No. 3) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Local Orders (No. 4) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders Local Government (No. 12) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 11) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 14) Bill.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 15) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders Local Government Provisional Orders Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Electric Lighting Provisional Order (No. 11) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State for the improvement of a certain area situated in the Parish of Saint Marylebone, in the County of London: And that Mr. Jesse Collings and Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 193a be suspended, and that the Bill be read the first time. — (Mr. Caldwell.)

Mr. Jesse Collings accordingly presented a London (Saint Marylebone) Provisional Order Bill 253.

The Local Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command, — Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee on Scottia Prisons, with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Index.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions, Vide Eighth Report. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command, — Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee on Scottia Prisons, with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Index.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Debt incurred during the Half-year the Moneys raised thereby during the Half-year, the Loans paid off or charged during the Half-year, and the Loans outstanding at the close of the Half-year; stating, so far as the public convenience will allow, the Purpose or Service for which Moneys have been raised during the Half-year.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir John Gorst presented, - Return to an Order, dated the 22nd day of May last, for Returns relative to Public Elementary Schools Warned.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Ritchie presented, - Return to an Order, dated the 18th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to Merchant Shipping, 1899.

Return to an Order, dated the 18th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Command, - Copy of Forty-third Annual Report of the Trustees of the National Portrait Gallery to the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, being for 1899-1900.

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, - Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 30th May 1899, declaring that for the due and efficient discharge of the duties of the offices of (1) Junior Inspector, and (2) Instructor in the Royal College of Art, Board of Education, South Kensington, professional or other peculiar qualifications not ordinarily to be acquired in the public service are required.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command, - Copy of Report of the Inspectors of Irish Fisheries on the Sea and Inland Fisheries of Ireland for 1899.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Goschen presented, by Her Majesty's Command, - Copy of List of Exceptions to the Queen's Regulations as to Pay, Non-Effective Pay, and Allowances sanctioned by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, with the Approval of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, pursuant to the Order in Council, dated 19th December 1881, during the year 1889-1900.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Total Quantities of Whiskey in Bond (distinguishing the Quantities in General Warehouses from the Quantities in Distillers' Warehouses), in each Excise Collection in Scotland, on the 30th day of June 1900. (Mr. Gordon.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Extent to which, and the Manner in which, Local Authorities in Scotland have allocated and applied Funds to the purposes of Technical Education during the year ending 15th day of May 1900, under the following Acts: Local Taxation (Customs and Excise) Act, 1890; Education and Local Taxation Account (Scotland) Act, 1892; Technical Schools (Scotland) Act, 1887; Technical Instruction Amendment (Scotland) Act, 1892; and Public Libraries Acts.-(The Lord Advocate.)

Mr. Holland reported from the Committee on Railway Bills Group 7 of Railway Bills: That Mr. Cole (Group 7.)

Co. Berwick, one of the Members of the said Committee, was not present during the Sitting of the Committee this day.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Tatton Egerton reported from the Committee on Great Northern Railway (Ireland) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Tatton Egerton reported from the Committee on the Belfast and County Down Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Wodehouse reported from the Committee Selection of Selection; That they had added to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, the following Fifteen Members in respect of the Sunday Closing Sunday Acts (Wales) Act, 1881 Amendment Bill: - Mr. Closing Arnold, Mr. Bond, Mr. Brigg, Mr. Jesse Col- ling, Mr. John Delahunty-Llewellyn, Mr. Dowar, ment Bill. Mr. Howell, Mr. Hovier, Mr. Humphreys-Owen, Mr. William Jones, General Laurie, Mr. Lloyd-George, Mr. Maclean, Mr. Herbert Roberts, and Mr. Alfred Thomas.

Mr. Wodehouse further reported from the Joint Committee of Selection; That they had dis-


Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Gunter reported from the Committee Private Bills on Group J of Private Bills: That Mr. Coghill, (Group J.) one of the Members of the said Committee, was not present during the Sitting of the Committee this day.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Alexander Hargreaves Brown reported Private Bills from the Committee on Group D of Private (Group D) Bills: That Mr. Mountman, one of the Members of the said Committee, was not present at the Sitting of the Committee this day.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by the Lords, one of their Clerks, as follows: -

The Lords have agreed to the Southport Southport Water Bill, without any Amendment.

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The Lords have agreed to the 

Hastings Harbour Bill. 

Bury and District Water Bill (Transfer) [Lords.] 

Glasgow Building Regulations Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to constitute and incorporate a Joint Water Company to make and maintain Tramways, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the 

Maidenhead Gas Bill. 

Salford Corporation Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have agreed to the 

Hoylake and West Kirby Improvement Bill. 

Sheffield Corporation Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have agreed to the 

Southport Extension and Tramways Bill. 

Manchester Ship Canal Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have agreed to the 

District Water Act Regulations Bill. 

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the 

Liverpool Overhead Railway Bill [Lords.]

Glasgow Building Regulations Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the 

Bury and District Water (Transfer) Bill [Lords.]

Sheffield Corporation Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the said Borough to reconstruct their existing and to construct additional Tramways in and adjacent to the Borough; and to make further provisions for the Good Government of the Borough; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend and extend the provisions of the 

District Water Act to amend and extend the provisions of the Gas and Water Works Facilities Act, 1870, relating to 

District Water Bill, without any Amendment. 

The Lords desire the concurrence of this House. 

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, and the Electric Lighting (Scotland) Act, 1890, relating to 

Broughty Ferry, Dunblane, and Wembit and Woodburn; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House. 

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorize the 

Liverpool Overhead Railway Company to make certain new Railways, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House. 

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend and extend the provisions of the 

Glasgow Police Acts, 1866 to 1899, relating to 

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Barrow, Brem, Cleckton, Cheethamston, Hyde, Littledale, Ramsgate, Romford, and Sandgate; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House. 

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Hastings Harbour Bill, without any Amendment. 

The Lords have agreed to the 

Meidhead Gas Bill, without any Amendment. 

The Lords have agreed to the 

Hoylake and West Kirby Improvement Bill. 

Southport Extension and Tramways Bill. 

Manchester Ship Canal Bill [Lords.]

Gas Order Confirmation (No. 5) Bill [Lords.]

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have agreed to the 

District Water Act Regulations Bill. 

Building Bill [Lords.]

Sheffield Corporation Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to incorporate the Glasgow District Tramways Company, and to empower that Company to make and maintain Tramways, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further Powers on the Dublin, Wicklow, and Westport Railway Company for making Works and acquiring Lands, and raising and applying Capital Moneys, and other matters relating to their several Undertakings, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to alter the Numbers and Boundaries of the 

Wards of the Borough of Preston, and to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the said Borough to reconstruct their existing and to construct additional Tramways in and adjacent to the Borough; and to make further provisions for the Good Government of the Borough; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill was read the first time. 

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed. 

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill was read the first time. 

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed. 

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill was read the first time. 

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed. 

The Liverpool Overhead Railway Bill was read the first time. 

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Glasgow Building Regulations Bill was read the first time. 

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills. 

The Bury and District Water (Transfer) Bill was read the first time. 

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills. 

The Shefield Corporation Bill was read the first time. 

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The Salford Corporation Bill was read the first time. 

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The Glasgow District Tramways Bill was read the first time. 

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The Preston Corporation Bill was read the first time. 

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The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorize the Liverpool Overhead Railway Company to make certain new Railways, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House. 

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend and extend the provisions of the Glasgow Police Acts, 1866 to 1899, relating to Streets, Sewers, and Buildings; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to constitute and incorporate a Joint Water Company to make and maintain Tramways and to execute various Street Widenings and other Works; to make further and better provision for the Improvement, Health, and Good Government of the Borough, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1900-1901.
1. £ 10,000,000, for Transport and Remounts.
2. £ 13,100,000, for Provisions, Ordnance, and other Supplies.
3. £ 4,680,000, for Clothing Establishments and Services.
4. £ 5,000,000, for the Supply and Repair of Warlike and other Stores.
5. £ 2,670,700, for the Staff for Engineer Services, and Expenditure for Royal Engineer Works, Buildings, and Repairs, at Home and Abroad (including Purchases).
6. £ 113,600, for Establishments for Military Education.
7. £ 66,900, for sundry Miscellaneous Effective Services.
8. £ 1,611,000, for Retired Pay, Half-Pay, and other Non-Effective Charges for Officers and others.
9. £ 1,379,000, for Chelsea and Kilmainham Hospitals and the In-Pensioners thereof, of Out-Pensions, of the Maintenance of Lunatics for whom Pensions are not drawn, and of Gratuities awarded in commutation and in lieu of Pensions, of Rewards for Meritorious Services, of Victoria Cross Pensions, and of Pensions to the Widows and Children of Warrant Officers, &c.
10. £ 186,000, for Supennanation, Compensation, and Compassionate Allowances and Gratuities.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 63,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Ordnance Factories (the Cost of the Productions of which will be charged to the Army, Navy, and Indian and Colonial Governments), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Civil Service Estimates, 1900-1901.

Class VI.
11. £ 284,658, to complete the Sum, for Supennanation, Compensation, and Compassionate Allowances and Gratuities under sundry Statutes, for Compassionate Allowances and Gratuities awarded by the Treasury, and for the Salaries of Medical Referees.
12. £ 1,800, to complete the Sum, for certain Pensions to Masters and Seamen of the Merchant Service, and to their Widows and Children.
13. £ 725, to complete the Sum, for certain Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allowances.

Class VII.
14. £ 9,452, to complete the Sum, for the Salaries and other Expenses of Temporary Commissions, Committees, and Special Inquiries.
15. £ 1,370, to complete the Sum, for certain Miscellaneous Expenses.
16. £ 1,000, to complete the Sum for a Grant in Aid of the Expenses of the Royal Commission for the British Section at the Paris International Exhibition, 1900. Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions, Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

Mr. James William Lowther also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Christchurch and Bournemouth Tramways Bill was read the third time, and passed, with a New Title, as followeth:

An Act to empower the Police and District (New Title) Electric Traction Company, Limited, to construct Tramways from Christchurch to Bournemouth, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company Bill [Annuities];

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions.

Vide Eighth Report.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Annual Report of the Chief Inspector of Factories and Workshops to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, for the year 1899.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Twenty-seventh Annual Report of the Chief Inspector of Factories and Workshops to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Criminal and Judicial Statistics of Ireland for the year 1898.

Part I. Criminal Statistics.

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules and Programme of Examinations for the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland, and approved by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

Copy of Rule made by the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland, appointing Broughton County Down, an additional place of Examination for Boys.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Board of Education, —Copy of General Report to the Board of Education by the Chief Inspector of the North Western Division for the year 1899.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
20th June. 1900.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House.—Further Return to an Order, dated the 14th day of February last, for a Return relative to Inquiry into Charities (Administrative County of Durham).—The following, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of the Annual Report and General Account of the Commissioners of Arndale Port, for Period from 25th March 1899 to 25th March 1900.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Inquiry into Charities (Administrative County of Durham) be printed.

The Order for reading a second time, Tomorrow, the Steam Engines and Boilers (Persons in Charge) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Mr. Alexander Hargreaves Brown reported from the Committee on Group D of Private Bills; That, for the better securing of a uniform decision with that of the Select Committee on Electric Power Bills, the Committee had adjourned till Thursday the 28th day of this instant June, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Architects' Registration Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Beer Retailers' and Spirit Grocers' Licences (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Workmen's Compensation Act (1897) Extension Bill; and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time:—And a Debate arising thereupon; And the Question being put, That the words "for hire" stand part of the said proposed Amendment:—It was resolved in the Negative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Workmen's Compensation Act (1897) Extension Bill, as amended in the Committee; And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

The House divided.

The Yeas:—Mr. James Lowther; Mr. Courtenay Warner: 205.

The Noes:—Mr. Pretyman: 147.

The Question being put, That the words "barring one or more workmen in such employment":—So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by leaving out the word "habitually,"—(Mr. Strachey.)

And the Question being put, That the words "habitually" stand part of the said proposed Amendment:—It was resolved in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment as amended, by leaving out the word "any employer who habitually employs one or more workmen in such employment":—(Mr. Samuel Evans.)

And the Question being put, That the words "for hire":—So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment as amended, by leaving out the word "any employer who habitually employs one or more workmen in such employment":—(Mr. Samuel Evans.)

And the Question being put, That the words "act on " be inserted, after the word "by," in p. 1, l. 7, of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. l. 12, by inserting, after the word "land," the words "or premises" and inserting the word "agriculture," the words "agriculture":—(Mr. Cawley.)

And the Question being put, That the words "any employer who habitually employs one or more workmen in such employment":—(Mr. Samuel Evans.)

And the Question being put, That the words "barring one or more workmen in such employment":—So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by leaving out the word "act on "—(Mr. Courtenay Warner.)

And the Question being put, That the words "barring one or more workmen in such employment":—So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment as amended, by leaving out the word "act on "—(Mr. Courtenay Warner.)

And the Question being put, That the words "barring one or more workmen in such employment":—So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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And the Question being put, That the words "barring one or more workmen in such employment":—So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure:
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Professional Accountants Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Factories and Workshops Amendment and Consolidation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Colonial Second Reading of the Colonial Marriages (Deceased Wife's Sister) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 7th day of March last, That the Old Age Pensions Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Intoxicating Liquors (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 9th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rivers Pollution Prevention Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 1st day of August next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Intoxicating Liquors (Local Veto) (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sewage and Drainage Bill (Local Authorities) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Truck Acts Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Factory and Second Reading of the Factory and Workshop Act (1878) Amendment (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time (No. 2) B.1. upon Wednesday the 18th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Licensing Acts Amendment (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Women's Houses Tenure Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of March last, that the Compensation for Damage to Crops Bill be now read a second time; ordered, that the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of February last, that the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (No. 2) Bill be now read a second time; ordered, that the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Friendly Societies Disqualification Removal Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Friendly Societies Disqualification Removal Bill; ordered, that the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Land Dedication Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Dedication Bill; ordered, that the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

County Courts Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 3rd day of April last, that the County Courts Bill be now read a second time; ordered, that the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 10th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing of the Working Classes Bill; ordered, that the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Agricultural Holdings (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Holdings (No. 2) Bill; ordered, that the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

District Councillors and Guardians (Term of Office) Bill.

The District Councillors and Guardians (Term of Office) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means; resolved, that this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply; resolved, that this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Post Office Sites [Expenses]; resolved, that this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Sir Charles Dilwyn-Jones reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; that they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, and 26th days of May last, and the 14th and 15th days of this instant June, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, that the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice reported from Section A of the Select Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills; that, in the case of the Redditch Corporation Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, that the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 21st June, 1900.

This House met at Three of the clock.

Ordered, That the Standing Committee Standing on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Committee on Shipping, and Manufactures, have leave to sit this day till Four of the clock, during the Sitting of the House. (Mr. Lawrence Hardie.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Spalding Urban District Council (Water) Bill; ordered, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Birmingham (King Edward the Sixth) Schools Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Blackpool, Saint Anne's, and Lytham Tramways Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Motion being made, That the Cowes Pier Bill be now read the third time; Secretary Lord George Hamilton, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, being informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Great Central Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Motherwell Water Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Order made upon the 22nd day of March last, That the Shannon Water and Electric Power Bill be committed to the Committee to bill, be nominated by the Committee of Selection for the consideration of other Private Bills relating to Electric Power, was read, and discharged.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)
Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented a report from the Committee on the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company Bill [Annuities], a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That the expedients authorized by the creation of Annuities, to be charged on and payable out of the Revenues of India, in lieu of the sum of money amounting to £, 34,858,217½d, agreed upon for the purchase by the Secretary of State in Council of India of the Undertaking of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company, and the payment of any costs and expenses incurred by the said Secretary of State under any Act of Parliament, hereby去做 the said Undertaking in the said Secretary of State in Council of India; and also any costs, charges, and expenses of obtaining and passing the said Act, or provided by the surplus profits arising from the said Undertaking for the half-year ending the 30th day of June 1900.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company Bill, that they have Power to make provision therein pursuant to the said Resolution.

(—Secretary Lord George Hamilton.)

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 23rd day of February last, for Returns relative to Government Property in the Provinces (Contributions in lieu of Local Rates).

Return to an Order, dated the 23rd day of February last, for Returns relative to Government Property (County of London).

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of Receipts and Payments under the County Officers (Ireland) Act, 1827.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports relating to Training Colleges for the year 1899, with List of Training Colleges under Inspection.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Goschen presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statement relating to Naval Works, showing the Total Estimated Cost of each Work, the Estimated Expenditure thereon to 31st March 1900, and the Amount available to meet Expenditure in 1900-1901, together with the expected Date of Completion.

Mr. Goschen also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statement of the Estimated Income and Expenses of Greenwich Hospital and of Travers' Foundation, for the year 1900-1901.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Greenwich Hospital and Travers' Foundation be printed.

Mr. Walter Lang presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Two Orders, Nos. 6092 and 6106, under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 and 1896, dated respectively the 16th May and 16th June 1900, revoking certain Orders of the Board relating to the Landing of Foreign Animals.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table. Vol. 155.
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whom the Agricultural Holdings Bill was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Mr. McKenna reported from Section B of the Select Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills; That, in the case of the West Ham Corporation Bill, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 6th day of March, the Committee had inserted in the Bill the additional provision referred to in such Resolution.

Mr. McKenna further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Central Local Government (Ireland) Bill.

Stockport Corporation Tramways Bill.

Wakefield Corporation Tramways Bill.

Ossett Corporation Gas Bill.

Great Yarmouth Port and Haven Bill.

Lancashire Inebriates Acts Board Bill [Lords.]

Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill [Lords.]

Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill [Lords.]

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Agricultural Holdings Bill.

Sanitary Vide Supplement to the Votes.

Message from the Lords.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend Sections forty-two, fifty-one, fifty-four, fifty-six, fifty-seven, sixty-nine, one hundred and three, one hundred and fifteen, one hundred and twenty-one of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, and Articles nineteen, twenty-four, and thirty-six of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898: And that the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented a Bill to amend Local Government Acts, Sections forty-two, fifty-one, fifty-four, fifty-six, fifty-seven, sixty-nine, one hundred and three, one hundred and fifteen, one hundred and twenty-one of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, and Articles nineteen, twenty-four, and thirty-six of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898: And that Mr. Gerald Balfour and Mr. Attorney General for Ireland do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Poor Relief Bill to amend the Poor Relief (Ireland) Acts, (Ireland) Bill, 1838 to 1899, with respect to the maintenance of Lunatics and Children, and with respect to the quantity of Land which may be acquired under those Acts: And that Mr. Gerald Balfour and Mr. Attorney General for Ireland do prepare, and bring it in.

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Mr. Gerald Balfour presented a Bill to provide for the alteration of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1899: And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question; The House divided.

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The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Austruther; 214. Tellers for the (Mr. Caldwell, Noes, Mr. Buchanan; 109. So it was resolved in the Affirmative. And the Main Question being put; Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Elementary Education Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time; An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word “now,” and, at the end of the Question, adding the words “upon this day three months.”—(Mr. Alfred Hutton.) And the Question being proposed, That the word “now” stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn. And the Main Question being put; Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Money-Lending Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time; An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word “now,” and, at the end of the Question, adding the words “upon this day three months.”—(Mr. Alfred Hutton.) And the Question being proposed, That the word “now” stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon; And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Mr. Anstruther):—It was resolved in the Affirmative. Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 18th day of this instant June, was proposed to be made to the Question That the Inebriates Amendment (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time; and which Amendment was to leave out the word “now,” and, at the end of the Question, add the words “upon this day three months”—(Mr. Caldwell.) And the Question being again proposed, That the word “now” stand part of the Question:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And, it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Friday, 22nd June, 1900:

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 2nd day of April last, That the Palatine Court of Durham Bill (Scotland) be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Post Office Sites [Ex-Sites [Expenses]. (In the Committee.) Question again proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of all Sums payable by the Postmaster General under any Act of the present Session to enable Her Majesty’s Postmaster General to acquire Lands for the Public Service, and of all Expenses incurred in carrying into effect the Provisions of such Act.—(Mr. Hanbury.) Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Josse Collings reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution. Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply; [18th June] Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the County Courts (Investment of Deposits) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 1. To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Great Lawson reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again. Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Lunacy Bill Second Reading of the Lunacy Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Housing of the Working Classes Act (1890) Amendment Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Houses of the Working Classes Act 1890 Amendment Bill; Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed of Durham under the 2nd day of April last, That the Palatine Court of Durham Bill (Scotland) be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the District Councillors and Guardians (Term of Office) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSES, No. 1 to No. 2, agreed to. Bill to be reported.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Great Laxan reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of May last, That the London Borough Councils (Women's Disabilities Removal) Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shop Hours Acts Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Libraries Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vagrants' Protection Bill; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday the 5th day of July next.

The Education of the Blind (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Dedication Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Hazell be discharged from further attendance on the Select Committee on the Registration of Firms Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Mendl be added to the Committee.—(Mr. William M'Arthur.)

And then the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Friday, 22nd June, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Prayers.

Ordered, That the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, have leave to sit this day during the Sitting of the House.—(Mr. Arthur O'Connor.)

Ordered, That the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Standing Committee on Law, &c.

Birmingham (King Edward the Sixth) Schools Bill [Lords.]

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House declines to pro-

ceed with a Private Bill specially exempting

one Foundation from the State control " imposed by the General Law upon all Char-

ditable Foundations, including the Universities " and Colleges of Oxford and Cambridge "—

(Mr. Hampson-Owen),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words pro-

posed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Lowé,

Mr. Austen Chamberlain—

170.

Mr. Band,

Mr. Joseph Albert Peace—

102.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time :

—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Ordered, That so much of Standing Order 91 Standing

as fixes Five as the Quorum of the Select Com-

mittee on Standing Orders be read, and sus-

pended.

Ordered, That for the remainder of the Session Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Halsey.)

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 21st day of this instant June, for a Return relative to Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill; That they had considered the said Order; and that the said Order ought to be confirmed;—instead thereof.

Mr. Hanbury presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 15th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to Trustee Savings Banks. (No. 9) Bill; That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Wygodham presented,—Return to an Order, relative to East India Railways (Purchase). (No. 3) Bill; That they had considered the said Order; and that the said Order ought to be confirmed;—instead thereof.

Mr. James William Lanstruther reported from (gas Pro-

visional Order) the Committee on the Gas Provisional Order (No. 3) Bill; That they had considered the said Order; and that the said Order ought to be confirmed;—instead thereof.
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Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the London (Clerkenwell and Holborn) Provisional Order Bill; That they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill; [Provisional Orders confirmed.]

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Gas and Water Orders Confirmation Bill [Lords.]; [Provisional Orders confirmed.]

Ordered, That the Bill do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the London (Poplar) Provisional Order Bill; That they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the London County Council (Bridges) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Cumberland County Council (Bridges) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the South Eastern Railway (Commercial Union Assurance Company) Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the South Eastern Railway (Commercial Union Assurance Company) Bill, verbally.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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verbally amended the same; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Louchter reported the Taff Vale Railway Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Louchter reported from the Committee on the Rhymney Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Louchter reported the Cork Electric Tramways Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Louchter reported the Bristol Water Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Louchter reported the Whitechapel and Bow Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Louchter reported the Wirral Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Louchter reported from the Committee on the Gloucester and South Western Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Tetton Egerton reported from the Committee on the Bray and Enniskerry Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Colonel Quater reported from the Committee on the Tottenham Urban District Council Bill; That in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 15th day of May last, the Committee had inserted in the Bill the additional provision referred to in the said Resolution.

Colonel Quater further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out recitals relating to surrounding lammas rights over lammas lands, and had otherwise amended the Preamble so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had added to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, Law, &c., and Legal Procedure, the following Fifteen Members in respect of the Executors (Scotland) Bill:—Mr. Burnett, Sir Charles Cameron, Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Alexander Cross, Colonel Denny, Mr. Donar, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Lewis McEwan, Sir Herbert Maccoll, Mr. Renshaw, Mr. Edmund Robertson, Mr. Thomas Shaw, Sir Walter Tucker, and Mr. Wyllie.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, That She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return giving (a) the Number of Cases of Lead Poisoning reported under the Factory and Workshop Act, 1899, in the manufacture of Earthenware and China during the period from the 1st day of January 1899 to the 31st day of May 1900, distinguishing between Cases in the Decorative Processes and Cases in the Processes of Dipping, Ware Cleaning, &c. ; (b) the Number of Persons suspended from working in Dangerous Processes by the Certifying Surgeons for the Hanley, Burslem, Tunstall, and Stoke Districts in the same manufacture during the same period, in pursuance of the Special Rules.—(Mr. Jesse Collings.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Uganda Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill, without any Amendment.

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The Lords have agreed to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Elimcote Water and Gas Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Elimcote Water and Gas Bill (Transfer) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the National Coal Mines Bill, without any Amendment.

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The Lords have agreed to the Newport Corporation Bill, without any Amendment.

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The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Law as to Marriage contracted in the Colonies with a Deceased Wife’s Sister; with which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further powers upon the Great Grimsby Street Tramways Company with respect to the construction and working of Tramways in the Borough of Grimsby, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Corporation of Ramsgate further powers with reference to the Local Government and Improvement of the Borough, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the North British Railway Company to construct certain New Railways, Widening, and other Works; to confer further powers upon the Company and on other Companies in connection with their respective Undertakings; to amalgamate the Aberlady, Gullane, and North Berwick Railway Company, the Northport Railway Company, and the Egmounth Railway Company with the Company; to transfer to and vest in the Company the Undertaking of the Borrowstounness Harbour Commissioners; to enable the Darnieiland Harbour Commissioners to borrow and the Company to advance them further Money; to authorised the Company to enter into working and other Agreements with the Invergarry and Fort Augustus Railway Company; to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords give leave to the Clerk of the Parliaments to attend in order to his being examined as a Witness before the Committee of Public Accounts.

The Great Grimsby Street Tramways Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Ramsgate Corporation Improvements Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The North British Railway Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Walsall Corporation Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Colonial Marriages (Deceased Wife’s Sister) Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next, and to be printed.

Mr. Arthur O’Connor reported from the Select Committee on the Compensation of the Standing Committee for Law and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, to whom the Town Councils (Scotland) Bill was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the period of repayment of Loans for Burial Grounds in Scotland: And that Mr. John Morley and Captain Sinclair do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the period of repayment of Loans for other Purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. John Morley presented a Bill to extend the period of repayment of Loans for Burial Grounds in Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Attorney General presented a Bill to amend Section seventy-five of the Larceny Act, 1861: And that Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Attorney General for Ireland, and Mr. Solicitor General do prepare, and bring it in.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Supply into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Service Estimates, 1900-1901.

Class II.

1. £. 51,299, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of Her Majesty’s Treasury and Subordinate Departments.

2. £. 7,340, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Her Majesty’s most Honourable Privy Council.

3. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £11,028, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Agriculture, and to pay certain Grants in Aid: Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That a Sum, not exceeding £10,928, be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Price),—put, and negatived.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

4. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £23,036, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Charity Commission for England and Wales: Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £22,936, be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Goddard); The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Mr. Anstruther.)

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5. £ 97,778, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioner in Lunacy in England.
6. £ 67, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Mint, including the Expenses of Coinage.
7. £ 8,097, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Debt Office.
8. £ 12,838, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Public Record Office.
9. £ 15, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Establishment under the Public Works Loan Commissioners.
10. £ 23,702, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Registrar General of Births, &c. in England.
11. £ 300,060, to complete the Sum for Stationery, Printing, Paper, Binding, and Printed Books for the Public Service, and for the Salaries and Expenses of the Stationery Office; and for sundry Miscellaneous Services, including Reports of Parliamentary Debates.

Resolutions to be reported.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 13,495, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901.

Mr. James William Leech reported, that the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

Post Office Sites [Reports.]

Mr. Halsbury reported from the Committee on Post Office Sites [Expenses], a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That it is inexpedient to authorize the payment of £ 90,000 to be provided by Parliament of all Sums payable by the Postmaster General under any Act of the present Session to enable Her Majesty's Postmaster General to acquire Lands for the Public Service, and of all Expenses incurred in carrying into effect the Provisions of such Act.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.


Mr. Wynham reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

Army Estimates, 1900—1901.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 10,000,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Transport and Remounts, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1899-1901.

Class VI.

11. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 284,058, be Superannuation-granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Superannuation, Compensation, and Compassionate Allowances and Gratuities under sundry Statutes, for Compassionate Allowances and Gratuities awarded by the Treasury, and for the Salaries of Medical Referrers.

12. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 1,890, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on
Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

London (Saint Luke) Provisional Order Bill.
London (Southwick) Provisional Order Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Ossett Corporation Gas Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Southport Extension and Tramways Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

A Motion being made, That the Poignton to Preston Urban District Water Bill be now read the third time;
And Notice being taken, That the interest of the Prince of Wales, as Duke of Cornwall, is concerned therein;

Mr. James William Louther, by Command of His Royal Highness, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Royal Highness's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And a Verbal Amendment was made to the Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Stockport Corporation Tramways Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time after the other Business appointed for consideration at the time of Private Business.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Belfast and County Down Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time; (Mr. Caldwell.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with a new Title, as followeth:

An Act to authorise the Belfast and County Down Railway Company to construct a Railway, viz.:

To-morrow.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Orders applicable thereto, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

London (Saint Luke) Provisional Order Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Ossett Corporation Gas Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Southport Extension and Tramways Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

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The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Stockport Corporation Tramways Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time after the other Business appointed for consideration at the time of Private Business.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Belfast and County Down Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with a new Title, as followeth:

An Act to authorise the Belfast and County Down Railway Company to construct a Railway, viz.:

To-morrow.
from Newcastle to join the Railway of the Great Northern Railway Company (Ireland) at Castletown; to run over and use a portion of the Railway of that Company; to confer further powers upon the Company with reference to Steam Vessels and further powers in connection with their Undertakings and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Great Northern Railway (Ireland) Bill

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Great Northern Railway (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 245 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Oldham Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Oldham Corporation Bill

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Cowes Pier Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Great Central Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

Royal Assent.

A Message was delivered by Sir Michael Biddulph, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker, The Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And being returned:

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1900.
2. Uganda Railway Act, 1900.
3. Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1900.
4. Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Act, 1900.
5. Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 4) Act, 1900.
6. Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 5) Act, 1900.
10. Cork, Bandon, and South Coast Railway Act, 1900.

18. Maidenhead Gas Act, 1900.
25. Menstone Waterworks (Transfer) Act, 1900.
28. Cowes Pier Act, 1900.
29. Great Central Railway Act, 1900.

The Barnsley Corporation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Glyncorrwg Urban District Council Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Gwyrfai Rural District Council Water Bill be read a second time Tomorrow.

Ordered, That the Margate Corporation Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Mersey Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Motherwell and Bellshill Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The North Eastern Railway (Steam Vessels) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Rotherham Corporation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The South Staffordshire Tramways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Westgate and Birchington Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (Poor Law) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Gas Provisional Order (No. 3) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Gas Provisional Order (Poor Law) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time Tomorrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the London (Clerkenwell and Holborn) Provisional Order Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the London (Poplar) Provisional Order Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India Railways (Purchase), which was presented upon the 22nd day of this instant June, be printed.

Secretory Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations for the management of the Farmfield Certified Inebriate Reformatories, near Harlow, made with the approval of the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Chawnerlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report No. 290 (British Guions, Annual Reports for 1898-9 and 1898-9).

Copy of Report No. 291 (Falkland Islands, Annual Report for 1899).

Copy of Annual Report on Cyprus for 1898-9.

Copy of Report No. 13 (Cook Islands, Report for 1899).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the London (Poplar) Provisional Order Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 11) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Sheffield District Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Plymouth, Stonehouse, and Devonport Tramways Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Birmingham Corporation (Stock) Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Edinburgh District Lunacy Board Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Lincoln Corporation (Tramways) Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Neath Harbour Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Motion had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled, An Act to enable the South Eastern Railway Company to make new Railways and other Works; to acquire additional Lands; to provide for the application of Capital of the South-Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Companies, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Urban District Council for the District of Waltham to construct Tramways and to make various Street Improvements, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The South Eastern and London, Chatham, South Eastern and Dover Railways Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Waltham Urban District Council Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Colonel Guater reported the Falkirk and District Water Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Arthur O’Connor reported from the Chairmen’s Panel; That they had appointed Sir James Ferguson (Chairman of the Standing Committee for the consideration of Bills relating to Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure in respect of the Executors (Scotland) Bill, the County and Borough Franchise Act, and the Sunday Closing (Wales) Act, the Veterinary Surgeons Amendment Bill, and that they had appointed Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice (Chairman of the Standing Committee for the consideration of Bills relating to Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure in respect of the Elementary Education Bill.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Bill, as amended in the Committee.

And an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Housing of the Working Classes Act (1890) Amendment Bill.

Clauses agreed to.

Clause, No. 1 (Power of local authority to exercise powers outside their district).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, to leave out the words “other than a rural district council.”—(Mr. Steadman.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, after the words “district council,” to insert the words “but including a London Borough Council”—(Mr. Pickersgill.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, after the word “district,” to insert the words “acquire and hold land and”—(Mr. Pickersgill.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted:—(Mr. Steadman.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Pickersgill, Yea,] [Mr. Fenwick, No.] 132.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yea] [Mr. Anstruther, No.] 204.

Clause agreed to.

Clause, No. 2 (Adoption of Part Three of Act by rural district council, 53 & 54 Vict. e. 70).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 10, to leave out from the word “district” to the word “adopt,” in l. 11, in order to insert the words “shall,
Clause be read a second time;

Tellers for the [Mr. Hazell; Mr. Anstruther ;] 69.
Socials, [Mr. Anstruther ;] 78.

Another Clause (Hiring powers) — (Mr. Pickersgill) — brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Pickersgill; Mr. Anstruther; ] 81.

Another Clause (Accounts) — (Mr. James Stuart) — brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Powers of councils to borrow money on mortgage) — (Mr. Lough) — brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time — put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Leases by local authority for building lodging-houses) — (Mr. Whitmore) — brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Walter Foster; Mr. Anstruther; ] 165.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 13, after the word "repair," to insert the words "and insure." — (Sir Francis Sharp Powell.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 23, at the end of sub-section (2), to insert the words "Where a county council are satisfied on complaint that a rural district council ought to have adopted the powers of this Act, but has failed to do so, it may resolve that the duties and powers of the district council for the purpose of the matter complained of shall be transferred to the county council, and they shall be transferred accordingly." — (Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 25, after "1890," to insert the words "in section fifty-three the word 'half.'" — (Sir Walter Foster.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, added.

Another Clause (Compulsory acquisition of land) — (Mr. Steadman) — brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time — put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Arbitration as to price of land) — (Mr. Channing) — brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time;

The Committee proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the [Mr. Channing; Mr. Anstruther; ] 78.

Tellers for the [Mr. Walter Foster; Mr. Anstruther; ] 161.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as ascended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Charitable Loans (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the County Courts Committee on the County Courts (Investigation of Deposits) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Money-lending Bill, which,
which, upon the 21st day of this instant June, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Money-lending Bill be now read a second time:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

Companies Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Companies Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Services Estimates, 1900-1901.

Class II.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £51,299, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Her Majesty's Stationery and Subordinate Departments.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £7,340, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £11,028, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Agriculture, and to pay certain Grants in Aid.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £23,036, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £9,778, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners in Lunacy in England.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £67, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Mint, including the Expenses of Coinage.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £8,997, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Debt Office.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £12,838, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Debt Office.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £15, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Establishment under the Public Works Loan Commissioners.

10. That a Sum, not exceeding £23,702, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Register General of Births, &c. in England.

11. That a Sum, not exceeding £350,060, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for Stationery, Printing, Paper, Binding, and Printed Books for the Public Service, and for the Salaries and Expenses of the Stationery Office; and for sundry Miscellaneous Services, including Reports of Parliamentary Debates.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported from the Committee of Supply, a Resolution; which was read, as follow:

Civil Services Estimates, 1900-1901.

Class II.

That a Sum, not exceeding £32,339, be Local Government Board necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Local Government Board in Ireland.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Education Second Reading of the Education (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Tithe Rent-charge (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Education Second Reading of the Tithe Rent-charge (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 9th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Factory and Workshops Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 9th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Lunacy Board Committee on the Lunacy Board (Scotland) (Salaries, &c.) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 9th day of July next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Irish Education Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Intermediate Education Second Reading of the Intermediate Education Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 21st day of May last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Youthful Offenders Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 9th day of July next.
Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The District Councillors and Guardians (Term of Office) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Town Councils into consideration the Town Councils (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking the Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Palatine Court of Durham Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 9th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Larceny Act (1861)

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking the Second Reading of the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Relief (Ireland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Ireland) Bill [

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Inebriates Amendment (Scotland) Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Relief (Ireland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Inebriates Amendment (Scotland) Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Ireland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Relief (Ireland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Ireland) Bill No. 2.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Inebriates Amendment (Scotland) Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Inebriates Amendment (Scotland) Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Palatine Court of Durham Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 9th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Palatine Court of Durham Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Larceny Act (1861) Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Friendly Societies Disqualification Removal Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
The Order of the day being read, the Second Reading of the Land Dedication Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, the Second Reading of the Burial Grounds (Loans) (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

**Tuesday, 26th June, 1900.**

**PRAYERS.**

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

- **Great Grimsby Street Tramways Bill.**
- **Ramsgate Corporation Improvements Bill.** Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have not been complied with, viz.:

- **North British Railway Bill.** Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

The Brewery and Commercial Investment Trust Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Bristol Water Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Commercial Union Assurance Company Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Milford Docks Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Bray Urban District Council Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bray Urban District Council Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Toff Vale Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, the taking of Dublin Electric Lighting Bill, as amended in the Committee;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now taken into consideration:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."—(Mr. Carew.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

Mr. Speaker: The Yeas to the Right;

Mr. Speaker: The Yeas to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Arthur O'Connor, 180.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Carew, 167.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Oldham Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Limitation of Powers outside Borough) was offered to be added to the Bill—(Mr. Grant Lawson); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Gwyrfai Rural District Council Water Regulation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Gas and Water Orders Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with an Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Housing of Working Classes) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Local Government Provisional Order (Housing of Working Classes) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.
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The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 11) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the London (Clerkenwell and Holborn) Provisional Order Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the London (Poplar) Provisional Order Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London (Southwark) Provisional Order Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London (Saint Luke's) Provisional Order Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—An Account in charge and discharge of Fees on County Treasurers' Accounts received by the Local Government Board for Ireland for the year ended 31st March 1900, pursuant to 1 Vic. c. 54, s. 19, K. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 25th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table, and be printed.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 22nd day of this instant June, for a Return relative to Lead Poisoning.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table, and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report, No. 293 (Bermuda, Annual Report for 1899).

Copy of Report, No. 292 (British New Guinea, Annual Report for 1898-9), Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of a Schedule containing a List and Particulars of Classes of Documents connected with Actions arising out of seizures of Goods, &c., or for the recovery of Penalties under Acts relating to the Customs, Excise, and other Process in matters relating to the Revenue, which formerly were or ought to have been in the Office of the King's or Queen's Remembrancer of the Exchequer, and which are now in the Public Record Office, but are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation therein.

Ordered, That so much of the Return relative to Madras Land Madras Land Revenue, which was presented upon the 8th day of August 1899, as relates to the despar- tych from the Secretary of State for India, reviewing Correspondence regarding Sales of Defaulters' Lands in Madras, be printed.

Mr. Holland reported the London County Tramways (No. 1) Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice reported from Section A of the Select Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills; That, in the case of the Croydon Tramways and Improvements Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and which they had found the same, as so amended, to be true and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir Henry Fletcher reported from the Committee on Group II of Private Bills; That the Particles promoting the Gun Barrel Proof Act, 1808, Amendment Bill had stated to the Committee that it was not their intention to proceed with the same.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Gunter reported from the Committee East Stirlingshire Water Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Gunter reported from the Committee on Group J of Private Bills; That the parties opposing the Shannon Water and Electric Power Bill had stated that the evidence of Thomas Bryce Laying do attend the said Committee to to-morrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That Thomas Bryce Laying do attend the Committee on Group J of Private Bills to-morrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Sir Frederick Godson reported from the Commit-tee on Group K of Private Bills; That the Parties opposing the Shannon Water and Electric Power Bill had stated that the evidence of Frederick J. Dick, Thomas Crossbuts, and Allen Horrall was essential to their case; and it having been proved that their attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed by the said Committee to to-morrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That Thomas Bryce Laying do attend the Committee on Group K of Private Bills to-morrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report, No. 293 (Bermuda, Annual Report for 1899).
not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move that the said Frederick J. Dick, Thomas Crossuthwaite, and Allen Horsey do attend the said Committee, and produce all maps, plans, diagrams, estimates, reports, records, and statistics, and other documents whatsoever in any way relating to the above Bill, on Tuesday 3rd July, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That Frederick J. Dick, Thomas Crossuthwaite, and Allen Horsey do attend the Committee on Group K of Private Bills, on Tuesday 3rd July, at half-past Eleven of the clock, and produce the said documents.

Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure:—Mr. Howell (added in respect of the Sunday Closing (Wales) Act (1881) Amendment Bill); and had appointed in substitution: Sir Ponlelt Milbank.

Mr. Halsey further reported from the Committee; That they had added to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, the following Fifteen Members in respect of the Veterinary Surgeons (Amendment) Bill:—Mr. Banbury, Sir Thomas Gibson Carmichael, Mr. Colston, Earl of Dalkeith, Mr. Vaughan Davies, Mr. Charles Douglas, Sir Frederick FitzWigram, Sir Michael Foster, Sir John Kinloch, Mr. McCrae, Sir George Pilkington, Mr. Shaw-Stewart, Mr. Tenant, Mr. John Tuhe, and Colonel Welby.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from the Joint Committee of Lords and Commons on Municipal Trading:—Sir John Leng; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. John Wilson (Govan).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Halsey reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders; several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

1. That, in the case of the Muirkirk, Mauchline, and Dalmellington Railways Abandonment Bill [Lords.], the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

2. That, in the case of the London, Walthamstow, and Epping Forest Railway Abandonment Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

3. That, in the case of Ree's Patent Bill [Lords.], the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

4. That, in the case of the North Eastern Railway Bill [Lords.], the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The House was moved, That the report of the Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the Petition for leave to bring in the London, Walthamstow, and Epping Forest Railway (Abandonment) Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the abandonment of the London, Walthamstow, and Epping Forest Railway, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Lafone and Mr. Wanklyn do prepare, and bring it in.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the North Eastern Railway Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

—(Mr. Caldwell.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Account showing the figures upon which the Grant of £ 2,500 per annum, made in aid of the Expenditure incurred by the Incorporated Law Society of England, in the performance of the duties of Discipline imposed upon them by the Act 51 & 52 Vic. c. 65, is based.

Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Marquesses of Bristol to attend to be examined as a Witness before the Select Committee on Hospitals (Exemption from Rates).

—(Mr. T. W. Russell.)

And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:—

The Lords have agreed to the Metropolitan Common Schools (Petersham) Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Morecambe Urban District Council (Gas) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Great Berkhampstead Water Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Birmingham (King Edward Sixth) Schools Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Morecambe Urban District Council (Gas) Bill.

Great Berkhamstead Water Bill [Lords.]

Metropolitan Common Schools (Petersham) Provisional Order Bill [Lords.]

Morecambe Urban District Council (Gas) Bill [Lords.]

Birmingham (King Edward Sixth) Schools Bill [Lords.]

Motherwell Water Bill [Lords.]

Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the South Shields Corporation Bill [Lords.]

Birkenhead Water Bill [Lords.]

South Shields Corporation Bill [Lords.]

Metroprices of the South Shields Corporation Bill for the construction of Street Works and Improvements, and for other purposes: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The South Shields Corporation Bill was read a second time. The Bill to be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Shops Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Urban District Bill to amend the Law of Public Health, Local Councils, Government, and Rating with respect to Urban District Councils and otherwise: And that Sir John William MacIriere and Mr. Joseph Howard do prepare, and bring it in.

Sir John William MacIriere accordingly presented a Bill to the House, to amend the Law of Public Health, Local Councils, and Rating with respect to Urban District Councils and otherwise; And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for re-considering the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 21st day of this instant June, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Inebriates Amendment (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time; ordered, that the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Inebriates Amendment (Scotland) Bill, ordered, that the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Roman Catholic Disentanglement Act Amendment Bill; ordered, that the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Roman Catholic Disentanglement Acts Amendment Bill; ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Architects' Registration Amendment Act Bill; ordered, that the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Architects' Registration Act Amendment Bill; ordered, that the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Roman Catholic Disentanglement Acts Amendment Bill; ordered, that the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Dedication Bill; ordered, that the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till five minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned to Thursday next, to sit at half-past Three of the clock.
Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Trustee Savings Banks Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 9th day of July next.

The Workmen's Compensation Act (1897) Workmen's Compensation Act (1897) Extension Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Merchant Shipping (Liability of Shipowners and others) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 15, by leaving out the words "without their actual fault or privity."—(Mr. Caldwell).

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill.—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 19, by leaving out from the words "tonnage of" to the word "power," in l. 24, inclusive, and inserting the words "such vessel or vessels"—(Mr. Maurice Healy)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words from the words "tonnage of," to the word "trading," in l. 22, stand part of the Bill.—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Ministers into consideration the Midwives Bill, as amended Bill, in the Standing Committee;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now taken into consideration;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months"—(Mr. Griffiths-Boscawen);

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question.—And Debate arising thereupon;

And it being half an hour after Five of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking the Town Councils (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking the Town Councils (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking the Sunday Closing Committee on the Sunday Closing (Monmouthshire) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors to Children (No. 2) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Highways and Bridges (1891) Amendment Bill; and Mr. Grant Lawson reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.—(Mr. Jonathan Samuel), put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Bill, to be made to the Question, That the Liquor Traffic Local Veto (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Resolved, That the Debate be further adjourned till To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Liquor Traffic Local Veto Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Liquor Traffic Local Veto (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next, the 25th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Church Discipline Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Petroleum Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 11th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Court of Criminal Appeal Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vaccination Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Watermen's Certificates Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 11th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Steam Engines and Boilers (Persons in Charge) Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Factories and Workshops Amendment and Consolidation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming old Age Pensions Bill, upon the 7th day of March last, That the Old Age Pensions Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Workmen's Houses Tenure Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing of the Working Classes Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 11th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Colonial Marriages (Deceased Wife's Sister) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shop Hours Acts Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply; Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That a Select Committee of Five Queen Anne's Members of this House be appointed to join the Bounties Board, with a Committee of the Lords to consider the constitution of Queen Anne's Bounty Board, and to report whether economy and efficiency of administration would be promoted by any change in its constitution or by its amalgamation with any other body.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith, and to request that their Lordships will be pleased to appoint an equal
equal number of Lords to be joined with the Members of this House; and that the Clerk do carry the said Message.
Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.
Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.—(Sir William Walrond.)

Non-County Boroughs.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Non-County Boroughs: And that Sir Joseph Leese, Mr. Holland, Mr. Oldroyd, Mr. Liptrot, and Mr. Griffiths, do prepare, and bring in.

Sir Joseph Leese accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Non-County Boroughs: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 9th day of July next; and to be printed.

Sir Frederick Godson reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill; That, in the case of the Scarborough Corporation Bill, the evidence of Walter Edward Henry Dowling, and of the Reverend Charles Augustus Leeson, and Samuel Whitby Basil do attend the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 28th June, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; That, in the case of the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, had been compiled with, viz. — Walsall Corporation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Spalding Urban District Council (Water) Bill; Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Birmingham Corporation (Stock) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Scottish American Investment Company Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the South Eastern Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The London (Clerkenwell and Holborn) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, (Clerkenwell and Holborn) Provisional Order Bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The London (Poplar) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill, as amended in Committee. 

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

The London (Steam Vessels) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Barry Railway (Steam Vessels) Bill, [Lords.] Ordered, That the Minute of Evidence and Proceedings given before the Committee on the Barry Railway (Steam Vessels) Bill, 1898, be referred to the Committee on the Barry Railway (Steam Vessels) Bill.—[Mr. Caldwelld]

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the Maikirk, Maidenshine, and Dalmelluchline, and Dallmelling Railways (Abandonment) Bill, might be read; and the same being read; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time. —[Mr. Caldwelld]

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Fishery Board (Scotland). Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Administration Report on the Railways in India, for the year 1899-1900, by F. R. Upcott, Esquire, C.B.; Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, Railways, Part I. 

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Draft Order in Council constituting a Consultative Committee of the Board of Education. 

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Eighteenth Annual Report of the Fishery Board for Scotland, being for the Year 1899, Part III. 

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Trade Reports (Miscellaneous Series). Mr. Droodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, No. 2465 to 2467. 

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Army (Supplementary Estimates, 1900-1901). Mr. Wyndham presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Supplementary Estimate of the aditional amount required in the year ending 31st March 1901 for Expenditure in respect of Army Medical Establishments. 

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply, and be printed. Vol. 155.

Mr. Arthur O'Connor reported from the Chair; Standing Committee, for the consideration of Bills relating to Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, in respect of the Companies Bill; and Mr. Laurence Hardy to act as Chairman of the Standing Committee for the consideration of Bills relating to Trade, &c. (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, in respect of the Money-lending Bill.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Six Frederick Godson reported from the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill; that they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Six James Kitson reported from the Select Electric Power Committee on Electric Power Bills; that, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next, at half-past Eleven o'clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Six Lighted Kay-Shtuttewirth reported from Dublin Corporation Bill; that the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next, at half-past Eleven o'clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Six George N. M'Murdo and James W. Drury do attend the said Committee on Tuesday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Six Frederick Godson reported from the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill; that they had discussed the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Six James Kitson reported from the Select Electric Power Committee on Electric Power Bills; that, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next, at half-past Eleven o'clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Six George N. M'Murdo and James W. Drury do attend the said Committee on Tuesday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock, and remain in attendance during the proceedings of the Committee.

Ordered, That the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Six Mr. Arthur O'Connor reported from the Chair; Standing Committee, for the consideration of Bills relating to Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, in respect of the Companies Bill; and Mr. Laurence Hardy to act as Chairman of the Standing Committee for the consideration of Bills relating to Trade, &c. (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, in respect of the Money-lending Bill.

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Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:—

The Lords have agreed to the County Surveyors (Ireland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Naval Reserve (Mobilisation) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 1) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Reserve Forces Act, 1882; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Military Manoeuvres Act, 1897, and to give further facilities for Rifle and Artillery Practice; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade, under the Gas and Water Works Facilities Act, 1870, relating to East Surrey Water, Hayling Water, Maidstone Water, Sevenoaks Water, South West Suburban Water, and Tonbridge Water; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the Corporation of Manchester to construct additional Tramways in and near the City, and to confer further powers upon the Corporation and neighbouring Authorities in respect of Tramways within and beyond the City, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords give leave to the Marquess of Bristol to attend in order to his being examined as a Witness before the Select Committee appointed by this House on Hospitals (Exemption from Rates), his Lordship, in his place, consenting.

The Water Orders Confirmation Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

The Manchester Corporation Tramways Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tithe Rent-charge (Ireland) Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."—(Mr. Dillon.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, [Mr. Murnaghan.]

Tellers for the [Captain Donelan, Nos. (Mr. Patrick O'Brien.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Charitable Loans (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 29, by adding at the end thereof the words "and no higher interest than three per centum per annum shall be charged on any such note."—(Mr. Murnaghan.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there added:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the Local Government (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Ireland) Bill, (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Relief Second Reading of the Poor Relief (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Irish Education Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Intermediate Education Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved County Courts take into further consideration the Charitable Loans (Ireland) Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Message from the Lords.

Respectfully informed the Lords, That this House had made Progress in the Bill, and that it was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Customs Duties (Sale of Man) Bill.
CLauses, No. 1 to No. 4, agreed to. Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Midwives Bill. The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 27th day of this instant June, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Midwives Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Borough Funds Bill. The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Borough Funds Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Town Councils (Scotland) Bill. The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Town Councils (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

And an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Quarries Bill. The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of May last, That the London Borough Councils (Women's Disabilities Removal) Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders, which are applicable thereto, having been complied with, viz.,—

Gas Order Confirmation (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordering the House, according to Order, proceeded to Hoylake and West Kirby Improvement Bill, and proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Hoylake and West Kirby Improvement Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time, and passed.

The Bray Urban District Council Bill was Bray Urban District Council Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time, and passed.

A Motion being made, That the North Harbour Bill be now read the third time;—Colonel Saunderson, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may go therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Taff Vale Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Bray and Enniskerry Railway Bill.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bray and Enniskerry Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Mr. Calwell.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

London County Council (Money) Bill.
The House, proceeded to take into consideration the London County Council (Money) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Mr. Calwell.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Tottenham Urban District Council Bill.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Tottenham Urban District Council Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Margate Corporation Bill [ Lords.]
The Margate Corporation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill.
The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Wirral Railway Bill [ Lords.]
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Wirral Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Margate Corporation Bill [ Lords.]
The Margate Corporation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill.
The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Public Petitions.

Vide Eighth Report.


Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—Finance Accounts of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland for the Financial Year 1899-1900, ended 31st March 1900.


Account of Revenue and Expenditure in respect of the Duties of the Customs of the Isle of Man, and Accounts of the Accumulated Fund, and of Passenger Tax and Harbour Dues, for the year ended 31st March 1900, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty’s Commissary General for the Isle of Man, the Seventy-eighth Report of the Commissioners of Her Majesty’s Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, dated 29th June 1900.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that thereupon to be laid before this House, a Return of Correspondence relating to Preventive Inoculation against Cholera and Typhoid.

Copy of Order made by the Light Railways Commissioners, under the Light Railways Act, 1896, and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of a Light Railway in the County of Sussex, from Beckhill to Saint Leonards (Beckhill and Saint Leonards Light Railway Order, 1900).

Copy of Order made by the Light Railways Commissioners, under the Light Railways Act, 1896, and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of a Light Railway at Cheltenham, in the County of Gloucester (Cheltenham and District Light Railway (Extension) Order, 1900).

Copy of Order made by the Light Railways Commissioners, under the Light Railways Act, 1896, and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of a Light Railway in the County of East Sussex, from Robertsbridge to Pewsey (Robertsbridge and Pewsey Light Railway Order, 1900).

Copy of Order made by the Light Railways Commissioners, under the Light Railways Act, 1896, and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of a Light Railway in the County of Gloucester, from Cheltenham to Clre Hill (Cheltenham and District Light Railway Order, 1900).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House.—Copy of Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Conservators of the River Medway, for the year from the 25th March 1899 to the 25th March 1900.

Sir James Ferguson reported from the Law, &c. Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, to whom the County and Borough Franchise Assimilation (London) Bill was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Sir James Ferguson reported from the Stand-. Law, &c. ing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, to whom the Executors of Executors (Scotland) Bill was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

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Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing the working of the Regulations made in 1886 for carrying out the Prosecution of Offences Acts, 1879 and 1884, with Statistics setting forth the Number, Nature, Cost, and Results of the Proceedings instituted by the Director in accordance with those Regulations from the 1st day of January 1899 to the 31st day of December 1899 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 298, of Session 1899).

(Mr. Jesse Collings.)

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Perth and Paisley Gas Provisional Orders Bill [Provisional Orders confirmed.]

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill [Provisional Orders confirmed.]

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill; that they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill; that they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 15) Bill; that they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 13) Bill; that they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill; that they had considered the Provisional Order relating to Kingstown and Blackrock, and that the parties (No. 4) Bill, had proceeded with the carrying out of the said Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill, and that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Mr. James William Lowther further reported from the Committee; that they had amended the Title as followeth:—A Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to Dublin and Belfast.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Local Government Provisional Orders (Housing of Working Classes (No. 2) Bill; that they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Education Board Provisional Orders Confirmation (Brighton and Preston United District, &c.) Bill; that they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Electric Supply Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Barnley Corporation Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Great Southern and Western Railway Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means, in pursuance of Standing Order 83, relating to Private Bills, informed the House that in his opinion the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company Bill, though unopposed, ought to be treated as an opposed Private Bill. Sir Charles Cameron. 64 VICTORIA. 29th June.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Local Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill; that they had considered the Provisional Order relating to Kingstown and Blackrock, and that the parties (No. 4) Bill, had proceeded with the carrying out of the said Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill, and that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Mr. James William Lowther further reported from the Committee; that they had amended the Title as followeth:—A Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to Dublin and Belfast.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Local Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Housing of Working Classes (No. 2) Bill; that they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Education Board Provisional Orders Confirmation (Brighton and Preston United District, &c.) Bill; that they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Barnley Corporation Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Great Southern and Western Railway Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means, in pursuance of Standing Order 83, relating to Private Bills, informed the House that in his opinion the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company Bill, though unopposed, ought to be treated as an opposed Private Bill. Sir Charles Cameron. 64 VICTORIA. 29th June.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Local Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill; that they had considered the Provisional Order relating to Kingstown and Blackrock, and that the parties (No. 4) Bill, had proceeded with the carrying out of the said Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill, and that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Mr. James William Lowther further reported from the Committee; that they had amended the Title as followeth:—A Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to Dublin and Belfast.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Local Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Housing of Working Classes (No. 2) Bill; that they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Education Board Provisional Orders Confirmation (Brighton and Preston United District, &c.) Bill; that they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Electric Supply Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Barnley Corporation Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Great Southern and Western Railway Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means, in pursuance of Standing Order 83, relating to Private Bills, informed the House that in his opinion the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company Bill, though unopposed, ought to be treated as an opposed Private Bill.
The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Hamilton Burgh Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill, without any Amendment. [Lords.]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Piaguton Urban District Water Bill, without any Amendment. [Lords.]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Mountain Ash Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House. [Lords.]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further Powers on the Caledonian Railway Company in relation to their Undertaking, to authorise the Lochearnhead, Saint Fillans, and Comrie Railway Company to construct certain Works and enabling that Railway to extend the periods for the purchase of Lands for or for the completion of the works by the before-mentioned Companies and the Callander and Oban Railway Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House. [Lords.]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to reduce the Capital and extend the Powers of the London and San Francisco Bank Limited, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House. [Lords.]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for re-organising the Capital of the G. H. Hammond (G. H.) Company Limited, enabling that Company to redeem and convert its Debentures and Income Stock; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House. [Lords.]

The Caledonian Railway Bill was read the first time. [Lords.]

The London and San Francisco Bank Bill was read the first time. [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills. [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills. [Lords.]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Supply into the Committee of Supply. [16th allotted Day.]

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James Cohen reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution. [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.
Monday, 2nd July, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, reffered on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 62 has been complied with, viz.:

London, Walthamstow, and Epping Forest Railway (Abandonment) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

London (Saint Marylebone) Provisional Order Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Spalding Urban District Council (Water) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Glasgow and South Western Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The South Eastern Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for the Dublin Electric Lighting Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."—(Mr. Carew)

And the Question being put, That the words "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided;

The Yeas were:

Mr. Arthur O'Connor, 168.

Mr. William Moore, 174.

Mr. Carew, 169.

Mr. Harrington, 174.

And so it passed in the Negative.

And a Motion being made, and the Question upon this day three months "be added at the end of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon this day three months.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Cumberland County Council (Bridges) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Mr. Catchell)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Lincoln Corporation (Tramways) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the London County Tramways Bill (No. 1) Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Plymouth, Stonehouse, and Devonport Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Mr. Coldwell)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Sheffield District Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
The Bury and District Water (Transfer) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Glasgow Building Regulations Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Great Grimsby Street Tramways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Liverpool Overhead Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The North Eastern Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Preston Corporation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Ramsgate Corporation Improvements Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Sheffield Corporation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Margate Corporation Bill, to insert in Part VIII., page 50, after Clause 97, a provision to the effect that the scheme for the establishment of a superannuation fund under this part of this Act shall not come into operation until it has been registered by the Registrar of Friendly Societies under the Friendly Societies Act, subject to the provisions of this part of this Act.—(Mr. Strachey.)

The Education Board Provisional Orders Confirmation (Brighton and Preston United District, &c.) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 13) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Perth and Paisley Gas Provisional Orders Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time (No. 2) Bill. To-morrow.

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The House, according to Order, proceeded to Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 15) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions, Videre Non最快 Report.

Mr. Chaplin presented, by Her Majesty's Industrial Command,—Copy of Report to the Local Training Commission on the Proposals contained in the Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Irish Land Commission,—Copy of Return according to Provinces and Counties of Judicial Rents fixed by Chief Commission, Sub-Commissions, and Civil Bill Courts, for First and Second Statutory Terms, together with a Return prepared in a similar manner of Judicial Rents that have been revised by the Irish Land Commission on Appeal, as notified during the month of November 1899; also, Rents fixed upon the Reports of Valuers appointed by the Commission on the Joint Applications of Landlords and Tenants.

Copy of Ninth Report of the Congested Districts Board for Ireland, for the Year ending 31st March 1900.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wyndham presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 21st day of May last, for a Return relative to War Casualties (Non-Combatants). Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of the Fifty-fourth Report of the Commissioners in Lunacy to the Lord Chancellor.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Memorandum stating the nature of the Proposals contained in the Provisional Order included in the Gas Order Confirmation (No. 2) Bill.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered,
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Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 2) Bill.

Votes.

(Steam Bill.)

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Mr. Tatton Egerton reported from the Committee on the Barry Railway (Steam Vessels) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, but the same had not been proved to their satisfaction.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Tramways Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill have leave to make a Special Report.—(Mr. Tatton Egerton.)

Mr. Tatton Egerton reported from the Committee on the Tramways Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill; That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Vide Supplement to the Votes.

Mr. Tatton Egerton further reported from the Committee; That, in the case of the West Monkton Order, they had agreed to the following Special Report:

That in the course of the proceedings the attention of the Committee was called to the position of Cable Companies in relation to other Electric Undertakings, and it was sought to affirm that they were under the provisions of the Model Clause based on the Report of the Joint Committee of the House of Lords and the House of Commons on Electric Powers (Protective Clauses) issued in July 1893. The Committee declined to give a decision upon a point involving such great national interests, and recommend that it should, with other matters involving electrical interests, be again considered by a similarly constituted Committee as has already adjudicated on the subject.

Ordered, That the Report and the Special Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Vide Supplement to the Votes.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir Frederick Goschen reported from the Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill; That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

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Edinburgh Corporation Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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Mr. Reginald McKenna reported from the Select Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills (Section B): That, in the case of the Coventry Corporation Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice reported from the Select Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills (Section A): That, in the case of the Hastings Corporation Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Select Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Select Committee, be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Statement showing, in respect of each Administrative County of England and Wales, the under-mentioned particulars in regard to the areas (if any) which have been transferred to such County, and which form part of another County, for the purpose of Parliamentary Elections, in the following form:

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—(Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice.)

The Military Manœuvres Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

The Reserve Forces Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

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Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (Gas) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the North Warwickshire Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Widnes and Runcorn Bridge Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Leith Burgh Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Elecric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Berwick-upon-Tweed, Harrington-on-the-Hill, Malton, the extension of the Area of Supply of the Midland Electric Corporation for Power Distribution, Limited, Newhaven, Seaford, Thirsk, Totten, Witney, and Woking; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Tramways Act, 1870, relating to Bredbury and Romiley Urban District Council Tramways, Huddersfield Corporation Tramways, Hursley Urban District Council Tramways, Kearsley Urban District Council Tramways, Prestwich Urban District Council Tramways, Reddish Urban District Council Tramways, and Wigan Corporation Tramways; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Education Acts, 1870 to 1899, to enable the School Board for London to put in force the Lands Clauses Acts; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further powers on the Bexhill and Rotherfield Railway Company; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

The Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

The Education Board Provisional Order Confirmation (London) Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

The Bexhill and Rotherfield Railway Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to grant Money for the purpose of certain Local Loans out of the Local Loans Fund, and for other purposes relating to Local Loans: And that Mr. Hanbury and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented a Bill to Public Works Loans Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Record of condition of holding (Mr. Charming) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Power to local authority to acquire land compulsorily)—(Mr. Steadman); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Local Government Act 1900) Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Representations by and to Medical Officer of Health)—(Sir Walter Foster); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Clause (Powers of County Council to act on default of Rural Council)—(Lord Edward FitzGibbon)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Compensation in respect of compulsory purchase of land)—(Mr. Channing); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Arbitration as to acquisition of land)—(Mr. Channing)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Powers of County Councils to obtain enforcement of Act)—(Mr. Channing); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Acquisition of land by local authorities)—(Mr. Pickering); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be brought up, and read the first time.

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And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be now read a second time :—

The House proceeded to a Division.

Tuesday, 3rd July, 1900:

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Channing, Yeas, (Mr. Humphreys-Owen ; ] 46.
Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Noes, (Mr. Austruther ; ] 142.

So it passed in the Negative.

And, it being after Midnight, Further Proceeding on Consideration, as amended, stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Bill (as amended in the Standing Committee) be taken into further consideration this day.

The Charitable Loans (Ireland) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Customs Duties (Isle of Man) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Larceny Act (1861) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Intermediate Education (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee on the County Courts (Investment of Deposits) Bill ;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply ;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means ;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Midwives Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee ;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Borough Funds Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking County and Borough Franchise Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee ;

Resolved, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Executive Committee on the Quarries (re-committed) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Quarries Bill ;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Elections Second Reading of the Elections (Hours of Polling on Saturdays) Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Irish Education Second Reading of the Irish Education Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for resuming Midwives the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, Bill, upon the 27th day of June last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Midwives Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be now taken into consideration ;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Borough Funds Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking County and Borough Franchise Assimilation (London) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee ;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

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Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Industrial Schools Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Board Elections (London) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Jurors' Payment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Boards of Guardians (Magistrates) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Isolation Hospitals (Amendment) Bill [Lords.]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of March last, That the Compensation for Damage to Crops Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Dedication Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Museum Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Libraries Bill [Lords.]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Burial Grounds (Loans) (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 7th day of March last, That the Old Age Pensions Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

...And then the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

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London and San Francisco Bank Bill.

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Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

The House proceeded to take into considera-

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Croydon Tramways and Improvements Bill.

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The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

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The Munbirk, Mauchline, and Dalmellington Railways (Abandonment) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on the Motherwell and Bellahill Railway Bill [Lords], of the present Session, be referred to the Committee on Group No. 8 of Railway Bills.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 2) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by the Lords.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Housing of Working Classes) (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 15) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Tramways Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The London (Saint Marylebone) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Electric Second Reading of the Electric Lighting Provisional Order (No. 11) Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time; An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."—(Captain Norton.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question; The House divided.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day three months.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Gas Order Confirmation (No. 2) Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time; An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."—(Mr. Doogan.)

And the Question being put, That the words, "upon this day three months" be added at the end of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day three months.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Gas Order Confirmation (No. 2) Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time; An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."—(Mr. Doogan.)

And the Question being put, That the words, "upon this day three months" stand part of the Question; The House divided.

The Noes to the Left.

The Yeas to the Right; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time; An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."—(Mr. Doogan.)

And the Question being put, That the words, "upon this day three months" be added at the end of the Question;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant July.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions, Vide Ninth Series.)

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Celtic Ornaments Command,—Copy of Summary prepared by the Treasury of Facts and Correspondence with respect to certain Celtic Ornaments found in the year 1896 at Limavady, in the North West of Ireland. Mr. Hanbury also presented,—Return to an High Court of Order, dated the 24th day of May last, for Returns to the High Court of Justice (Clerks).—Ordered, That the said Paper be read on Tuesday.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Trade Reports Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Annual Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2468 to 2470.—Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. James William Loutcher informed the House that the Committee on Group 8 of Railway Bills not being appointed to meet until Thursday next, the parties promoting the Motherwell and Bellshill Railway Bill, which was set down for consideration upon the first day of the meeting of the Committee, had appeared before him and proved that the evidence of John Marshell, Boiler-maker, Motherwell, and of David Henderson Maccollum, Bridge-builder, Motherwell, was essential to their case, and that their attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House.

Ordered, That the said John Marshell and David Henderson Maccollum do attend the Committee on Group 8 of Railway Bills on Thursday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock. — (Mr. James William Loutcher.)

Mr. Halsey reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions, which were read, as follows:

1. That, in the case of the Salford Corporation Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.
2. That, in the case of the North British Railway Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the Salford Corporation Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time. — (Mr. Caldwell.)

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the North British Railway Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time. — (Mr. Caldwell.)

Sir James Kitson reported from the Select Committee on Electric Power Bills, that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, but the same had not been proved to their satisfaction.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir Frederick Godson reported the Rotherham Corporation Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures: — Mr. Kemp; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Charles McArthur.

Mr. Halsey further reported from the Committee; that they had added to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures the following Fifteen Members in respect of the Money-lending Bill: — Sir William Anson, Mr. Thomas Digby, Mr. Birrell, Mr. Butcher, Mr. Sydney Godge, Mr. Vincy Gibbs, Mr. Hazell, Mr. Lyttelton, Mr. Maddison, Mr. Marks, Mr. Murnaghan, Major Rasch, Mr. Steadman, Mr. Lawson Walton, and Mr. Warr. Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

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Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Street and Road Tramways authorised by Parliament, showing the Amount of Capital authorised, paid up, and expended; the length of Tramway authorised and the length open for the Public Conveyance of Passengers down to the 30th day of June 1900; the Gross Receipts, working Expenditure, and Net Receipts; the Number of Passengers conveyed and the Number of Miles run by Cars during the year ended the 30th day of June 1900; together with the Numbers of Horses, Engines, and Cars at that Date (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 327, of Session 1899).— (Mr. Ritchie.)
other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have appointed a Committee consisting of Five Lords to join with a Committee of the Commons (pursuant to Message of this House) to consider the constitution of Queen Anne's Bounty Board, and to report whether economy and efficiency of Administration would be promoted by any change in its constitution or by its amalgamation with any other body.

The Morley Corporation Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Sir James Ferguson reported from the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, to whom the Veterinary Surgeons (Amendment) Bill was referred: That they had gone through the Bill, and had directed him to report the same, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Adjournment.

Mr. Pritchard Morgan, Member for Merthyr Tydrell, rose in his place, and asked leave to move the Adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent interest. There is a small body of men engaged in the chase money, 32 & 33 Vic. c. 42, 35 & 36 Vic. c. 90). The Bill was detained by the Speaker for the consideration of the House.

Wild Birds Protection.

Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and moved the Adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing the Protection of Wild Birds: And that Mr. Bigwood, Mr. Howard, Mr. Buxton, and Sir John William Macnair do prepare, and bring it in.

Wild Birds Protection Bill.

Bill 281.

Mr. Bigwood accordingly presented a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to the Protection of Wild Birds: And that Mr. Bigwood, Mr. Howard, Mr. Buxton, and Sir John William Macnair do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That Sir William Walwood, Mr. Humphrey-Owen, Mr. William Frederick Smith, Mr. Stevenson, and Mr. Stuart-Wortley be Members of the Joint Committee on Queen Anne's Bounty Board—(Sir William Walwood).

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Tithe Rent-charge (Ireland) Bill.

(Clauses, N° 1 (Amendment of Law as to sales of tithe rent-charge by Land Commission, and charge of annual sums for paying the purchase money, 32 & 33 Vic. c. 42, 35 & 36 Vic. c. 90). Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9, after the word "rent-charge," to insert the words "and as the land has not been, since the date of such Vol. 165."

"order, conveyed to any person on a sale there-" of.—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 10, to leave out the words "forty-five," in order to insert the words "fifty-one"—(Mr. Dillon),—instead thereof.

Question put, That the words "forty-five" stand part of the Clause;—The Committee divided. Tellers for the [Sir William Walwood, Yes, (Mr. Anstruther: ].] 116.

Tellers for the [Captain Donelan, No, (Mr. Flacin: ] 66.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 10, after the words "forty-five," to insert the word "annual"—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy);

Question proposed, That the word "annual" be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 20, to leave out the word "ten," in order to insert the word "fifteen"—(Mr. Dillon),—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the word "ten" stand part of the Clause:—Debate arising;—Mr. MacNeill moved, That the Chairman do Chairman decline to propose a Question for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent interest. There is a small body of men engaged in the chase money, 32 & 33 Vic. c. 42, 35 & 36 Vic. c. 90). The Bill was detained by the Speaker for the consideration of the House.

Afurther Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 20, to leave out the word "ten," in order to insert the word "fifteen"—(Mr. Dillon),—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the word "ten" stand part of the Clause:—Debate arising;—Mr. MacNeill moved, That the Chairman do Chairman decline to propose a Question for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent interest. There is a small body of men engaged in the chase money, 32 & 33 Vic. c. 42, 35 & 36 Vic. c. 90). The Bill was detained by the Speaker for the consideration of the House.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Pritchard Morgan):—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Wild Birds Protection.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to the Protection of Wild Birds: And that Mr. Bigwood, Mr. Howard, Mr. Buxton, and Sir John William Macnair do prepare, and bring it in.

Wild Birds Protection Bill.

Bill 281.

Mr. Bigwood accordingly presented a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to the Protection of Wild Birds: And that Mr. Bigwood, Mr. Howard, Mr. Buxton, and Sir John William Macnair do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That Sir William Anson, Mr. Hum-

phrey-Owen, Mr. William Frederick Smith, Mr. Stevenson, and Mr. Stuart-Wortley be Members of the Joint Committee on Queen Anne's Bounty Board—(Sir William Walwood).

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walwood, Yes, (Mr. Anstruther: ] 126.

Tellers for the [Captain Donelan, No, (Mr. Patrick O'Brien: ] 84.

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:—After Debate thereon; Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put.

Question put, "That the Question be now put."

The Committee proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the [Sir William Walwood, Yes, (Mr. Anstruther: ] 144.

Tellers for the [Captain Donelan, No, (Mr. Patrick O'Brien: ] 64.

Question put accordingly, That the Clause stand part of the Bill;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walwood, Yes, (Mr. Anstruther: ] 143.

Tellers for the [Captain Donelan, No, (Mr. Patrick O'Brien: ] 64.

And, it being after Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lomther reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Larceny Act (1861) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which upon the 21st day of June last, was proposed to [Lords.]
be made to the Question, That the Inebriates Amendment (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the County Courts (Investment of Deposits) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Works Loans Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the further Proceeding on consideration of the Agricultural Holdings Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the further Proceeding be resumed this day.

ORDERED That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Report made to the Board of Trade on the subject of an Inquiry held by the Board of Trade at the Court House, Kilrush, on the 27th day of April 1900, relative to a Provisional Order applied for by Mr. Vinealeur on the subject of Kilrush Pier, which Provisional Order has been refused.—(Major Jameson.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the County and Borough Franchise Assimilation (London) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration on Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Education of the Blind (Scotland) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Urban District Councils Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of March last, That the Compensation for Damage to Crops Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Dedication Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Libraries Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Burial Grounds (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

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THE House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE House proceeded to take into considera-

the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Electric Supply Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Mr. Coldwell.)

Mr. James William Lowther, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into considera-

the Scarborough Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Mr. Coldwell.)

Mr. James William Lowther, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed, with a New Title, as followeth:—

An Act to empower the Corporation of Scour-

borough to make an Approach Road to the New Marine Drive, to alter the line of the Sea Wall of the said Drive, to make further and better provision for the Improvement, Health, and Good Government of the Borough of Scarborough, to alter the constitution of the Scarborough Harbour Commissioners, and for other purposes.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Tufton Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 18, after l. 25, by inserting the words "It shall be open to any local authority, a dairyman, or person aggrieved by any such order or withdrawal of such order to appeal to a summary manner to a court of petty sessions having jurisdiction in the district in which the dairy is situated, and the court may either make an order requiring the dairyman to cease from supplying milk, or may vary or rescind any order which has been made by the local authority, and they may at any time withdraw any order made under this section. Pending the disposal of any such appeal the order shall remain in force."—(Mr. Strachey.)
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And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—And a Debate arising thereupon:

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Mr. Hobhouse):—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:

The House divided.

The Yeas were:

Mr. Strachey, Yes, (Mr. Hobhouse) 98.

Mr. Perris: 99.

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Walton Corporation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That, in the case of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company Bill, Standing Order 236 be suspended, and that the Committee have leave to proceed with the Bill To-morrow. —(The Chairman of Ways and Means).

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Tramways Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 3rd day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Kilrush Pier (Proposed Provisional Order).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 29th day of June last, for a Return relative to the Prosecution of Offences Acts, 1879 and 1884.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Further Return to an Order, dated the 2nd day of August 1884, for a Return relative to Charitable Endowments (London).

Ordered, That the said Return be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Memorandum stating the nature of the Proposals contained in the Provisional Orders included in the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill.—(Mr. Ritchie).

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Coal Mines (Protection of Child Labour Underground) Bill, changed to Mines (Protection of Child Labour Underground) Bill, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Tithe Rent-charge (Ireland) Bill.

Clause, No. 2 (Ascertainment and publication of percentage of variation in judicial rents, 44 & 45 Vict. c. 49).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 23, to leave out the word "Commission," to the word "shall," in p. 2, l. 4, in order to insert the words "having regard to the difference in prices affecting agriculture in counties, poor law unions, or other areas, between the fifteen years expiring on the first day of November next after the passing of this Act and the previous fifteen years"—(Mr. O'Connell)—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out to the word "and" and in p. 2, l. 4, stand part of the Clause.

After Debate thereon, Mr. Gerald Balfour rose in his place and claimed to move "That the Question be now put."

Question put, "That the Question be now put."

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas, 176.

Mr. Austruther: 180.

Tellers for the Sir Thomas Esmond, Noes, 108.

Captain Donelan:

Question put accordingly; The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas, 185.

Mr. Austruther: 113.

Tellers for the Sir Thomas Esmond, Noes, Captain Donelan:

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 4, after the word "rents," to insert the words "deducting in each case, where a judicial rent has been fixed, the amount of the variation which was made in respect of improvements made by the tenants."—(Mr. Dillon).

Question put, That those words be there inserted:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Sir Thomas Esmond, Yeas, 121.

Captain Donelan:

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Noes, 198.

Mr. Austruther:

And, it being after half past five of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lombe reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Agricultural Holdings Bill, the further Proceeding on consideration of the Agricultural Holdings Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:

Ordered, That the further Proceeding be resumed To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Works Second Reading of the Public Works Loans Bill:

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Larceny Act (1861) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Larceny Act (1861) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Inebriates Amendment (Scotland) Bill [Lords?]

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 21st day of June last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Inebriates Amendment (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till To-morrow.

County Courts (Investment of Deposits) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the County Courts (Investment of Deposits) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Veterinary Surgeons Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Veterinary Surgeons Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Way and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors to Children (No. 2) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Sunday Closing (Monmouthshire) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sunday Closing (Monmouthshire) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 12th day of this instant July, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Sale of Intoxicating Liquors to Children (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors to Children (No. 2) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Highways and Bridges Act (1891) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Highways and Bridges Act (1891) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

London Borough Councils (Women's Disabilities Removal) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of May last, That the London Borough Councils (Women's Disabilities Removal) Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday the 12th day of this instant July.

Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act (1886) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act (1886) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

School Board Electorate (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Board Electorate (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Court of Second Reading of the Court of Criminal Appeal Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vaccination Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Factories and Second Reading of the Factories and Workshops Amendment and Consolidation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Licensing Acts Amendment (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Colonial Second Reading of the Colonial Marriages (Deceased Wife's Sister) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Friendly Societies Second Reading of the Friendly Societies Disqualification Removal Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming outdoor relief the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed (Friendly Societies) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 27th day of February last, That the (No. 2) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Burial Grounds Second Reading of the Burial Grounds (Loans) (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Roman Catholic Second Reading of the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Railway and Bill to amend the Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1888, and to provide for the better carriage and Amendment, by rail of Cycles: And that Sir Howard Vincent, Mr. Herbert Gladstone, Mr. Butcher, Mr. Marks, Mr. Kimber, Mr. Thornton, and Mr. Lowe do prepare, and bring in.

Sir Howard Vincent accordingly presented a Railway and Bill to amend the Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1888, and to provide for the better carriage Bill by rail of Cycles: And the same was read the Bill first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of July next; and to be printed.

Mr. James William Lomther reported from the Alexandria Committee on the Alexandria Park Bill; That Park Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and amended the same.

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so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Barnsley Corporation Bill; That, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 13th day of March last, the powers relating to Tramways have been struck out of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lownther reported from the Committee on the Donegal Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lownther reported the Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the London Sea Water Supply Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Glyncorrwg Council Gas Bill: That they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lownther reported the Gyngwyr Council Gas Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lownther reported the South Staffordshire Tramways Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Frederick Godson reported from the Committee on the Shannon Water and Electric Power Bill; That, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 26th day of February last, the Committee have inserted a provision in the Bill for the purpose of making the Company not to erect any Station for generating electricity other than on the lands specifically described in the Bill for that purpose.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Halley reported from the Committee of Select Petitions; That they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Trade, &c.: Mr. John Wilson (Durham); and had appointed in substitution: Sir James Woodhouse.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Biddulph reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22d, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, and 29th days of June last, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit until ten minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Widnes and Runcorn Bridge Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Spalding Urban District Council (Water) Bill.

The Lords' Amendments as far as the Amendment in p. 6, l. 21, being read a second time, were agreed to.

P. 6, l. 21, to leave out from “1889,” to the end of Clause 9, the next Amendment, being read a second time;

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Caldecott);

And a Debate arising thereupon:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned—(See Henry Fowler)—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Thursday next.

The Lincoln Corporation (Tramways) Bill was read a second time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Sheffield District Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Cork Electric Tramways Bill [Lords.] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the London County Tramways Bill [Lords.] as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time,

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words “now taken into consideration,” in order to add the words “re-committed to the former Committee;” on the Bill—(Mr. Kimber), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words “now taken into consideration” stand part of the Question;

The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now taken into consideration;—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Mr. Caldecott.)

And Notice being taken, that the interest of the Prince of Wales, as Duke of Cornwall, is concerned therein;
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Mr. Labouchere, Member for Northampton, Adjournment, rose in his place, and asked leave to move the Adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "the composition and the scope of the reference to the Committee to be appointed to inquire into the treatment of sick and wounded British Soldiers in South Africa;" but the pleasure of the House not having been signified, Mr. Speaker called on those Members who supported the Motion to rise in their places, and not less than Forty Members having accordingly risen:

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn—

"Mr. Labouchere:"—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Colonel Gunter reported from the Committee on Private Bills; That, for the Committee on Group J, renunciation of the parties, the Committee had adjourned till Monday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. McKenna reported from the Select Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills (Section B); That, in the case of the Southport Corporation Bill, they had examined the allegation in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there should be a Return of the Number of Cases within the Metropolitan Police District, the West Riding of Yorkshire, Lancashire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, and Durham in which persons convicted of First Offences have by reason of their youth or the trivial nature of the offence been released under recognizances on probation of good conduct in the years 1879, 1889, and 1899, under the Probation of First Offenders Act, 1877:—And, of the Number of Cases in which such persons have been called upon to appear to receive judgment, or are known to have been subsequently convicted of fresh offence (including a Paper of Parliamentary Paper, No. 277, of Session 1897).—

(Sir Howard Vincent.)

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Tithe Rent-charge (Ireland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 2 (Ascertainment and publication of percentage of variation in judicial rents, 44 & 45 Vic. c. 49).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 6, to leave out sub-section (2). — (Mr. Edmund Robertson.)

Question put, That sub-section (2) stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yes, Mr. Anstruther: 142.
Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, No, Mr. Patrick O'Brien: 75.

An Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 24, at the end, to add the words "(7) The Land Commission may at any time amend or vary any certificate made under this section, and the certificate when so amended or varied shall have effect accordingly."—(Mr. Clancy.)

Question put, That those words be there added;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Yes, Mr. Anstruther: 67.
Tellers for the Captain Donelan, No, Mr. Patrick O'Brien: 82.

CLAUSE, No. 3 (Variation of tithe rent-charges).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 26, after the word "Act," to insert the words "on the application of any person who, if this Act had not been passed, would have been entitled to obtain a variation of any tithe rent-charge."—(Mr. Clancy.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Captain Donelan, Yes, Mr. Patrick O'Brien: 90.
Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, No, Mr. Anstruther: 170.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 28, after the word "payable," to insert the words "otherwise than to the Land Commission."—(Mr. Dillon.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;

The Committee proceeded to a Division;

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Tellers for the Captain Donelan, Yes, Mr. Patrick O'Brien: 80.
Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, No, Mr. Anstruther: 180.

And, it being after Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lenether reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Post Office Sites (re- Sites Bill, committed) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 1.

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill;

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lenether reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Works Loan Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Military Reserve Second Reading of the Military Manoeuvres Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Reserve Second Reading of the Reserve Forces Bill; Forces Bill, Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Standing Committee on the Housing of the Working Classes Act (1890) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Standing Committee on the Housing of the Working Classes Act (1890) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the further Proceeding be referred to the Chairman for a Report.

The Order of the day being read, for the Reformatory Second Reading of the Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the Local Government (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Relief Second Reading of the Poor Relief (Ireland) Bill; Ordered,
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 21st day of June last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Inebriates Amendment (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the County Courts (Investment of Deposits) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Borough Funds Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 13th day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Isolation Hospitals (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 19th day of March last, That the Vagrants' Children Protection Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday the 19th day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Isolation Hospitals (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tramways (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Burial Grounds (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Twelve of the clock, on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Friday, 6th July, 1900.

PRAYERS.

M R. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders are not previously invoked into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Bexhill and Rotherfield Railway Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the City of London Electric Lighting Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Great Yarmouth Port and Haven Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

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Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to High Court of Justice (Clerks), which was presented upon the 3rd day of this instant July, be printed.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Orders made by the London County Council dividing the Parliamentary Boroughs of Camberwell (Dublin Division), Wandsworth, Hockney (North Division), and Finchley (Central Division), into convenient Polling Districts.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Committee appointed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to inquire into the Public Health of the City of Dublin. Copy of Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee appointed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to inquire into the Public Health of the City of Dublin.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 5th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Accession of the Republic of Uruguay to the Convention signed at Geneva, 22nd August 1864, for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded in Armies in the Field, 3rd May 1900.

Copy of International Convention respecting the Liquor Traffic in Africa. Signed at Brussels, 8th June 1899. Ratifications deposited at Brussels, 8th and 19th June 1900.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of Ninety-fifth Report of the Commissioners of the Caledonian Canal.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing the practice of the late Prison Authorities in England and Wales in granting Pensions to Prison Officers under Section 13 of the Prison Act, 1862, in the following form:—

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Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Proceedings for Shebeening, the Number of Convictions obtained, the Number of Clubs in which Intoxicating Liquors are sold, and the Number of Convictions for Shebeening where imprisonment was imposed as a Penalty, in each of the Cities of Belfast, Dublin, Cork, Limerick, and Waterford, during the period from the 1st day of January 1898 till the 31st day of May 1900.—

(Mr. MacAleese.)

Mr. James William Louther reported from the Committee on the London (Southwark Provincial Order Bill; That they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Louther reported the Aston Manor Tramways Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Frederick Godson reported from the Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill; That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the same, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Sir Frederick Godson reported from the Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 14) Bill; That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the same, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Sir Lewis McNeef reported from the Committee on the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company Bill; That, pursuant to the Instruction of the House of the 21st day of June last, the Committee had made provision in the Bill authorizing the creation of Annuities to be charged on and payable out of the Revenues of India in lieu of the Sum of Money amounting to £34,859,217 17s. 6d. agreed upon for the purchase by the Secretary of State in Council of India of the Indian Peninsula Railway Company, and the payment of any costs and expenses incurred by the said Secretary of State under any Act of the present Session for vesting the said Undertaking in the said Secretary.
Secretary of State in Council of India, and also any Costs, Charges, and Expenses of obtaining and passing the said Act not provided by the surplus profits arising from the said Undertaking for the half-year ending the 30th day of June 1900.

Sir Lewis M'Leer further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Military Lands Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Volunteers Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:—

The Lords have agreed to the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Airdrie and Coatbridge Tramways Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Airdrie, Coatbridge and District Water Trust Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Brighton Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Reading Corporation (Tramways) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Wolverhampton Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to extend the operation of the Union of Benefits Act, 1860, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the conversion of the Capital Stock of the Crystal Palace Company into Shares; and to empower them to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords propose that the Joint Committee appointed to consider the constitution of Queen Anne's Bounty Board, and to report whether economy and efficiency of Administration would be promoted by any change in its constitution or by its amalgamation with any other body, do meet in Committee Room 14 on Monday next, at half-past Three of the clock.

The House proceeded to take into consideration that part of the said Lords' Message of this day as relates to the time and place of meeting of the Joint Committee on Queen Anne's Bounty Board. Vol. 155.

Ordered, That the Committee of this House do meet the Lords' Committee as proposed by their Lordships.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith; and that the Clerk do carry the same.—(Sir William Walrond.)

The Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

The Crystal Palace Company Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1900–1901.

Class II.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £8,095, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Her Majesty's Secretary for Scotland and Subordinate Offices, including a Grant in Aid of the Congested Districts (Scotland) Fund.

Motion made, and Question put, That Item £8,095–(Mr. Hedderwick).

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Buchanan.]

Noes, [Mr. Anstruther.]

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Original Question again proposed.

Motion made, and Question put, That Item £8,095 be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Fishery Board in Scotland and for Grants in Aid of Piers or Quays.

Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £10,649, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Lunacy in Scotland.

Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £2,743, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Registrar General of Births, &c. in Scotland.

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Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have not been complied with, viz.:

Education Board Provisional Order Confirmation (London) Bill.

Tellers for the (Mr. Weir, Sir Charles Cameron.)

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have not been complied with, viz.:

Workington Railways and Docks Bill.

Tellers for the (Mr. Weir, Sir Charles Cameron.)

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have not been complied with, viz.:

Military Manoeuvres Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Water Bill, and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendments made by the Lords to the Mountain Ash Water Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendments made by the Lords to the Hartlepool Gas and Water Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

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Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Cork Electric Tramways Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments. 

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Cemetery Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee. 

A Clause (Superannuation fund schemes) was twice read; and made part of the Bill. 

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time. —(Mr. Caldwell.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Donegal Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee. 

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Exmouth Urban District Water Bill, as amended in the Committee. 

And Amendments were made to the Bill. 

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Falkirk Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee. 

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Bill. 

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Hastings Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee. 

A Clause (Superannuation fund schemes) was twice read; and made part of the Bill. 

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time. —(Mr. Caldwell.)

Mr. James William Lowther, by Her Majesty's secretaries, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent. 

The House, accordingly, proceeded to take into consideration the House of the Working Classes Act, 1890, relating to the City and Royal Burgh of Edinburgh: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Anstruther do prepare, and bring it in. 

Ordered, That Standing Order 193A be suspended, and that the Bill be read the first time. 

—(The Lord Advocate.)

The Lord Advocate accordingly presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Secretary for Scotland under Part I., of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, relating to the City and Royal Burgh of Edinburgh; And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Anstruther do prepare, and bring it in. 

Ordered, That the Standing Order 193A be suspended, and that the Bill be read the first time. 

Ordered, That the Clerk do refer the Bill to the Local Government (Improvement Scheme Provisional Orders) Bill, as amended in the Committee. 

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill, as amended in the Committee. 

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow. 

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 14) Bill, as amended in the Committee. 

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow. 

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the London (Southwark) Provisional Order Bill, as amended in the Committee. 

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow. 

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Secretary for Scotland under Part I., of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, relating to the City and Royal Burgh of Edinburgh; And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Anstruther do prepare, and bring it in. 

Ordered, That the Standing Order 193A be suspended, and that the Bill be read the first time. 

Ordered, That the Clerk do refer the Bill to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed. 

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Secretary for Scotland under Part I. of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, relating to the City and Royal Burgh of Edinburgh; And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Anstruther do prepare, and bring it in. 

Ordered, That the Standing Order 193A be suspended, and that the Bill be read the first time. 

—(The Lord Advocate.)

Ordered, That the Standing Order 193A be suspended, and that the Bill be read the first time. 

—(The Lord Advocate.)

Ordered, That the Standing Order 193A be suspended, and that the Bill be read the first time. 

—(The Lord Advocate.)
The Lord Advocate accordingly presented a Bill for a Provisional Order under the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, 1892, relating to Paisley Waterworks: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Sixty-first Annual Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Criminal and Judicial Statistics of Ireland for the year 1899. Part II. Civil Statistics.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Fishery Board (Scotland.)

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports on the State of the Markets for Scottish-cured Herrings on the Continent, and in the United States of America.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of all Deposits received and paid under the Act 24 Vict. c. 14, during the year ended 31st December 1899, and of the Expenses incurred from the commencement of the Business on 16th September 1861 to 31st December 1899, together with a Statement of the Total Amount due at the close of the year 1899 to all Depositors; and Account of the Sums received and paid by the National Debt Commissioners on account of the Fund for the Post Office Savings Banks per Act 24 Vict. c. 14, from 31st December 1898 to 31st December 1899, inclusive.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Trade Reports (Annual Series.)

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2471 to 2473.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Trade Reports (Miscellaneous Series.)

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 29th day of June last, for a Return relative to East India (Inoculation against Cholera and Typhoid).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Accounts of Receipts and Expenditure of the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland for the year ended 31st December 1889, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.
of electrical generating stations and works, would, "subject to the provisions of this Act," be of public and local advantage; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Andrew Seacle reported from the Select Committee on Electric Power Bills; That at the meeting of the Committee, this day, a letter was received from Sir James Kitson, one of the Members of the said Committee, stating that he was unable, on account of urgent business, to attend the Committee this day.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir Andrew Seacle reported from the Select Committee on Electric Power Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Thursday, at Three of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Vide Supplement to the Votes.

Sir Andrew Seacle reported from the Select Committee on Electric Power Bills; That at the meeting of the Committee, this day, a letter was received from Sir James Kitson, one of the Members of the said Committee, stating that he was unable, on account of urgent business, to attend the Committee this day.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of Correspondence, recently published in the "Natal Witness," containing Minutes from the Prime Minister and Governor of Natal and Generals Butler and Murray, respecting the Censorship in that Colony of Letters and Telegrams.

(Captain Sinclair.)

Colonel Gunter reported the Hemel Hempstead Corporation (Water) Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Colonel Gunter reported from the Committee on Group J of Private Bills; That Major Jameson, one of the Members of the said Committee, was not present during the Sitting of the Committee this day.

Ordered, That Major Jameson do attend the Committee on Group J of Private Bills upon Wednesday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Alexander Hargreaves Brown reported from the Committee on the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Bill; That they had agreed to the following Report:—That, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 15th day of May last, the Committee had inserted in the Bill the additional provision referred to in the said Resolution.

Mr. Alexander Hargreaves Brown further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preliminary Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Alexander Hargreaves Brown reported from the Committee on Group D of Private Bills; That Mr. Murraghon, one of the Members of the said Committee, was not present during the sitting of the Committee this day.

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A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—Sir Thomas Esmonde:—
The House divided.  The Yeas to the Right: The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir Thomas Esmonde, 114.]

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, 199.

So it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Tithe Rent-charge (Ireland) Bill, if under discussion, be now put—Mr. Dillon.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Tithe Rent-charge (Ireland) Bill.

CLAUSE, No. 3 (Variation of tithe rent-charges).—

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 29, after the word "hereinafter," to insert the words "in respect of which judicial rents have been fixed."—Mr. Dillon.

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—After Debate thereon—Mr. Gerald Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put;"—Mr. Dillon.  

Question put, "That the Question be now put;"—Mr. Gerald Balfour.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, 200.]

Tellers for the [Sir Thomas Esmonde, 106.]

Tellers for the [Captain Donelan, 122.

Clause stand part of the Bill, be now put "—Mr. Patrick O'Brien:—So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 36, to leave out sub-section (2).—Mr. Dillon.

Question put, That sub-section (2) stand part of the Clause—Mr. Patrick O'Brien.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, 179.]

Tellers for the [Sir Thomas Esmonde, 105.

Tellers for the [Captain Donelan, 177.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 5, at the end of the Clause to add the words "Provided always that owners of their impropriate tithe rent-chargos may elect to have the tithe payable to them varied according to the provisions of the present law."—Mr. Dillon.

Question put, That those words be there added—Mr. Patrick O'Brien.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Thomas Esmonde, 109.]

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, 195.

Mr. Gerald Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question, That the Clause stand part of the Bill, be now put;"—Mr. Anstruther.

Question put, "That the Question, That the Clause stand part of the Bill, be now put;"—Mr. Anstruther.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, 197.]

Tellers for the [Sir Thomas Esmonde, 101.

Tellers for the [Captain Donelan, 102.

CLAUSE, No. 4, agreed to—Mr. Anstruther.

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CLAUSE, No. 5.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill;—Mr. Anstruther.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, 175.]

Tellers for the [Captain Donelan, 77.

Tellers for the [Mr. Patrick O'Brien:—CLAUSE, No. 6, agreed to—Mr. Anstruther.

CLAUSE, No. 7.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill;—Mr. Anstruther.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Captain Donelan, 64.

Tellers for the [Mr. Patrick O'Brien:—Bill to be reported—Mr. Anstruther.

Schedule agreed to;—Mr. Anstruther.

Question put, That the Chairman do report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House;—Mr. Anstruther.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, 132.

Tellers for the [Mr. Patrick O'Brien:—CLAUSE, No. 8 to No. 10, agreed to—Mr. Anstruther.

A Clause (Price of redemption of tithe rent-chargos ordered by the Land Commission)—Mr. Dillon—brought up, and read the first time.  

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time;—Mr. Anstruther.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Thomas Esmonde, 147.

Tellers for the [Mr. Patrick O'Brien:—CLAUSE, No. 9, agreed to—Mr. Anstruther.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lether reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment;—Mr. Anstruther.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Agricultural Committee to report the further Proceeding on consideration of the Agricultural Holdings Bill;—Mr. Anstruther.

Ordered, That the further Proceeding be resumed this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office Committee on the Post Office Sites (recommending Holdings Bill;—Mr. Anstruther.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Works Loan Second Reading of the Public Works Loans Bill;—Mr. Anstruther.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.
The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Housing of the Working Classes Act (1890) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply;
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Factories and Workshops Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Lunacy Board (Scotland) (Salaries, &c.) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 21st day of May last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Youths' Offenders Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Savings Banks and Friendly Societies Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dogs Regulation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Irish Education Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Intermediate Education (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply;
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Larceny Act (1861) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Military Manœuvres Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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to be made to the Question, That the Midwives Bill, as amended by the Standing Committee, be now taken into consideration;—Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the County and Borough Franchise Assimilation (London) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;—Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors to Children (No. 2) Bill;—Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors (Ireland) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 23rd day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustee Savings Banks Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Elections (Hours of Polling on Saturdays) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Industrial Schools Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Board Elections (London) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of March last, That the Compensation for Damage to Crops Bill be now read a second time;—Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Tramways (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Burial Grounds (Loans) (Scotland) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes after Two of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the County and Borough Franchise Assimilation (London) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;—Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

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And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes after Two of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Alexandra Park Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Great Southern and Western Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the South Staffordshire Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Shannon Water and Electric Power Bill.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Glasgow District Tramways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 14) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.
Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Sir John Gorst presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order in Council of 29th June 1900, under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, and the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, entitled "The Cyprus Maritime Order in Council, 1900." Copy of Order in Council of 29th June 1900, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, authorizing certain Pilot Signals.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Abstract of Returns relating to Pilots and Pilotage in the United Kingdom (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 242 of Session 1889) (as furnished by the various Pilotage Authorities), for the year ended 31st December 1899.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Halsey reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in consequence of the War Relief Funds Committee, several Resolutions, being read.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Minutes of Evidence given before the War Relief Funds Committee, with Appendices to the Report of the Committee, and an Index.

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of List of all Pensions granted during the year ended 20th June 1900, and charged upon the Civil List.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Civil List Pensions be printed.

Mr. Wyndham presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Proposed Regulations under the Volunteers Bill now before Parliament as to special engagements by members of Volunteer Corps.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Standing Orders.

Mr. Halsey reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions, which were read, as follow:

1. That, in the case of the Caledonian Railway Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

2. That, in the case of the South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railways Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that Clause 49 be struck out of the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railways Bill, might be read; and the same being read.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. James Ferguson reported from the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, to whom the Sunday Closing (Wales) Act (1881) Amendment Bill was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, To-morrow, on the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors to Children (No. 2) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday the 18th day of this instant July, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Jurors' Payment Bill be Journeymen's read a second time upon Tuesday the 24th day of this instant July.

Ordered, That the Boards of Guardians (M. Bills)-No. 267. boards of Guardians (M. Bills) be read a second time upon Tues- No. 267.

Ordered, That the adjourned Debate on the Old Age No. 266. Question proposed upon the 7th day of March Pensions Bill, last, That the Old Age Pensions Bill be now read a second time, be resumed upon Tuesday the 24th day of this instant July.

The Order for reading a second time, To-Court of Criminal Appeal Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of this instant July.

The Order for reading a second time, To-Vaccination morrow, the Court of Criminal Appeal Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of this instant July.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, until the conclusion of the Consideration of the Companies Bill, the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, have leave to sit every day during the Sitting and notwithstanding the Adjournment of the House —(Mr. Ritchie) —An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by inserting after the words “every day,” the words “on Monday and Friday “until half-past Three o'clock.‘” —(Mr. Galloway.) And the Question being proposed, That the words “every day” stand part of the Question: —The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out all the words from the word “sit” to the end of the Question, and adding the words “during the Sitting of the House” —(Mr. Ritchie),—instead thereof. And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question: It passed in the Negative. And the Question being put, That the words “during the Sitting of the House” be there added: —It was resolved in the Affirmative. And the Main Question, so amended, being put:

Ordered, That, until the conclusion of the Consideration of the Companies Bill, the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, have leave to sit during the Sitting of the House.
Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords desire that this House will be pleased to give leave to Thomas Snees-Cox, Esquire, a Member of this House, to attend in order to his being examined as a Witness before the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships on the London United Tramways Bill.

And Mr. Thomas Snees-Cox, being present in his place, declared that he was willing, with leave of the House, to go to the House of Lords, as desired by them.

Resolved, That Thomas Snees-Cox, Esquire, have leave to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships, if he think fit. And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Message from the Lords.

Great Eastern Railway Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Great Eastern Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Hamilton, Motherwell, and Wishaw Tramways Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Hamilton, Motherwell, and Wishaw Tramways Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Saint Alban's Water Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Saint Alban's Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

London and Saint Katherine Docks and East and West India Dock Companies Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the London and Saint Katherine Docks and East and West India Dock Companies Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Cremation Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for the Regulation of the Burning of Human Remains, and to enable Burial Authorities to establish Crematoria; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Roe's Patent Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for rendering valid certain Letters Patent granted to John Pearce Roe for an Invention for Improvements in Apparatus for shipping and transferring Coal and other materials; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Roe's Patent Bill [Lords.]

Roe's Patent Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Agricultural Holdings Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Agricultural Holdings Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee. A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Compensation for disturbance) — (Mr. Channing): — And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be now read a second time:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Channing],

Yea, [Mr. Lloyd Morgan] 111. 23.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond],

Noes, [Mr. Austruther] 207. 134.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Crofters' improvements in non-crofting counties) — (Mr. Gordon) — And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be now read a second time:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Gordon],


Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond],

Noes, [Mr. Austruther] 196. 134.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause (Notice of termination of tenancy) — (Mr. Holodziwick) — was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 12, by leaving out the words "comprised in the First Schedule to this Act."

— (Mr. Buchanan.)

And the Question being put, That those words be left out stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond],


Tellers for the [Mr. Buchanan],

Noes, [Mr. Farquharson] 91. 76.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 12, by inserting, after the word "tenant," the words "And the tenant of a "holding, being an allotment or cottage garden, "shall be entitled to obtain from the landlord "compensation in money for fruit trees, fruit "bushes, drains, and for any outbuildings, pig- "styes, and fowl-houses, or other structural im- "provements made by the tenant upon his hold- "ing to the extent of one-third of the gross "value; provided always, that this compensa- "tion shall not exceed ten pounds, and that the "tenant shall have the right to remove such "fruit trees, fruit bushes, outbuildings, pig- "styes, and fowl-houses, in addition to the right "to the aforesaid compensation, and that if the "tenancy be determined after notice given by "the tenant no right to compensation in money "shall exist."

— (Mr. Fyvie.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond],


Tellers for the [Mr. Steadman],

Noes, [Mr. Austruther] 134. 168.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 12, by inserting, after the word "tenant," the words "Provided always "that, in estimating the value of any improve- "ment in Schedule I., there shall not be taken "into account, as part of the improvement made "by the tenant, what is justly due to the in- "herent capabilities of the soil." — (Sir Charles Welby.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond],

Yea, [Mr. Austruther] 168. 134.

Tellers for the [Mr. Gordon],

Noes, [Mr. Buchanan] 91. 76.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 23, by leaving out the words "tenancy.(Mr. Gordon) — And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be now read a second time:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Buchanan],

Yea, [Mr. Austruther] 134. 168.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond],

Noes, [Mr. Buchanan] 91. 76.

So it passed in the Negative.
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words from the word "manure," to the word "endured," inclusive, in l. 27, and inserting the words "That would have been produced by the consumption on the holding according to the rules of good husbandry of any crops sold off and removed from the holding within the last two years of the tenancy, or other less time for which the tenancy has endured, except in so far as a proper return of manure to the holding has been made in respect of such produce so sold off or removed, or security has been offered or given by the tenant that such proper and adequate return of manure to the holding will be made at the proper season."—(Mr. Channing.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words "required by" stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 27, by inserting, after the word "endured," the words "except so far as a proper return of manure to the holding has been made in respect of such produce so sold off or removed, or security has been offered or given by the tenant that such proper and adequate return of manure to the holding will be made at the proper season."—(Mr. Channing.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 27, by inserting, after the word "endured," as a new sub-section the words "(5) There shall be taken into account in augmentation of the tenant's compensation any sum which may be found by arbitration under this Act to be due to the tenant in respect of damage to crops by winged or ground game or deer during the last year of the tenancy."—(Mr. Channing.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Yes. (Mr. Channing.) 63. Tellers for the Noes. (Mr. Aschauer) 174. So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 2, by leaving out Clause 2.—(Lord Hugh Cecil.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words of the Clause to the first word "and," in l. 4, stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 8, by leaving out the words from the word "Act," to the word "the," in l. 10.—(Mr. Buchanan.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn. Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into further consideration to-morrow. The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Post Office Sites (re-committed) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Works Loans Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Mr. Dillon.)

And, it being Midnight;

Wednesday, 11th July, 1900:

The Motion for the Adjournment of the Debate lapsed without Question put, and the Debate on the Second Reading stood adjourned. Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Larceny Act (1861) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Mr. Hanbury reported from the Committee Supply of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1900—1901.

Class II.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 8,085, be Secretary for granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Her Majesty's Secretary for Scotland and Subordinate Offices, including a Grant in Aid of the Congested Districts (Scotland) Fund.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 10,649, be Fishery Board granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Fishery Board in Scotland and for Grants in Aid of Piers or Quays.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 2,221, be Lunacy Board granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Lunacy in Scotland.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 2,743, be Registrar granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of General's for Scotland.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 3,221, be Office (Scotland) granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Lunacy in Scotland.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 10,649, be Fishery Board granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Fishery Board in Scotland and for Grants in Aid of Piers or Quays.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 8,085, be Secretary for granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Her Majesty's Secretary for Scotland and Subordinate Offices, including a Grant in Aid of the Congested Districts (Scotland) Fund.

And, it being Midnight;
The Order of the day being read, for the
Committee on the County Courts (Investment
of Deposits) Bill [Lords.]
Resolved, That this House will, this day, re-
solve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Military Lands Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Volunteers Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
this day.

Resolved, That an humble Address be pre-
sented to Her Majesty, that She will be
graciously pleased to give directions, that there
be laid before this House, a Return of Corres-
pendence between the Honourable Member for
Ilkeston and the War Department in relation to
Medical and Sanitary Arrangements at the Cape.—(Sir James Kitson.)

Midwives Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for resum-
ing the adjourned Debate on the Amendment
which, upon the 27th day of June last, was pro-
posed to be made to the Question, that the
Midwives Bill, as amended in the Standing Com-
mmittee, be now taken into consideration;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned
till Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to
take into consideration the County and Borough
Franchise (London) Bill, as amended in the Standing
Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time
this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Urban District Councils
Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Thursday the 19th day of this instant
July.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Colonial Marriages
(Deceased Wife's Sister) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resum-
ing the adjourned Debate on the Question
proposed upon the 21st day of March last, That the
Compensation for Damage to Crops Bill be new
read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned
till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Roman Catholic Dis-
habilities Removal Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit
till ten minutes after Twelve of the clock
on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

THE Bexhill and Rotherfield Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to South Africa (Unwounded Soldiers Dead or Invalided Home), which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Inoculation against Cholera and Typhoid), which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant July, be printed.

No. 269.

Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth reported from the Joint Committee on the Dublin Corporation Bill and the Clontarf Urban District Council Bill; That the said Committee had; under the evidence of Captain Andrew Knox Galway, Inspector of Irish Lights, 59, Ailesbury Road, Merrion, Dublin, was essential to their case; and, it having been proved that his attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move that the said Andrew Knox Galway do attend the said Committee this day, at One of the clock.

Ordered, That Captain Andrew Knox Galway do attend the Joint Committee on the Dublin Corporation Bill and the Clontarf Urban District Council Bill this day, at One of the clock.

Caledonian Railway Bill (Lords.)

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the Caledonian Railway Bill, might be read, and the same being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

(Mr. Caldwell.)

Highways and Bridges Act (1891) Amendment Bill.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, this day, on the Highways and Bridges Act (1891) Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Works Loans Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 10th day of this instant July, That the Public Works Loans Bill be now read a second time;

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."—(Mr. Caldwell.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Agricultural Holdings Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 10, by leaving out the words from the word "arbitration," to the word "under," in l. 13.—(Mr. Channing.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, ) Yes, (Mr. Anstruther: ) 168.

Tellers for the (Mr. Channing, ) No, (Mr. Price: ) 70.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 39, by inserting, after the word "tenant," the words "within two years before the determination of the tenancy."—(Mr. Channing.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 39, by leaving out sub-section (5) of Clause 2, and inserting the words "5 If the parties concur there may be a single arbitrator appointed by them jointly, but it is not to be an arbitrator appointed by them jointly, but if the parties do not concur in the appointment of a single arbitrator, each of them shall appoint an arbitrator, and the arbitrators so appointed shall appoint an umpire."—(Colonel Moore.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words "an arbitrator shall," stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 39, by leaving out the words "unless the parties otherwise agree."—(Mr. Buchanan.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, ) Yes, (Mr. Anstruther: ) 189.

Tellers for the (Mr. Buchanan, ) No, (Mr. Wallace: ) 77.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 4, by leaving out from the word "final," to the end of sub-section (6) of Clause 2.—(Mr. Buchanan.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 15, by inserting, after the word "applies," the words "(9) All claims, whether by tenant or landlord, shall be in writing."—(Mr. Channing.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 34, by leaving out the word "sub-section," and inserting the word "section"—(Mr. Buchanan).—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "sub-section" stand part of the Bill; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, ) Yes, (Mr. Anstruther: ) 170.

Tellers for the (Mr. Buchanan, ) No, (Captain Sinclair: ) 71.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That further Proceedings on Consideration of the Bill, as amended (by the Standing
Standing Committee] be adjourned till To-  

morrow. (Mr. Fletcher Moulton)—An Adjourned Debate arising thereupon;  

Mr. Bailby rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put;"  

And the Question being put, "That the Question be now put:"

The House divided.  

The Yeas to the Right;  

The Noes to the Left.  


Tellers for the [Mr. Astorther, ]  

[Noes, (Sir. Dillon) 50.  

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.  

And the Question being accordingly put, That further Proceedings on Consideration of the Bill, as amended (by the Standing Committee), be adjourned till To-morrow;  

The House divided.  

The Yeas to the Right;  

The Noes to the Left.  

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, ] 158.  

Tellers for the [Mr. Astorther, ]  

[Noes, (Mr. John Wilson) 47.  

[Durham]  

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.  

Ordered, That the Further Proceedings on Consideration of the Bill, as amended (by the Standing Committee), be adjourned till To-morrow.  

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Post Office Sites Bill.  

(I in the Committee.)  

Clause, No. 1.  

Question again proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill;  

Notice taken, that Forty Members were not present—Committee counted; and Forty Members not being present, the Chairman left the Chair.  

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Forty Members not being present; and it being then after Four of the clock:—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker at ten minutes after Five of the clock, without a Question first put, till To-morrow.

Thursday, 12th July, 1900.  

The House met at Three of the clock.  

Prayers.  

HE Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 5th day of this instant July, That this House doth agree with the Lords' Amendment, in p. 6, l. 21, to leave out from "1889" to the end of Clause 9, on consideration of the Amendments made by the Lords to the Spalding Urban District Council (Water) Bill;  

And the Question being again proposed—  

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.  

And the Question being put:—It was re- 

solved in the Affirmative.  

Then the subsequent Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.  

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Evesham Urban District Water Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.  

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Falkirk Corporation Bill was read the third time, and a verbal Amendment was made to the Bill; and the Bill was passed, with Amendments.  

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

A Motion being made, That the Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Bill be read the third time;  

Mr. James William Louther, by Her Majesty's Lords.]  

Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.  

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.  

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.  

The Rhymney Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.  

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Edinburgh Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee;  

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consider- 

ation upon Tuesday next.  

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.  

Public Petitions.  

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Ma- 

jesty's Command, —Copy of Extracts from forthcoming Code of Rules and Regulations of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland, for the year 1900—1901.  

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.  

Mr. Goschen presented, by Her Majesty's Navy Command,—Estimate of the Further Amount which will be required during the year ending 31st March 1901, beyond the Sum already provided in the Grants for Navy Services for the year.  

Copy of Statement of the First Lord of the Navy (State- 

Admiralty explanatory of the Additional Esti- 

mate Necessary for Naval Services for the year 1900—1901.  

Copy of Memorandum respecting Water-Tube Navy Boilers in Her Majesty's Ships.  

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply, and be printed; and that the said Papers do lie upon the Table.  

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Royal Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Miscellaneous Series, Nos. 532 and 533.  

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.  

Mr. James William Louther reported from the Lords.]  

Provisional Order Bill; That they had considered Order, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and report the same, with Amendments; to which the Lords doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.
Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill; That they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Railway Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the District Water (Transfer) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Mersey and Dearne Valley Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and made an Amendment thereto so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Bury and District Water (Transfer) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and made an Amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Urban District Council (Tramways) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and made an Amendment thereto so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Urban District Council (Tramways) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and made an Amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Urban District Council (Tramways) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and made an Amendment thereto.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Order made upon the 26th day of June last, that the Monev-lending Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, be read, and discharged; and that the Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure.—(Sir William Walrond);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out all that part of the words "discharged," to the end of the Question.—(Mr. Gibson Bowles).

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond],

Yea, (Mr. Anstruther);

Noo, (Mr. Lloyd Morgan);

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Order made upon the 26th day of June last, That the Money-lending Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, be read, and discharged; and that the Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure;

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Agricultural Holdings Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, 1, 11, by inserting, after the word "provision," the words "or exception."—(Mr. Fisher Moulton.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words "or exception" be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, 1, 1, by inserting, after the word "tenancy," the words "made after the passing of this Act." (Mr. Seale-Hayne.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6 (First Schedule), 1. 5, by inserting, after the word "buildings," the words "except cottages for agricultural labourers."—(Sir William Wedderburn.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, 1. 19, by inserting, after the words "waste land," the words "exceeding one acre."—(Lord Percy.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, 1. 10, by leaving out the words "exceeding one acre."—(Lord Percy.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, 1. 19, by inserting, after the words "waste land," the words "exceeding one acre."—(Sir William Wedderburn.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, 1. 26, by leaving out Clause 10.—(Mr. Buchanan.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond],

Yea, (Mr. Anstruther);

Noo, (Mr. Lloyd Morgan);

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, 1. 10, by leaving out the words "exceeding one acre."—(Sir William Wedderburn.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, 1. 19, by inserting, after the words "waste land," the words "exceeding one acre."—(Mr. Seale-Hayne.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, 1. 11, by leaving out Clause 7 of the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, 1. 26, by leaving out Clause 10.—(Mr. Buchanan.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond],

Yea, (Mr. Anstruther);

Noo, (Mr. Buchanan);

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Order made upon the 26th day of June last, that the Monev-lending Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, be read, and discharged; and that the Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure:—(Sir William Walrond);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out all that part of the words "discharged," to the end of the Question.—(Mr. Gibson Bowles).

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond],

Yea, (Mr. Anstruther);

Noo, (Mr. Lloyd Morgan);

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, 1, 11, by inserting, after the word "provision," the words "or exception."—(Mr. Fisher Moulton.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words "or exception" be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, 1, 1, by inserting, after the word "tenancy," the words "made after the passing of this Act." (Mr. Seale-Hayne.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, 1. 11, by leaving out Clause 7 of the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, 1. 26, by leaving out Clause 10.—(Mr. Buchanan.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond],

Yea, (Mr. Anstruther);

Noo, (Mr. Buchanan);

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, 1. 5, by inserting, after the word "buildings," the words "except cottages for agricultural labourers."—(Sir William Wedderburn.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, 1. 19, by inserting, after the words "waste land," the words "exceeding one acre."—(Sir William Wedderburn.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, 1. 10, by leaving out the words "exceeding one acre."—(Lord Percy.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, 1. 19, by inserting, after the words "waste land," the words "exceeding one acre."—(Mr. Seale-Hayne.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, 1. 11, by leaving out Clause 7 of the Bill:—(Mr. Buchanan.)

And the Question being put, That the words of the Clause to the word "more," in l. 12, stand part of the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was made to the Bill, by leaving out the remaining words of the Clause.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, 1. 20, by inserting, after the word "Act," the words "Provided that, in the case of an improvement such as is described in paragraph twenty-eight in Part III. of the First Schedule to this Act, where any such improvement has been carried out within three years before the determination of the tenancy, compensation may be claimed and obtained under the provisions of this Act."—(Mr. Jeffreys.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.
Housing of the Working Classes Act (1890) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Volunteers Second Reading of the Volunteers Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Reserve Forces Second Reading of the Reserve Forces Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Diocesan Second Reading of the Diocesan Records Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Tithe Rent-Third Reading of the Tithe Rent-charge (Ireland) Bill, Orderd, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Larceny Act Second Reading of the Larceny Act (1881) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Palatine Court Case of Deposits) Bill;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Reformatory Second Reading of the Reformatory and Industrial Second Reading of the Lornery Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the County Courts (Investment of Deposits) Bill;

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Reserve Forces Second Reading of the Reserve Forces Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Larceny Act Second Reading of the Larceny Act (1881) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Military Lands Second Reading of the Military Lands Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Military Lands Second Reading of the Military Lands Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
The County and Borough Franchise Assimilation (London) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Sunday Closing Act (1881) Amendment Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sunday Closing (Monmouthshire) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Quaries (re-committed) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of February last, That the London Borough Councils (Women’s Disabilities Removal) Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 23rd day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Petroleum Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Colonial Marriages (Deceased Wife’s Sister) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Factories and Workshops Amendment and Consolidation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Friendly Societies Disqualification Removal Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of February last, That the Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) (No. 2) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

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Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The South Staffordshire Tramways Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Aston Manor Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Durham (County of) Electric Power Supply Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Gwyrfai Rural District Council Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Lancashire Electric Power Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the South Wales Electrical Power Distribution Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The London (Saint Marylebone) Provisional Order Bill, was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Gas Provisional Order (No. 3) Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented,—Return to an Arrests for Drunkenness (Ireland.) Bill, No. 371.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Beorrick presented, by Her Majesty's Trade Marks Command,—Copy of Reports from Her Majesty's Representatives Abroad on Trade Marks, Laws and Regulations. Part 1.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented, in pursuance of Standing Order 158, —Copy of Report by the Board of Trade respecting the London, Walthamstow, and Egging Forest Railway (Abandonment) Bill and the objects thereof.

Ordered, That the said Report be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Memorandum stating the nature and extent of the Financial proposals contained in the Provisional Orders No. 4 Bill, included in the Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 4) Bill.—(Mr. Ritchie.)

Mr. James William Loutcher reported from the Committee on the Water Orders Confirmation Bill; That they had considered the said (proposed) Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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Mr. James William Loutcher reported from the Committee on the Liverpool Overhead Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir
Sir Lewis M'Leod reported from the Committee on Group 8 of Railway Bills; That Mr. Spencer W. Watson, one of the Members of the said Committee, was not present during the sitting of the Committee this day.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Arthur O'Connor reported from the Chairman's Panel; That the Money-lending Bill having been transferred from the Standing Committee for the consideration of Bills relating to Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, to the Standing Committee for the consideration of Bills relating to Law, and Courts of Janissaries, and Legal Procedure, they had appointed Mr. Lawrence Hardy to act as Chairman of the said Standing Committee, in respect of the above-mentioned Bill.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee on the Tramways (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill.

Colonel Gunter reported from the Committee on the Margate Corporation Bill; That in accordance with the Instruction of the House the Committee have inserted a Clause to the effect that the scheme for the establishment of a Superannuation Fund shall not come into operation until it has been registered by the Registrar of Friendly Societies, under the Friendly Societies Act, subject to the provisions of the Bill. A Report from the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies was laid before the Committee, but the Committee have not inserted the Clause to which the Report refers.

Colonel Gunter further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Pierpoint reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Railways (Ireland) Amendment Bills; That, in accordance with the Instructions of the House, the Committee have considered the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Supply to the House of Lords; That the Bill to amend the Law relating to the Qualification and Registration of Parliamentary Voters and Election was ordered to be read a second time upon the Motion of Mr. Arthur O'Connor; That Mr. James A. Campbell, Sir Michael Foster, Mr. Lecky, Mr. Tulkat, and Sir John Tuke do prepare, and bring it in.

The Lords have agreed to the Wellingborough and District Tramroads Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Nottingham Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the amendments made by this House to the Amendments made by the Lords to the Great Yarmouth and Haven Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Law with regard to the Imitation of County Court Process; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend and consolidate the Law relating to Literary Copyright; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Bournemouth to acquire certain Lands within the Parishes of Bournemouth and Holdenhurst and Poolestone, and to appropriate, regulate, and manage the same as Open Spaces; to confirm an Agreement relating thereto, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Colonial Stock Acts, 1877 and 1880; to a Bill now pending in the Lords, and ordered to be read a second time upon the Motion of Mr. Hardinge, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Tramways Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

The Bournemouth Corporation Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Copyright Bill was read the first time; Copyright and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Parliamentary Bill to amend the Medical Acts, 1838 to 1888; Amended.

And that Sir Richard Jebb, Sir William Anson, Mr. James A. Campbell, Sir Michael Foster, Mr. Lecky, Mr. Tulkat, and Sir John Tuke do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Parliamentary Bill to amend the Law relating to the Qualification and Registration of Parliamentary Voters and Election.

The Tramways (Group 9) Bill 292.

Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had added to the Standing Committee for the consideration of Bills relating to Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, the following Fifteen Members in respect of the Money-lending Bill:—Sir William Anson, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Thomas Bayley, Mr. Birrell, Mr. Vicary Gibbs, Mr. Sir Cameron Gull, Mr. Hazell, Mr. Lyttleton, Mr. A. G. G., Mr. Maddison, Mr. Marks, Mr. Parvis, Major Rasch, Mr. Steadman, and Mr. Murray.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Ecclesiastical Assessments (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.
Sir Richard Jebb presented a Bill to amend the Medical Acts, 1858 to 1888; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Captain Sinclair presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Qualification and Registration of Parliamentary Voters and to Parliamentary Elections, and to the Expenses of Returning Officers, and for other purposes in relation thereto: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 23rd day of this instant July; and to be printed.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer presented a Bill to restrict the amount of Oil in manufactured Tobacco: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.  

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments  
Estimates, 1900-1901.  
Class II.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £96,407, be granted to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department and Subordinate Officers: Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £96,307, be granted for the said Service—(Sir Charles Dilke); The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Charles Dilke]:
Year, [Mr. John Burns]: 61.
Noes, [Mr. Austruther]: 95.

Original Question again proposed; Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sun, not exceeding £96,207, be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Samuel Smith);—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed; Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sun, not exceeding £96,357, be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Weir); The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Weir]:
Year, [Mr. Havelock Wilson]: 11.
Noes, [Mr. Anstruther]: 101.

Original Question again proposed; Saturday, 14th July, 1900:
And, it being Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair: and Mr. James William Lowther acquainted the House, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit till two minutes after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 16th July, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional Orders from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and Orders applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—

Transways Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Lee Conservancy Bill; and the same were twice read, and, with Bill, an Amendment to one of them, agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships, with an Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Lee Conservancy Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the North Metropolitan Railway and Canal Bill; and the same were twice read, and, agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Falkirk and District Water Bill was passed, and read the third time, and passed, with Amendment.

Ordered,
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Westgate and Birchinington Water Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Dearne Valley Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Glyncorrwg Urban District Council Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The London Sea Water Supply Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bill do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

The Caledonian Railway Bill was read a second time; and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time;—(Mr. Caldwell.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the South Eastern and London, Chatham and Dover Railways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time; and committed.

The South Eastern and London, Chatham and Dover Railways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Moyle Corporation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Caledonian Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Moyle Corporation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Moyle Corporation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The South Eastern and London, Chatham and Dover Railways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Mint, the Ninth Report of the Deputy Master of the Mint, 1899.

Mr. Hanbury also presented, by Her Majesty's Mint, of the Deputy Master of the Mint, 1899.

The Edinburgh (Housing of the Working Classes) Improvement Scheme Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Paisley Waterworks Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

The Education Board Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Mr. Hanbury, also presented, pursuant to the Public Works Act, directions of several Acts of Parliament, to the Public Works Loan Board, 1899-1900, with Appendices.

Copy of Treasury Minute, under the Superannuation Act, 1887, dated 6th July 1900, to the Act, 1887.
granting a Retired Allowance to Mr. T. G. Pinches, First Class Assistant at the British Museum.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the Public Works Loan Board be printed.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Explanatory Memorandum of the Secretary of State for India on the Accounts and Estimates for East India, 1899-1900.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Further Correspondence relating to Affairs in South Africa.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made by the County Council of the West Riding of Yorkshire, constituting Polling Districts and Polling Places in the Parliamentary Divisions of Shipley, Skipton, and Colne Valley.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Gorst presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Minute by the Board of Education, sanctioning the Subjects to be taught under Clause 8 of the Minute by the Board of Education, sanctioning the directions of an Act of Parliament, the subjects to be taught under Clause 8 of the Technical Instruction Act, 1889, for the County Borough of Oldham (Seventh Minute), dated 2nd July 1900.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return as to the Capital, Traffic Receipts, and Working Expenditure, &c. of the Railway Companies of the United Kingdom, for the year 1899.

Mr. Ritchie also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 13th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to the Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 4) Bill.

Mr. Ritchie also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of the Receipt and Expenditure under the Seamen's Fund Winding-up Act, from 1st January to 31st December 1899.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to the Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 4) Bill and the Merchant Seamen's Fund be printed.

Mr. Goschen presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Returns of the Number of Courts Martial held upon Seamen of the Royal Navy and the Marines Afloat, during the year 1899, the Offences for which the Men were tried, the Sentences awarded, and the Punishments inflicted, at Home and Abroad:—Of the Number of Summary Punishments inflicted:—And, similar Returns relating to the Royal Marines on Shore.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wyndham presented, Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 14th day of June last, for a Return relative to Workmen's Compensation Act, 1897 (Army and Navy Services) (Men Employed).

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 10th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Medical and Sanitary Arrangements at the Cape.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Halley reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—

1. That, in the case of the Workington Railways and Docks Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with, on condition that the powers contained in Clause 131 to the London and North Western Railway Company be struck out of the Bill, and that the Powers to the Greater and Workington Junction Railway Company be also struck out of the Bill, unless it be proved before the Committee to whom the Bill is referred that the Bill has been submitted to enable the last clause to be dispensed with.

2. That, in the case of the Crystal Palace Company Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with, and that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

3. That, in the case of the Military Manœuvres Bill, the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with.

The first two Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Stuart-Wortley reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Crystal Palace Company Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

—(Mr. Coldwell.)

The House was moved, That the Bill from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Workington Railways and Docks Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

—(Mr. Coldwell.)

Sir Louis M'Leer reported from the Committee on the Metherwold and Belchill Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee; and found that the allegations were true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Sir Louis M'Leer further reported from the Committee: That the Committee agreed to recording that the Caledonian Railway appear to have done well by the District of Metherwold, and that the finding of the Committee involves no reflection on the working of the Caledonian.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Stuart-Wortley reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords, to consider the constitution of Queen Anne's Bounty Board, and to report, whether economy and efficiency of administration would be promoted by any change in its constitution or by its amalgamation with any other body; that they found it would not be possible to satisfactorily conclude their inquiry in this Session, and recommended the re-appointment of the Committee early in the next Session of Parliament.

Ordered,
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Colonel Gunter reported the Retherhithe and Ratcliff Tunnel Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Jesse Collings reported from the Select Committee on Fire Brigades; That they had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Workmen's Compensation Act (1897) Extension Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Railways (Prevention of Accidents) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Cork Electric Tramways Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Fulkirk Corporation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Rhythm Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Fulkirk Corporation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the Sale of the Chattleis betokened and settled by the Will and Codicils of the late Sir William Augustus Fraser, Baronet, deceased, and to declare the Trusts of the proceeds of such Sale, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Fraser Settled Chattleis Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Railways (Prevention of Accidents) Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Licensed Premises (Hours of Sale) (Scotland) Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 6th day of August next.

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Ordered, That three additional days be allotted to the Business of Supply.—(Mr. Balfour.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be re-committed in respect of the New Clause (Exclusion of certain annuities and rent-charges) and the Amendment to the Schedule — (Mr. Gerald Balfour);—An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words from the word "re-committed" to the end of the Question.—(Mr. Swift MacNeill.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, | Mr. Anstruther: ] 116.
Tellers for the [Captain Donelan, Noes, | Mr. Patrick O'Brien: ] 81.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put:

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, in respect of the New Clause (Exclusion of certain annuities and rent-charges), and the Amendment to the Schedule.

The House immediately resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

A Clause (Exclusion of certain annuities and rent-charges)—(Mr. Gerald Balfour)—brought up and read the first and second time.

Clause amended, by inserting after the word "which," in l. 2, the words "or any estate "equivalent to a perpetual estate or interest "within the meaning of the Tithe Rent-charge (Ireland) Act, 1888."—(Mr. Swift MacNeill.)

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 2, to leave out from the word "charge" to the word "been," in l. 4.—(Mr. Flynn.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, | Mr. Anstruther: ] 129.
Tellers for the [Captain Donelan, Noes, | Mr. Patrick O'Brien: ] 88.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 8, to leave out from the word "before" to the word "been," in l. 9, in order to insert the words "the passing of this Act"—(Mr. Flynn)—instead thereof.

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, | Mr. Anstruther: ] 140.
Tellers for the [Captain Donelan, Noes, | Mr. Patrick O'Brien: ] 66.

Clause, as amended, added, Schedule amended, and agreed to. Bill, as amended, to be reported.

T T 3 —
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Leech reported, That the Committee had added a New Clause (Exclusion of certain annuities and rent-charges) and amended the Schedule of the Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Youthful Offenders Bill, which, upon the 21st day of May last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Youthful Offenders Bill be now read a second time:

Resolved, That the said Order be discharged.

Resolved, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Savings Banks and Friendly Societies Bill.

Ordered, That the said Bill be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Independence of the Irish Education Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Intermediate Education (Ireland) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Supply Bill on 29th June:

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government and Friendly Societies Bill:

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The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Relief (Ireland) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Voluntary Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Larceny Act Amendment Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.
upon the 2nd day of April last, That the Palace of Durham Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy Bill;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Military Manoeuvres Bill;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 21st day of June last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Inebriates Amendment (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Military Lands Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Oil in Tobacco Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of this day, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then a quarter of an hour before Two of the clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

The House met at Three of the clock.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Graysalf Rural District Council Water Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Great Grimsby Street Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Margate Pier and Harbour Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Mersey Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Ramsgate Urban District Council (Tramways) Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Edinburgh Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.
And Amendments were made to the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That, in the case of the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Bill, the Standing Order 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Mr. Cold- well.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 3rd day of this instant July, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Gas Order Confirmation (No. 2) Bill be now read a second time; and which Amendment was to leave out the word “now,” and, at the end of the Question, to add the words “upon this day three months” (Mr. Doogan), instead thereof; and the Question being again proposed, That the word “now” stand part of the Question:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
And the Question being put, It was resolved in the Negative.
And the Question being put, That the words “upon this day three months” be added at the end of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
Then the Main Question, so amended, being put:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day three months.

The Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill, was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.
Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Medical and Sanitary Arrangements at the Cope, which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant July, be printed.
Cape Colony. Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence relating to Affairs of the Cape Colony. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Civil Services (Supplementary Estimates, 1899-1901. No. 280. Mr. Hankeny presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Estimate of the further Sums required to be voted for the Civil Services of the year ending 31st March 1901. Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Bill. Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Memorandum stating the nature of the Proposals contained in the Provisional Orders included in the Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Bill.—(Mr. Ritchie.)

Bankruptcy (Ireland.) Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Bankruptcy Cases closed by each of the Official Assignees in Ireland for the year ended the 31st day of December 1899, showing,—

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(Mr. Field.)

Workmen's Compensation Act (1897) Extension Bill. Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Workmen's Compensation Act (1897) Extension Bill be now taken into consideration.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendment into consideration; and the same was twice read, and agreed to. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Colonel Gunter reported from the Committee on the Ramsgate Corporation Improvements Bill: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ramsgate Corporation Improvements Bill [Lords.]

Bankruptcy Confirmation (No. 3) Bill. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lothier reported the Hammond (G. H.) Company Bill, without Amendment. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. James William Lothier reported the London and San Francisco Bank Bill, without Amendment. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. James William Lothier reported the North British Railway Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lothier reported the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lothier reported the South Shields Corporation Bill [Lords.]

Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth :—

The Lords have agreed to the Belfast and County Down Railway Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House. The Lords have agreed to the Jarrow and Hoburn Electricity Supply Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House. The Lords have agreed to the Hastings Tramways Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House. The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Donegal Railway Bill, without any Amendment. The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Great Southern and Western Railway Bill, without any Amendment. The Colonial Stock Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

The Imitation of County Court Process Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Attorney General reported from the Select Committee on the Registration of Firms Bill :—

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

1. Your Committee have taken evidence on Special the subject-matter of the Bill referred to them. Report, Representatives of Stubb's Mercantile Agency and the Nottinghamshire and Midland Merchants and Traders' Association explained the object the promoters of the Bill have in view. The Inspector-General in Bankruptcy and in the liquidation of companies, the Deputy Chairman of the Board of Inland Revenue, the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, and the Superintendent of County Courts at the Treasury gave evidence as to the proposed mode of carrying out the object of the Bill from various departmental points of view. Amongst the written communications received by your Committee are the Appendices 1 to 14, inclusive, containing the remarks of the Bar Council of England, the Incorporated Law Society of England, the Provincial Law Societies of Liverpool, Manchester, and
and Birmingham, and the Association of County Court Registrars, the Faculty of Advocates, and the Society of Writers to the Signet in Glasgow, and the Faculty of Procurators in Edinburgh, and the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland.

2. It has been established before your Committee that it is desirable to obtain public disclosure of all individuals who at a fixed place employ for the purposes of trade the names or styles of companies or partnerships or any form of plural designation. An effective register of this information would not only tend to facilitate commerce but would secure the identification of persons liable to legal proceedings, or amenable to Local Government and other requirements.

3. Your Committee have been unable to ascertain even approximately the number of traders or firms upon whom the obligation to register would fall if the Bill should become law, though they believe that it would be very great.

4. The evidence has revealed grave departmental difficulties in the way of carrying out the scheme of the Bill. The proposal to compel central registration with a district record of it supplied by the central registrar is not found to be practicable, and the inconvenience of requiring the County Court officials to conform to rules made by the Board of Trade is a serious obstacle.

5. If a complete system of registration is to be made immediately compulsory your Committee think that it would be necessary for some Government department now existing or hereafter to be created to undertake the responsibility not only of making and rectifying the register but also of compelling compliance with the law instead of leaving as much power to the common informer as is proposed in the Bill, a power which would almost certainly lead to great abuses.

On the other hand, if the adoption of registration is to be progressively introduced, your Committee suggest that an incentive to register might possibly be supplied by depriving those persons who had not availed themselves of the privilege of registration of their ordinary rights to sue under the firm name.

6. Your Committee cannot surmount the difficulties observed by them without changing or reconstructing the scheme of the Bill and without pursuing their inquiries as to the duties and staffs of the public offices to an extent beyond what is required for the consideration of the Bill before them.

7. Your Committee are therefore of opinion that the principle of the Bill should only be accepted in a measure more complete and more practical than that referred to your Committee. They are therefore not prepared to advise Parliamentary sanction being given to it, and have in accordance with this opinion agreed to report the Bill, without Amendment.

8. Your Committee think that the subject is well deserving of consideration with a view to legislation.

Mr. Attorney General further reported from the Select Committee on the Registration of Firms Bill: That they had agreed to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Special Report and Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Local Bill to amend the Local Government Act, 1888: And that Mr. Herbert Robertson, Mr. Andrew Scoble, and Mr. Bossfield do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Naval Reserve Bill to make further provision for a Naval Reserve: And that Mr. Macartney, Mr. Goschen, and Mr. Attorney General do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Herbert Robertson presented a Bill to Local Government and other requirements.

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself Supply [19th allotted Day.] into the Committee of Supply.

(Provisional Estimate, 1899-1900 (including Supplementary Estimate).)

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £8,729,000 (including an additional Sum of £2,410,000), be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Contract Work for Shipbuilding, Repairs, &c., which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901;

Wednesday, 18th July, 1900:

Question put, and agreed to.

2. Sec. 2. £4,139,100 (including an additional Sum of £5,100), to defray the Expense of the Material for Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &c., including the Cost of Establishments of Dockyards and Naval Yards at Home and Abroad.

3. Sec. 3. £2,523,000 (including an additional Sum of £11,000), to defray the Expense of the Personnel for Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &c., including the Cost of Establishments of Dockyards and Naval Yards at Home and Abroad.

4. £783,200, additional Sum, for additional Expenditure on the following Navy Services, viz.:—

Vote 9. Naval Armaments £735,306
Vote 10. Works, Buildings, and Repairs at Home and Abroad 40,000

Total 773,306

5. £267,100, to defray the Expenses of the Admiralty Office.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Louther reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Mr. James William Louther also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 16th day of this instant July, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then ten minutes before One of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.
Wednesday, 18th July, 1900.

THE House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the several Bills made by the Lords to the Wellingborough and District Tramroads Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Wellingborough District Council Water Bill;

And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Sir William Wrotton, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bury and District Water (Transfer) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Buenos Ayres and Rosario Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Buenos Ayres and Rosario Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bills be read the third time.

The Costa Rica Railway Company, Limited, Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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Roe's Patent Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Order (No. 7) Bill, was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That, in the case of the Education Board Provisional Order Confirmation (London) Bill, Standing Order 126 be suspended, and that the Committee have leave to proceed with the Bill To-morrow.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Several Public Petitions were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1897 (Army and Navy Service) (Men Employed), which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant July, be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the President of Queen's College, Cork, for the Session 1899-1900, with Appendices.

Copy of Returns of Local Taxation in Ireland for a portion of the year 1898-99, collected and compiled under the direction of the Local Government Board for Ireland, by desire of his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Maps, Plans, and Diagrams to accompany the Minutes of Evidence and Report of Her Majesty's Commissioners appointed to inquire into the subject of the Water Supply within the limits of the Metropolitan Water Companies.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented,—Return to an Order, Tramways Orders (No. 7) Bill, dated the 17th day of this instant July, for the Return relative to the Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Brodick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, No. 2474 to 2478.

Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Miscellaneous Series, No. 554.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the several Accounts and Papers which have been presented to the House in this Session of Parliament relating to the Revenues of India be referred to the consideration of a Committee of the whole House.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 26th day of this instant July, resolve itself into the said Committee.—(Secretary Lord George Hamilton.)

Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection that they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, at the conclusion of the Elementary Education Bill:—Mr. Loder, Viscount Cranborne, and Colonel Mitford; and had appointed in their stead:—Mr. Harry Foster, Mr. Verbrugh, and Mr. Flower.

Mr. Halsey further reported from the Committee of Selection; that they had discharged the following Member from the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure:—The Lord Advocate; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. T. W. Russell.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Gunter reported the Walsall Corporation Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Lewis M'Cluer reported the North Eastern Railway (Steam Vessels) Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Lewis M'Cluer reported the London, Walthamstow, and Epping Forest Railway (Abandonment) Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir William M'Cluer reported the Walall Corporation Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Sir Lewis M'Iver reported the North Eastern Railway Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Lewis M'Iver reported from the Committee on Group 8 of Railway Bills; That Mr. Nielson, one of the Members of the said Committee, was not present during the sitting of the Committee this day.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Factory and Workshop Act (1878) Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Bill be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Volunteers Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."—(Mr. Arnold Forster.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put:

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The Reserve Forces Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the House, for To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Military Lands Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Post Office Stamps Bill, (re-committed Bill).

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1. Question again proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill;

Question put:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yeas. [Mr. Anstruther.]

Noes. [Mr. Jonathan Samuel.]

Clause, No. 2 to No. 15, agreed to Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the County Courts (Investment of Deposits) Bill.
332 18th—19th July. 1900.

3. Sec. 1. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,385,000 (including an additional Sum of £11,000), be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Personnel for Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &c., including the Cost of Establishments of Dockyards and Naval Yards at Home and Abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901.

4. That an additional Sum, not exceeding £7,793,200, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for additional Expenditure on the following Navy Services, viz.:

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5. That a Sum, not exceeding £267,100, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Admiralty Office, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901.

The said Resolutions being read a second time;

The first Resolution was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the second Resolution;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, 180; Mr. Anstruther, 180)

Tellers for the (Mr. Dillon, 32; Mr. Flesher, 32).

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The third Resolution was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the fourth Resolution;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, 182; Mr. Anstruther, 182)

Tellers for the (Mr. Sefton MacNeill, 25; Mr. Flavin, 25).

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Orders for That the Further Consideration of the fifth Resolution be deferred till To-morrow.

Agricultural

Mouldings Bill, The Order of the day being read, for the

Third Reading of the Agricultural Holdings Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time

To-morrow.

Ways and Means,

The Order of the day being read, for the

Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supply,

The Order of the day being read, for the

Committee of Supply

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 16th day of this instant July, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then a quarter of an hour after Six of the clock, till To-morrow.

Thursday, 19th July, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

THE Deane Valley Railway Bill was read a third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Glyncorrwg Urban District Council Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The London Sea Water Supply Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Whitechapel and Bow Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Rotherham Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Ordered, That, in the case of the Workington Railways and Docks Bill, Standing Orders 204 and 235 be suspended, and that the Committee on the Bill be now read a second time.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 211 and 236 be suspended, and that the Committee on the Bill have leave to sit and proceed upon Monday next.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

The Order made upon the 12th day of February, last, That the London, Walthamstow, and Epping Forest Railway Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

Ordered, That Standing Orders 211 and 236 be suspended, and that the Committee of Selection have leave to appoint the Committee on the Edinburgh (Housing of the Working Classes) Improvement Scheme Provisional Order Bill to sit and proceed forthwith.—(The Lord Advocate.)

Ordered, That Standing Orders 211 and 236 be suspended, and that the Committee of Selection have leave to appoint the Committee on the Paisley Waterworks Provisional Order Bill, to sit and proceed forthwith.—(The Lord Advocate.)

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Order was made for the adjournment of the House, until the 13th day of March next, for Returns relative to Taxes and Impresses, No. 284.

Return
Return to an Order, dated the 19th day of June last, for a Return relative to Whiskey in Bond (Scotland).

Mr. Huband also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—About the Evans, and Disbursements of the Court of Probate Division of the High Court of Justice in Ireland, for the year ended 31st December 1899.

Account showing the Receipts and Payments in respect of the Land Registry, for the year ended 31st March 1900.

Account, prepared in pursuance of the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, 1875, showing the Revenue Expenditure, in respect of the High Court of Justice and Court of Appeal, during the year ended 31st March 1900.

Copy of Treasury Minute, under the Superannuation Act, 1887, dated 29th June 1900, granting a Retired Allowance to Mr. Thomas Alfred Lack, a Second Division Clerk (Higher Grade) under the Board of Trade.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to Taxes and Imposts, Land Registry, and High Court of Justice and Court of Appeal, &c., be printed.

Empirical Institute (Indian Section).

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Annual Report of the Imperial Institute (Indian Section) for the year 1899–1900.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1867 (Eviction Notices).

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return under Section 7 of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887, of the Number of Eviction Notices filed in the High Court of Justice and County Courts in Ireland during the Quarter ended on the 30th June 1900.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Treaty Series (No. 14, 1900).

Mr. Brodrich presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Astronomer Royal to the Board of Visitors of the Royal Observatory at Greenwich, read at the Annual Visitations of the Royal Observatory, June 1900.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Greenwich Observatory.

Mr. Goscich presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Astronomer Royal to the Board of Visitors of the Royal Observatory at Greenwich, read at the Annual Visitations of the Royal Observatory, June 1900.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sea Fisheries Bill,

The Lord Advocate reported from the Select Committee on the Sea Fisheries Bill, that they had agreed to the following Special Report, which they had directed him to make to the House:

Special Report.

Your Committee have held eight sittings for the purpose of taking evidence. They did not consider it necessary to duplicate the evidence laid before the Committee of 1893. They thought it expedient however to examine certain scientific experts with the view of completing the statistics up to date, and to allow an expression of opinion from witnesses both of that class and of the class of local fishermen as to the effect of the provisions of this Bill.

You will, we know, have seen that it is proved beyond doubt that there is a very serious diminution of the supply of certain kinds of flat fish, particularly in the North Sea. Of late years the total quantity of such fish caught has remained nearly stationary. This fact, when taken along with the enormously increased catching power and the vastly larger area of sea subjected to fishing operations, seems to show that the ancient fishing grounds are much depleted. The whole of the local evidence, differing in many other respects, is practically unanimous as to this point. It seems clear that the evil is a growing one, and that in default of a remedy the consequences to the fishing industry in the diminished supply of flat fish will at no very distant future be disastrous.

Your Committee are of opinion that one of the causes of this diminution of supply is undoubtedly the destruction of immature fish. It is quite certain that the destruction of fish below a certain size is an evil. Vast quantities of such fish are thrown away as unfit for any market; and further, many of the smaller fish are only used as a make-weight for the sale of occasional larger specimens packed in the same boxes, being in themselves almost unmarketable.

Remedies against the destruction of such fish must be either direct or indirect. Direct remedies lie in either the prohibition of the taking and killing of such fish, or in the limitation of fishing within certain areas where small fish more particularly abound. The first of these direct remedies your Committee are of opinion is practically impossible without prohibiting trawling altogether. Most of the small fish are killed whenever the trawl has been for a considerable time in the water, and it is not too much to say that small fish that are caught by means of deep-sea trawling could not be returned to the sea alive. As regards the second of these direct remedies, your Committee think that it is established that there are certain well-known areas in the North Sea where small and young fish undoubtedly do congregate, and to prevent fishing in such areas would be obviously of great value. But such a result could not be obtained without joint international action among the Powers bordering the North Sea. The difficulties of such international action and the policing necessarily ancillary thereto are obvious. They are, however, outside the scope of this Bill, and your Committee do not think it is necessary for them to say anything more on that subject.

The other class of remedy is the indirect remedy, and it is in furtherance of such an indirect remedy that this Bill is framed. The idea upon which the Bill is based is that by prohibiting the sale of fish beneath a certain size-limit it would make it not worth while for the fishermen to resort to places where these small fish abound. On the point of whether that object would be obtained if the Bill were made law, the evidence laid before your Committee has been conflicting. In favour of the Bill, the large trawlers generally who come from the ports of Hull and Grimsby have expressed their view that the Bill would be effectual, and that the market of the London market, which, according to them, is really the only effective market open for very small fish, would be closed, the result would be that it would not be worth while for trawlers to go to the banks of the North Sea, already referred to. On the other hand, the fishing trade of Yarmouth, Lowestoft, and Brickham contend that the Bill would not prevent the destruction of small fish, while it would introduce unnecessarily harrying conditions. In this opinion the smaller trawlers and the inshore net fishermen, such as shrimpers, and so forth agree. Line fishermen, as a body, presently may be indifferent but not unfavourable attitude. They do not feel, and this seems to be true generally of
of Scotch line fishermen, that the Bill would in any way hamper or interfere with them, because it is a fact that very few small flat fish are taken by the line, and that for such as are taken in the North Sea there is really no market. They are not clear whether the Bill would effect the object desired, but inasmuch as it would not interfere with them they are willing that anything could be tried which possibly might do good and could not do them harm.

This question is further complicated by that of the size limit. Taking place alone, as to which fish the necessity for some remedial action in the North Sea seems the most pressing, some of the scientific witnesses were of opinion that the Bill as it stood would do something to effect its object, although they all desired to see the size limit extended. An important witness, representing the Marine Biological Association, was of opinion that if the size remained as in the Bill, the Bill would be of no practical use, and that it would only be effective if the size limit was increased. Others attribute that do not grow to large sizes, and that to take the sizes in the Bill as regards sole would be, in certain districts, to prohibit all practical fishing.

In these circumstances your Committee feel that it would not be expedient to pass the Bill into law without further inquiry and investigation, and they therefore have determined to report the Bill without Amendment to the House. In regards to investigation, your Committee feel very strongly that the materials for forming a just conclusion upon such subjects are not what they might be. As regards scientific work, a Conference of the Powers was held last year at Stockholm. The result of that conference is not yet available. It is premature to discuss in the present state of knowledge the result of its labours. The Scotch Fishery Board have accumulated some valuable statistics, but their investigations have been hampered by inadequate means. They have not much money at their disposal, and the vessel which they have for the purpose of scientific investigation is undoubtedly too small. Yet, such as they are, they are the only investigations made by a Government department in the kingdom devoted to that subject only. It is true that a contribution of £750 made to the Marine Biological Association, and the Board of Trade possess the services of a scientific expert. But that gentleman is fully occupied with administrative duties, and the Board have never been given the resources or the staff requisite for scientific investigation, or for the essential work of inquiring as to the efforts of other countries, and tabulating the results obtained by such inquiries. The consequence has been that your Committee were particularly struck by the fact that not only is there much doubt as to the precise position of foreign law in regard to restrictive legislation affecting fisheries and its results, but that upon the question of what has been practically achieved in the United States of America certain information is not easily available.

Your Committee feel that the subject of the diminution of the fish supply is a very pressing one, and that the situation is going from bad to worse. In their view no effort ought to be spared (first) to arrange for international treatment of the subject generally, and especially for the management of the North Sea area; and (second) to provide for the adequate equipment of the Government departments in charge of the subject, so that they may effectively pursue scientific investigation, and ascertain with sufficient and precision what has been done either in the way of scientific research or in the matter of practical legislation by other countries and by other countries, with the view of determining whether any and if so what legislation may be desirable to effect the objects of the Bill.

The Lord Advocate further reported from the Select Committee on the Sea Fisheries Bill, That they had agreed to report the same, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report and Special Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Pierpoint reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Railways (Ireland) Amalgamation Bills; That, in the case of the Great Southern and Western and Waterford and Central Ireland Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill, now pending in the House of Lords, the Committee have considered the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Arthur O'Conor reported from the Trade, &c. Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), That, in the case of the Great Southern and Western and Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill, now pending in the House of Lords, the Committee have considered the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That, 8 Messages from Message had been brought from the Lords by the Lord, one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Lords do agree to report the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (Poor Law) Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Lords have agreed to the Bray Urban District Council Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Lords do agree to report the Bray Urban District Council Bill, without any Amendment.
The Lords have agreed to the Lanarkshire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Lambeth Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgess of the Borough of Sunderland to contribute towards the construction by the North Eastern Railway Company of a Bridge and Road across the River Wear, and to make provision for the construction of a New Road in Southwick to join the same, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Sunderland Corporation Bill was read the first time;

Ordered, That the Bill shall be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill be taken into consideration tomorrow.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the Elementary School Teachers (Superannuation) Act, 1898, to Teachers serving in the Isle of Man, and to service as a Teacher in that Island: And that Mr. Jesse Collings and Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the Elementary School Teachers (Superannuation) Act, 1898, to Teachers serving in the Island of Jersey, and to service as a Teacher in that Island: And that Mr. Jesse Collings and Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Jesse Collings presented a Bill to extend the Elementary School Teachers (Superannuation) Act, 1898, to Teachers serving in the Isle of Man, and to service as a Teacher in that Island: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Jesse Collings presented a Bill to extend the Elementary School Teachers (Superannuation) Act, 1898, to Teachers serving in the Island of Jersey, and to service as a Teacher in that Island: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Jesse Collings presented a Bill to extend the Elementary School Teachers (Superannuation) Act, 1898, to Teachers serving in the Island of Jersey, and to service as a Teacher in that Island: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Jesse Collings presented a Bill to extend the Elementary School Teachers (Superannuation) Act, 1898, to Teachers serving in the Island of Jersey, and to service as a Teacher in that Island: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Intermediary Education (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Irish Education Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Agricultural Holdings Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."—(Mr. Buchanan.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Post Office Sites Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Lunacy Board (Scotland) (Salaries, &c.) Bill, as amended in the Bill Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Lunacy Board (Scotland) (Salaries, &c.) Bill, as amended in the Bill Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill.

Clause, No. 1.

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

Dr. Tanner moved, That the Chairman do re- Chair;

port Progress, and ask leave to sit again; but he did not propose a Question.

Chairman, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, declined (Abuse of Rules.)

To propose the Question thereon to the Com. Rules.)

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Clause agreed to.

Clause, No. 2.

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

Dr. Tanner moved, That the Chairman do re- Chair;

port Progress, and ask leave to sit again; but he did not propose a Question.

Chairman, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, declined (Abuse of Rules.)

To propose the Question thereon to the Com. Rules.)

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Clause agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawers reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Inebriates Amendment (Scotland) Bill.

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A Motion being made, That the Edinburgh Urban District Council (Tramways) Bill be now read the third time; Mr. Jesse Collings, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Great Grimsby Street Tramways Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The London and San Francisco Bank Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

A Motion being made, That the Margate Pier and Harbour Bill be now read the third time; Mr. Jesse Collings, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Mersey Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Mr. James William Louther reported from the Committee on the Edinburgh (Housing of the Working Classes) Improvement Scheme Provisional Order Bill; That they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. James William Louther reported from the Committee on the Great Grimsby Street Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill; That they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Bill do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. James William Louther reported from the Committee on the Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the Lords.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Civil Service Command,—Copy of Forty-fourth Report of Her Majesty's Civil Service Commissioners, with an Appendix.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Order made by the Light Railways Act, 1896, and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of a Light Railway in the Counties of Devon and Cornwall from Bere Alston Station to Callstock, and the working of a Portion of the East Cornwall Mineral Railway as a Light Railway (Bere Alston and Callstock Light Railway Order, 1900).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Sir John Gorst presented.—Return to an Order, dated the 5th day of April last, for a Return relative to Technical Instruction Committees (Women Members).

Sir John Gorst also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Minute by the Board of Education, sanctioning the Subjects to be taught under Clause 8 of the Technical Instruction Act, 1888, for the County of Middlesex (Fifth Minute), dated 10th July 1890.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Return relative to Technical Instruction Committees (Women Members), be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return of the Number of Agrarian Outrages, which were reported to the Inspector General of the Royal Irish Constabulary, during the Quarter ended 30th June 1900.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brodrick, presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2479 to 2483.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wyndham presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Estimate of the further Amount which will be required in the year ending 31st March 1901, to meet the Additional Expenditure, mainly due to the War in South Africa, Affairs in China, and for increased Reserves of Stores.

Revised Estimate of Charge for the year 1900-1901, for the Army Ordnance Factories.

Ordered, That the said Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Lord Edward Fitzmaurice reported from the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, to whom the Elementary Education Bill was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Joint Committee on Railways (Ireland) Amendment Bills be printed.

Mr. Penson reported from the Select Committee on Boilers Registration and Inspection; That they had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and an Appendix.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Lewis McIver reported from the Committee on the Glasgow District Tramways Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, but the same had not been proved to their satisfaction.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with the Committee of the House of Lords on the Dublin Corporation Bill and the Clontarf Urban District Council Bill; That, in the case of the Dublin Corporation Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to make a Special Report.

Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth further reported from the Committee; That, in the case of the Clontarf Urban District Council Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and had amended the same to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into Committee, on the Bill for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors to Children (No. 2), was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
Ordered, That the Reports and the Special Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Order for taking into consideration, this day, the Borough Funds Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords.

'Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 11) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 13) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the London (Clerkenwell and Holborn) Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the London (Poplar) Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the South Eastern Metropolitan Tramways Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Great Northern Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Midland Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Portland (Urban District) Gas Bill.

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The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the South Staffordshire Tramways Bill [Lords].

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Ashton Manor Tramways Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by this House to the Falkirk and District Water Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by this House to the Burnley Corporation Bill [Lords.].

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Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Teachers of Music Bill, with Amendments do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Railway and Canal Traffic (Acts Amendment) Bill to extend the provisions of the Medical Act, 1858; and that General Laurie, Mr. Rothchid, Sir Mencherey Blommae, Sir Alexander Murray, Mr. Middlemore, and Sir James Fergusson do prepare, and bring it in.

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.

(\textit{In the Committee.})

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1900-1901.

Class IV.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £787,405 (including a Supplementary Sum of £35,434), be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Expenses of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland, including a Grant in Aid of the Teachers' Pension Fund, Ireland:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £787,405, be granted for the said Service—(Mr. O'Malley);

\textit{Saturday, 21st July, 1900.}

Question put;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the \{Sir Thomas Emmonde, Captain Donelan\} \{70.

Tellers for the \{Sir William Walrond, Mr. Austruver\} \{104.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do now report this Resolution to the House—(Mr. Balfour);

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Class III.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £54,767, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Expenses of Reformatory and Industrial Schools in Ireland:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Balfour);

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £54,767, be granted for the said Service—(Sir William Wairond);

\textit{Monday, 23rd July, 1900.}

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

\textit{Sunderland Corporation Bill.}

Ordered, That the Bill be a second time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the \textit{Hastings Tramways Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.}

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the \textit{Lambeth Water Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.}

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the \textit{Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.}

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the \textit{Hastings Tramways Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.}

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The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the \textit{Hastings Tramways Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.}

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The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the \textit{Hastings Tramways Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.}

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the \textit{Hastings Tramways Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.}

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the London, Walthamstow, and Epping Forest Railway (Abandonment) Bill.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Motherwell and Bellshill Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the North British Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Preston Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be read the third time.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill; and the same were Bill, twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Additional Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Return of Revenue and Expenditure of the United Kingdom on the use of Continuous Brakes for the Six Months ending the 31st December 1899.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Copy of General Report of (Scotland) Net, and Gifts to Agriculturists for Seed, Cattle, and Subsistence at the end of the Famine in India.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, Return to an Resolution, for a Return relative to Shebeens in Towns (Ireland).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, East India by Her Majesty's Command, a Copy of Addresses (Famine) and Gifts to Agriculturists for Seed, Cattle, and Subsistence at the end of the Famine in India.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

James Archibald Morrison, Esquire, Member New Member for the County of Wiltshire (Southern or Wilton Ward), was sworn.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Post Office a Return of Revenue and Expenditure of the Post Office for each year from 1869-70 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 319, of Session 1899), and an Estimate for the same for the year ended the 31st day of March 1900, in the following form:—

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Colonel Gunter reported from the Committee on the Education Board Provisional Order Confirmation (London) Bill: That they had considered the Order therein contained; that the said Order ought to be confirmed, and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered. That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration Tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Housing of Working Classes) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Housing of Working Classes) Bill (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by the House to the Whitechapel and Bow Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Emsworth Urban District Water Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Gwyrfai Rural District Council Water Bill, without any Amendment.

The Order for resuming, upon Wednesday the Liquor Traffic 25th day of this instant July, the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which upon the 2nd day of May last, was proposed to be made to the Question, that the Liquor Traffic Local veto (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The County Courts (Ireland) Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to continue various Expiring Laws: And that, Mr. Hanbury and Mr. Attorney General do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented a Bill to continue various Expiring Laws: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time Tomorrow; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Military Lands Bill; [Lords.] And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."—(Mr. Calthorpe)

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.
Volunteers Bill [Lords.]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Volunteers Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 1. Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Austruther: 127, 62.
Tellers for the (Captain Sinclair, Noes. Mr. Humphreys Ocon: 143.
CLAUSE, No. 2. (Power of volunteer to enter into special agreements as to service). Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 10, after the word "volunteer" to insert the words "garrison artillery."—(Captain Sinclair.) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:
Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, to add the words "engineers, sub-marine miners, or other forces for coast defence."—(Mr. Buchanan.) Question proposed, That those words be there added:
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Amendment made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The Naval Reserve Bill was, according to Naval Reserve Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Elementary Education Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Louther reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Reserve Forces Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 1. Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Austruther: 186.
Tellers for the (Mr. Timothy M. Healy, Noes, Mr. Patrick O'Brien: 47.
CLAUSE, No. 3. Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 10, after the word "have lain four weeks upon the Table of each House, according to Order, resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

The House divided.

The Naval Reserve Bill was, according to Naval Reserve Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Elementary Education Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Intermediate Committee on the Intermediate Education (Ireland) Bill.
Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Imitation of County Court Process Bill;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time—And a Debate arising thereupon:
Amendment made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time:
The House divided.

The Order of the day being read, for the Colonial Stock Bill;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time:
The House divided.

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The House divided.

The Order of the day being read, for the Colonial Stock Bill;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time:
The House divided.
Tuesday, 24th July, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, that, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously complied with,

Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Standing Committee on Law, &c.

Bursley Corporation Bill [Lords.]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Amendments made by this House to the Bursley Corporation Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Great Northern Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Great Northern Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Midland Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Midland Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Rotherham Corporation Bill [Lords.]

The Rotherham Corporation Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquint them, that the House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Glasgow Building Regulations Bill [Lords.]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Glasgow Building Regulations Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time. (Mr. Caldwell.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

South Shields Corporation Bill [Lords.]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the South Shields Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Hemel Hempstead Corporation (Water) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Motherwell and Bellshill Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time. (Mr. Caldwell.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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The Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Education Board Provisional Order Confirmation (London) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 4) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Sheebens in Towns (Ireland), which was presented upon the 23rd of this instant July, be printed.

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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Mr. Brodrick, presented by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, No. 2484.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Crystal Palace Company Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Salford Corporation Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Salford Corporation Bill : That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the Provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Withington Urban District Council Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Sheffield Corporation Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same as to make it consistent with the Provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Bill [Lords.] without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, 1. 18, by leaving out paragraph (c. of sub-section (1) of Clause 4.—(Mr. Atherley-Jones.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out to the word "for," in l. 18, stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 21, by leaving out the words from the word "association" to the word "or," in l. 20.—(Mr. Harry Foster.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 27, at the end, by inserting the words "or a certificate signed by the secretary " or acting secretary of the company that he is " the registered holder of this qualification shares, if any,"—(Mr. Sydney Gedge.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 24, by inserting, after the word "Company," the words "or of the pro-"sectus."—(Mr. Harry Foster.)
And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 30, by leaving out the word “passing,” and inserting the word “composition”—(Mr. Harry Foster), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words “does not issue” stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 31, by leaving out the words “do not issue,” and inserting the words “is prohibited by its memorandum or articles of association from issuing”.—(Mr. Sydney Gedge), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words “does not issue” stand part of the Bill:—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:—The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, 168.

Yes, (Mr. Austruther: 166,

Tellers for the [Mr. Wallace, 109.

Noes, (Mr. Hazel: 31.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 16, by inserting, after the word “allotment,” the words “save as provided by subsection six of this section.”—(Mr. Sydney Gedge.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 19, by leaving out the words “by the memorandum or articles of association.”—(Mr. Bond.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 8, by leaving out subsection (6) of Clause 6.—(Mr. Marks.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 13, by leaving out sub-division (7) of Clause 6.—(Mr. Marks.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 24, by leaving out the words “of the allotment,” and inserting the words “at which the persons seeking compensation are to be covered by the persons seeking compensation.”—(Mr. Lowson Walton), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 30, by leaving out paragraph (b), of subsection (1), of Clause 8.—(Mr. Perks.)

And the Question being proposed, That paragraph (b), of subsection (1), of Clause 8 stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 31, by leaving out the words “to the public for” be inserted in p. 5, l. 38 of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the words “to the public for” be there inserted:—An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by leaving out the words “to the public.”—(Mr. Sydney Gedge.)

And the Question being put, That the words “to the public” stand part of the said proposed Amendment:—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:—The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, 166.

Yes, (Mr. Austruther: 166.

Tellers for the [Mr. Sydney Gedge, 61.

Noes, (Mr. Faithful Begg: 61.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the words “to the public for” be inserted in p. 5, l. 38 of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 4, by inserting, after the first word “and,” the words “in case the said commission, with brokerage, exceeds two and a-half per cent. arc.”—(Mr. Henderson.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:—The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Henderson, 44.

Yes, (Mr. Cawley: 44.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, 128.

Noes, (Mr. Austruther: 93.

So it passed in the Negative.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 33, by inserting, after the word "filed," as a new sub-section the words "(4) Where no prospectus is issued a memorandum "random complying with the terms of this "section shall be filed in manner aforesaid.""
(Mr. Lawson Walton.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

**Wednesday, 25th July, 1900:**

And the Question being put;—The House divided;—The Yeas to the Right;—The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Lawson Walton:]

*Y* 35.

Tellers for the [Mr. Billson:]

*Y* 107.

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Sydney Gedge moved, That further proceedings on consideration, as amended, be now adjourned.

But Mr. Speaker being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, he put the Question thereon forthwith to the House.

The House divided;—The Yeas to the Right;—The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Lough:]

*Y* 32.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond:]

*Y* 101.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 37, by leaving out the words from the word "association," to the word "the," in l. 39.—(Mr. Harry Foster.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill;—The House divided;—The Yeas to the Right;—The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond:]

*Y* 102.

Tellers for the [Major Jameson:]

*Y* 18.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill:—Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 34, by inserting after the word "specifying," the words "if possible."—(Mr. Harry Foster.)

And the Question being put, That the words "if possible" be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 35, by inserting after the word "paid," the words "by any person."—(Mr. Bougelech.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill:—Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 38, by leaving out the word "and," and inserting the word "or":—(Mr. Ritchie)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "and" stand part of the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

**Wednesday, 25th July, 1900.**

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

**PRAYERS.**

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the South Eastern Metropolitan Tramways Bill, and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Portland Urban District Gas Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Liverpool Overhead Railway Bill was read the third time, and a verbal Amendment was made to the Bill; and the Bill passed, with Amendments:

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the North Eastern Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the North Eastern Railway Bill; and the Bill was accordingly read the third time, and a verbal Amendment was made to the Bill; and passed, with Amendments:

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Hemel Hempstead Corporation (Water) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Mr. Coldwell.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Ordered, That the North Eastern Railway Bill, as amended in the committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Hemel Hempstead Corporation (Water) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

And an Amendment was made to the Bill:—Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Fraser Settled Chattels Bill was read a second time; and committed.
Ordered, That Standing Order 211 be suspended, and that the Committee on the Bournemouth Corporation Bill have leave to sit and proceed forthwith.—(Mr. Coldwell.)

The Education Board Provisional Order Confirmation (London) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Chaplin presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 18th day of June last, for Returns relative to the Marriage Act, 1898.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Director to the Board of Governors and Guardians of the National Gallery of Ireland for the year 1899.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports from Her Majesty's Representatives in Europe on the Metric System, Part I.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Arthur O'Connor reported from the Committee of Public Accounts; That they had made further progress in the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and an Appendix.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Charles Dilwynlloyd reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, and 20th days of the instant July, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Reserve Forces Bill, as amended in the Committee.

And an Amendment was made to the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—That the Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1900-1901.

Class II.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £3,225,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, including a Grant in Aid of certain Expenses connected with Emigration.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A. (Salaries) be reduced by £100, in respect of the Salary of the Secretary of State.—(Sir Wilfrid Lawson.)

After Debate thereon; Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put."

Question put, That the Question be now put:
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the "Yes":—Mr. Arthur : 169.
Tellers for the "No":—Mr. William M'Arthur : 100.

Question put accordingly, That Item A. (Salaries) be reduced by £100, in respect of the Salary of the Secretary of State;—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the "Yes":—Mr. Henning : 52.
Tellers for the "No":—Mr. Scott : 208.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Balfour claimed, That the Original Question be now put;—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the "Yes":—Mr. William Walrond : 176.
Tellers for the "No":—Mr. Patrick O'Brien : 41.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Leathem reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Mr. James William Leathem also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Elementary School Teachers' Superannuation (Jersey) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Elementary School Teachers' Superannuation (Isle of Man) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Elementary School Teachers' Superannuation (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Intermediate Committee on the Intermediate Education (Ireland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Companies the further Proceeding on consideration of the Bill Companies Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the further Proceeding be resumed To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Volunteers into consideration the Volunteers Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.
Ways and Means Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Public Works Loans Bill, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Imitation of County Court Process Bill [Lords.]
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Imitation of County Court Process Bill; Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Military Lands Bill [Lords.]
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Military Lands Bill; Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Colonial Stock Bill [Lords.]
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Colonial Stock Bill; Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Expanding Laws Continuation Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Expanding Laws Continuation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Elementary Education Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Elementary Education Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Poor Relief (Ireland) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Relief (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Local Government (Ireland) Bill (No. 2 Bill).
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply; Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Larceny Act (1861) Amendment Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Larceny Act (1861) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Fifth of the Resolutions which, upon the 18th day of this instant July, was reported from the Committee of Supply; and which Resolution was then deferred; Ordered, That the said Resolution be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply; Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Ways and Means.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 18th day of this instant July, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then half an hour after Seven of the clock, till To-morrow.

Thursday, 26th July, 1900.
The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Barnsley Corporation Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The North British Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

A Motion being made, That the Ramsgate Corporation Improvements Bill be now read the third time; Mr. James William Leather, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit. Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Dublin Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Application of money under 62 & 63 Vict. c. 50, s. 16) (Mr. Plunkett)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill. And Amendments were made to the Bill. Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Mr. Coldwell.)
The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Clause (Application of money under 62 & 63 Vict. c. 50, s. 16) (Mr. Plunkett)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill. And Amendments were made to the Bill. Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Mr. Coldwell.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the North Eastern Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee. And an Amendment was made to the Bill. Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Mr. Coldwell.)

Mr. James William Leather, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill,
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the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords ; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments ; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Ordered, That, in the case of the Clontarf Urban District Council Bill, Standing Orders 84, 214, and 239 be suspended, and that the Bill be now taken into consideration, provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill, as amended in the Committee, into consideration.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

Mr. James William Laetor, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Glasgow District Tramways Bill

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Glasgow District Tramways Bill, as recommitted to the former Committee :—And a Debate arising thereupon ;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned ;—It passed in the Negative.

Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Bill

Ordered, That, in the case of the Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Bill, Standing Orders 211 and 236 be suspended, and that the Committee on the Bill have leave to sit and proceed upon Monday next.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 4) Bill

Ordered, That, in the case of the Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 4) Bill, Standing Orders 211 and 236 be suspended, and that the Committee on the Bill have leave to sit and proceed upon Monday next.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

Marriage Act, 1899, No. 299.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Marriage Act, 1899, which was presented upon the 25th day of this instant July, be printed.

Historical Manuscripts (Royal Commission.)

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts, on the Manuscripts of Mrs. Frankland-Russell-Astley, of Chequers Court, Bucks.

Copy of Report of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts, on the Manuscripts of Lord Montagu, of Beaulieu, Hants.

Copy of Report of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts, on the Manuscripts of Lord Montagu, of Beaulieu, Hants.

Copy of Report of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts, on the Manuscripts of Lord Montagu, of Beaulieu, Hants.

Copy of Statistics of Proceedings under the Workmen’s Compensation Act, 1897, and the Employers’ Liability Act, 1880, during the year 1899.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour, presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Sixty-sixth Report of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland (being for the year 1899—1900).

Copy of Section I. of the Appendix to the Sixty-sixth Report of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland for the year 1899—1900.

Copy of Section II. of the Appendix to the Sixty-sixth Report of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland for the year 1899—1900.

Copy of Section III. of the Appendix to the Sixty-sixth Report of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland for the year 1899—1900.

Copy of Section IV. of the Appendix to the Sixty-sixth Report of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland for the year 1899—1900.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Advice (No. 6, Command.—Copy of Preliminary Report by 1896.)

Her Majesty's Special Commissioner on the Protectorate of Uganda, presented a Report, on the Protectorate of Uganda.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table Inquiry into by the Clerk of the House,—Further Return to CHARITIES (Administrative County of Durham).—(Administrative County of Durham.)

Ordered, That the said Return be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on the Dublin Corporation Bill and Clontarf Urban District Council Bill be printed.

Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection ; That they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Law, &c, Legal Procedure :—Mr. T. W. Russell, Mr. Harry Foster, Mr. Flower, and Mr. Yerburgh ; and had appointed in substitution :—Sir Charles M’Arthur ; Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection of their Lordships.

Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection ; That they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Trade, &c, Shipping, and Manufactures :—Mr. Brodie Hoare, Mr. Charles M’Arthur, and Sir James Woodrow ; and had appointed in substitution :—The Lord Advocate, Mr. Loder, Colonial Milward, and Viscount Cranborne.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice reported from the Police and Sanitary Regulations Committee,) (Joint Committees.) (Standing Committees.)

Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection ; That they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Trade, &c, Shipping, and Manufactures :—Mr. Brodie Hoare, Mr. Charles M’Arthur, and Sir James Woodrow ; and had appointed in substitution :—Mr. Rownd, Mr. Kemp, and Mr. John Wilson (Durham).—Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection ; That they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Trade, &c,
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing, according to the Accounts for the Twelve Months preceding the 31st day of March 1899 furnished to the Local Government Board under Section 1 (7) of the London (Equalisation of Rates) Act, 1894,—

(1) The Sanitary Authorities to whom payments under the Act were made by the London County Council during the year;
(2) The amount so received by each Sanitary Authority during the year;
(3) The amount of the Expenses incurred during the year by each such Sanitary Authority (a) under the Public Health (Local Rates) Act, 1891 (including Expenses of scavenging Streets); (b) in respect of Lighting; and (c) in respect of Streets (other than the Expenses of scavenging);
(4) The amount expended during the year by each such Sanitary Authority out of the Sums received by them under the Act (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 323, of Session 1899).—(Mr. T. W. Russell.)

The Members of Local Authorities Relief Bill was read the first time: and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Return showing, according to the Accounts for the Twelve Months ending on the 31st day of March 1899, the amount expended during the year by each such Sanitary Authority (other than the Expenses of scavenging Streets); (b) in respect of Lighting; and (c) in respect of Streets (other than the Expenses of scavenging) was ordered to be laid before this House, under Section 1 (7) of the London (Equalisation of Rates) Act, 1894.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Preston Corporation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled, An Act to amend the Law relating to the Exportation of Arms, Ammunition, and Military and Naval Stores; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Prohibition of Exportation of Arms Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into the Committee, this day, on the Qua'ries (re-committed) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the East India Committee on East India Revenue Accounts; and a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "looking to the special needs of Indian inhabitants, the famine-stricken people in India at the present time, this House recognises that funds are urgently needed to feed, clothe, and house the cultivators in their villages until their crops are ripe; to provide them with plough cattle, seed, and other requisites of cultivation; and to restore them to their normal economic condition; that these requirements cannot be adequately met from Indian revenues raised from the suffering Indian people, and within the necessarily restricted field of ordinary relief operations; that the funds subscribed by charity are altogether insufficient for these purposes; and this House is therefore of opinion that a large and generous Imperial free grant should be provided to assist in meeting this unprecedented calamity"—(Mr. Souttar),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question; The House proceeded to a Division.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning; Friday, 27th July, 1900:

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Sir William Walrond, Year, [Mr. Anstruther, 112.
Tellers for the Noses, [Mr. Herbert Gladstone, 65.
Noes, [Mr. William M'Arthur : So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put; Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it appears, by the Accounts laid before this House, that the Total Revenue of India for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899 was £6,730,615: that the Expenditure in India and in England charged against Revenue was £6,954,942; that there was a Surplus of Revenue over Expenditure of £2,460,873; and that the Capital Outlay on Railways and Irrigation Works not charged against Revenue was £3,579,316.—(Secretary Lord George Hamilton.)

Resolution to be reported.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lownher reported, that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

The Committee of Supply had come to a Resolution.

James William Lownher reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, that the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, the Committee of Supply:

Resolved, that this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the County Courts Second Reading of the County Courts (Ireland) Bill:

Ordered, that the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply:

Ordered, that the Report be received this day.

The Elementary School Teachers' Superannuation (I. of Man) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Elementary School Teachers' Superannuation (Jersey) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Companies Bill, the further proceeding on consideration of the Companies Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:

Ordered, that the further proceeding be resumed upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Volunteers into consideration, the Volunteers Bill, as Bill [Lords] amended in the Committee:

Ordered, that the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Public Works Loans Bill, into consideration the Public Works Loans Bill, as amended in the Committee:

Ordered, that the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Initiation of Committee on the Imposition of County Court Process Bill:

Resolved, that this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Colonial Stock Committee on the Colonial Stock Bill:

Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Expiring Laws Second Reading of the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill:

Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Elementary Third Reading of the Elementary Education Bill:

Ordered, that the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lownher reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, that the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, or the Supply Committee of Supply:

Resolved, that this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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Ordered, that the said Order be discharged.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Elementary Third Reading of the Elementary Education Bill:

Ordered, that the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.
The Poor Relief (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Local Government (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Local Government (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Firth of the Resolutions which, upon the 18th day of this instant July, was reported from the Committee of Supply, and which Resolution was then deferred; Ordered, That the said Resolution be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply; Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Money-Lending Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 16th day of this instant July, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put; it being then five minutes before Two of the clock on Friday morning, till this day.

Friday, 27th July, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the South Metropolitan Gas Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Crystal Palace Company Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Roebuck's Patent Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Margate Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Walsall Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copy of Regulations made with the approval of the Secretary of State for the Home Department, for the Domestic Management of the Congregational Retreat, licensed as a Retreat under the Inebriates Acts, 1879-1899.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the Irish Land Act, directions of several Acts of Parliament,— Copy of the Irish Land Commission of Return by the Irish Land Commission of Return by the Irish Land Commission of Return by the Irish Land Commission of Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1891, during the year ended the 31st March 1899, as required by Section 33 of the Act.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,— Copy of Correspondence respecting the Insurrectionary Movement in China.

Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Trade Reports Annual Series, Nos. 2488 and 2490.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—

1. Annual Accounts of the Chamberlain of London for the year ended 31st December 1899.

2. Copy of Account of Receipts and Expenditure of the Royal University of Ireland for the year ended 31st March 1900, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Beer Retailers' and Spirit Grocers' Licences (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill be now taken into consideration.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Mr. Lewis Fry reported from the Select-Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Municipal Trading: That they had taken some Evidence on the subject of their Lordships' Amendments thereto, and directed him to report the same to the House, together with an Appendix, and a Recommendation that a Committee be appointed in the next Session of Parliament to continue the Inquiry.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Savings and Deficiences upon Navy and Army Grants for 1898-99, and the temporary sanction obtained from the Treasury by the Navy and Army Departments to the Expenditure not provided for in the Grants for that year.

Ordered, That the Appropriation Accounts for the Navy and Army Departments, which were presented upon the 15th day of February last, be referred to the Committee.—(Mr. Hanbury.)

Mr. James William Loutcher reported from the Committee on the Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Loutcher reported the Colonial Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Loutcher reported the Morley Corporation Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Loutcher reported the Bournemouth Corporation Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Scale-Hayne reported the Manchester Corporation Tramways Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Intermediate Education Intermediate Education (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee, be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth.

The Lords have agreed to the County and Borough Franchise Assimilation (London) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 14) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Merchants' Shipping (Liability of Shipowners and Others) Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Cruciality to Wild Animals in Captivity (Various Powers) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Bradford Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Halifax Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Oldham Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Baker Street and Waterloo Electricity Supply Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the City of London Bill (Various Powers) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Oakley Drainage and Navigation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Cumberland County Council (Bridges) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Charing Cross and Strand Electricity Supply Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Croydon Tramways and Improvements Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Glasgow Building Regulations Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the London Sea Water Supply Bill [Lords.], without any Amendment.
The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Motherwell and Bellshill Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the North Eastern Railway (Steam Vessels) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Rotherham Corporation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Great Southern and Western Railway Company, and Central Ireland Railway Companies (Amalgamation) Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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The Great Southern and Western and Waterford, Limerick, and Central Ireland Railway Companies (Amalgamation) Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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**An Army Estimate, 1900-1901.**

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary Estimate, 1900-1901, be granted for the said Service.

1. Pay, &c. of the Army (including Staff for Engineer Services) - £11,500,000
2. Army (Supplementary) Estimate, 1900-1901 - £1,060,000
3. Army (Supplementary) Estimate, 1900-1901 (Vessels) - £3,250,000
4. Army (Supplementary) Estimate, 1900-1901 (Communications) - £140,000
5. Army (Supplementary) Estimate, 1900-1901 (Implements, Equipment, &c.) - £500,000
6. Army (Supplementary) Estimate, 1900-1901 (Armoury) - £500,000
7. Army (Supplementary) Estimate, 1900-1901 (Works, &c.) - £100,000
8. Army (Supplementary) Estimate, 1900-1901 (Miscellaneous) - £350,000
9. Army (Supplementary) Estimate, 1900-1901 (Electric Services) - £250,000

Total - £11,500,000

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a reduced Sum, not exceeding £11,499,900, be granted for the said Service.

(Mr. Courtenay Warner.)

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Report.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Barnsley Corporation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Reamgate Corporation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the South Shields Corporation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Great Southern and Western and Waterford, Limerick, and Central Ireland Railway Companies (Amalgamation) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Ramsgate Corporation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the South Shields Corporation Bill, without any Amendment.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 16th day of this instant July, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then half an hour after One of the clock on Saturday morning, till Monday next.

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**Monday, 30th July, 1900.**

The House met at Three o'clock.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords ; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

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29. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 13) Act, 1900.
30. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 14) Act, 1900.
31. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (Poor Law) Act, 1900.
32. Local Government Board's Provisional Order Confirmation (Housing of Working Classes) Act, 1900.
33. London (Clerkenwell and Holborn) Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1900.
34. London (Poplar) Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1900.
36. London (Southwark) Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1900.
37. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 5) Act, 1900.
38. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (Housing of Working Classes) Act, 1900.
39. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1900.
40. Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1900.
41. Burton and Paisley Gas Orders Confirmation Act, 1900.
42. Hartlepool Gas and Water Act, 1900.
43. Latimer Road and Acton Railway Act, 1900.
44. Mountain Ash Water and Gas Act, 1900.
45. Airdrie and Coatbridge Tramways Act, 1900.
46. Airdrie, Coatbridge, and District Water Trust Act, 1900.
47. Brighton Corporation Act, 1900.
48. Reading Corporation (Tramways) Act, 1900.
49. Wolverhampton Gas Act, 1900.
50. Vale of Ebbw and Light Railway Act, 1900.
51. Great Yarmouth Port and Haven Act, 1900.
52. Edinburgh District Lunacy Board Act, 1900.
53. Cork Electric Tramways (Extension) Act, 1900.
54. Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Act, 1900.
55. Spalding Water Act, 1900.
56. Vale of Ebbw and Light Railway Act, 1900.
57. Great Yarmouth Port and Haven Act, 1900.
58. Edinburgh District Lunacy Board Act, 1900.
59. London and India Docks Amalgamation Act, 1900.
60. Saint Albans's Waterworks Act, 1900.
61. Doncaster Railway Act, 1900.
62. Great Southern and Western Railway Act, 1900.
63. Bray Urban District Council (Extension of Time) Act, 1900.
64. Westgate and Birchington Water Act, 1900.
65. Lee Conservancy Act, 1900.
66. Regent's Canal and Dock Act, 1900.
67. South Staffordshire Tramways Act, 1900.
68. Falkirk and District Waterworks Act, 1900.
69. Hamilton, Motherwell, and Wishaw Tramways Act, 1900.
70. Wellingborough and District Tramroads Act, 1900.
71. Aston Manor Tramways Act, 1900.
72. Exmouth Urban District Water Act, 1900.
73. Gwynfor District Water Act, 1900.
74. Devizes Tramway Act, 1900.
75. Whitechapel and Bow Railway Act, 1900.
76. G. H. Hammond Company (Limited) Act, 1900.
77. London and San Francisco Bank (Limited) Act, 1900.
78. Belfast and County Down Railway Act, 1900.
79. Walker and Wallend Union Gas Company's (Electricity Capital) Act, 1900.
80. Nottingham Corporation Act, 1900.
81. Edinburgh Corporation Act, 1900.
82. Mersey Railway Act, 1900.
83. Rawmarsh Urban District Council (Tramways) Act, 1900.
84. Great Grimsby Street Tramways Act, 1900.
85. Margate Pier and Harbour Act, 1900.
86. Great Indian Peninsula Railway Purchase Act, 1900.
87. Great Northern Railway Act, 1900.
88. Hastings Tramways Act, 1900.
89. Louth Waterworks Act, 1900.
90. Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway Act, 1900.
91. Midland Railway Act, 1900.
92. Barry and District Water (Transfer) Act, 1900.
93. Preston Corporation Act, 1900.
94. London Sea Water Supply Act, 1900.
95. South Eastern Metropolitan Tramways Act, 1900.
96. Portland Urban District (Gas, &c.) Act, 1900.
97. Barnsley Corporation Act, 1900.
98. Glasgow Building Regulations Act, 1900.
99. Motherwell and Bellshill Railway Act, 1900.
100. North Eastern Railway (Steam Vessels) Act, 1900.
101. Rotherham Corporation Act, 1900.
103. Barnsley Corporation (Water) Act, 1900.
104. Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Act, 1900.
105.Ramsgate Corporation Act, 1900.
106. South Shields Corporation Act, 1900.
108. Great Western Railway Act, 1900.
109. South Western Railway Act, 1900.
110. South Eastern Metropolitan Gas Act, 1900.
111. North Eastern Railway Act, 1900.
112. Crystal Palace Company's Act, 1900.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Buenos Ayres and Rosario Railway Bill as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Costa Rica Railway Company Limited Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Ipswich Corporation Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Scotch Corporations (Abandonment) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Salford Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

Mr. James William Lothian, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Withington Urban District Council Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Margate Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Sunderland Corporation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 211 and 236 be suspended, and that the Committee on the Bill have leave to sit and proceed forthwith.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

Ordered, That the Order of the House of the 6th day of March last, That, in the case of Bills reported from the Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations, Three clear days shall intervene between the date when the Report of the Committee is circulated with the Votes and Consideration of the Bill, be suspended in the case of the Salford Corporation Bill.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, and 239 be suspended, and that the Bill be now taken into consideration, provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now taken into consideration:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words "now " taken into consideration," and adding the words "re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of a new Clause (Power to contribute to rifle ranges)"—(Mr. Stuart Wortley), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of a new Clause (Power to contribute to rifle ranges)" be added after the words "Bill be " in the Main Question:—It was resolved in the Negative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, in respect of a new Clause (Power to contribute to rifle ranges).

The House, accordingly resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill.

(In the Committee.)

A Clause (Power to contribute to rifle ranges) was added.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of a new Clause (Power to contribute to rifle ranges).

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

Then the Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House has agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented, Return to an Order, Land Registry; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Copy of Fifty and fifth Annual Report of the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented, Return to an Order, Land Registry, dated the 25th day of May last, for Returns No. 306, relative to the Land Registry.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Copy of Return, under the Local Taxation Act (Scotland) Act, 1896, showing Act, 1900.
showing the Total Payments into and out of the Local Taxation (Scotland) Account for the financial year 1899-1900.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brodrick, presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2491 and 2492.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of Return to the Lord Chancellor of the Number of Visto made and the Number of Patients seen at the General Commission in Lunacy during the Six Months ending on the 30th June 1900.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Treasury Minute, dated the 19th day of this instant July, stating the circumstances under which certain Civil Servants have been retained in the Service after they have attained the Age of 65; and of the Return therein referred to.

Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Names, Objects, or Business, Places where Business is or was conducted, Date of Registration, Number of Persons who signed the Memorandum of Association, Total Number of Shares taken up by such Subscribers, Nominal Capital, Number of Shares into which it is divided, Number of Shares taken up, Amount of Calls made on each Share, and the Total Amount of Calls received, of all Joint Stock Companies formed since the 1st day of January 1899 to the 31st day of December 1899, inclusive, distinguishing whether the Companies are limited or unlimited, and also the Number of Shareholders in each of the said Companies at the Date of the last Return, and whether still in operation or being wound up;—Of the Total Number having their registered offices in the City of London, or within five miles of the General Post Office;—And, of the Total Number and the Paid-up Capital of all Registered Companies which are believed to be carrying on business at the present time. (Mr. Ritchie.)

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Merchant Shipping (Liability of Shipowners and others) Bill be now taken into consideration.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendment into consideration; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Mr. Seale-Hayne reported from the Committee on the Tramways Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 4) Bill; that they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed Mr. Speaker acquaint the House, That a Message from to the Lords, one of their Clerks, as followeth:—

The Lords have agreed to the Tithe Rent-charge (Ireland) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Housing of the Working Classes Act (1890) Amendment Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Liverpool Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Aberdon Police and Improvement Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Wansworth and Purley Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the West Ham Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Rickenmworth and Uxbridge Valley Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the South Lancashire Tramways Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Lancaster Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Farnworth Urban District Council Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the London County Tramways (No. 2) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Electric Supply Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Lancashire Electric Power Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
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The Lords have agreed to the West Bromwich Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Tithe Rent-charge (Ireland) Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Housing of the Working Classes Act (1890) Amendment Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next; and be printed.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

And a Motion being made, the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words: "this House cannot be the effectual guarantor of the Revenues of the State unless it is the whole amount of the taxes and duties and of all other receipts received for the public account be paid into the Exchequer."—(Mr. Gibson Bowles)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put; Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, 1. That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March nineteen hundred and one, Sums not exceeding Thirty million Pounds may be raised (in addition to any sums already authorised to be raised in the present Session) by all or any of the following methods:

(a) by means of the issue of further War Stock or War Bonds under the War Loan Act, 1900; or
(b) by means of the issue of Treasury Bills; or
(c) by means of the issue of Exchequer Bonds;

and that the Principal of and Interest on any money so raised be charged on the Consolidated Fund.

2. That all Expenses incurred in connection with raising the said sums, including any additional Remuneration to the Banks of England and Ireland, be charged on the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Mr. James William Lowther also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider further the Companies Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 8, l. 3, by inserting after the word "contract," the words "in writing."—(Mr. Sydney Gedge.)

And the Question being put, That the words "in writing" be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 8, l. 3, by inserting after the word "contract," the words "made by, or on behalf of, or intended to be adopted by the company."—(Mr. Sydney Gedge.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 8, l. 3, by leaving out the word "two," and inserting the word "five":—(Mr. Lawson Walton),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the word "two" stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 2, by inserting after the word "expenses," the words "and the requirements contained in this section, sub-section (1) paragraphs (e) and (h)."—(Mr. Sydney Gedge.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 9, by leaving out the words "one year," and inserting the words "three years":—(Mr. Lawson Walton),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "one year" stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 11, by leaving out sub-section (5) of Clause 12.—(Mr. Sydney Gedge.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 15, by inserting after the word "void," the words "nor shall any contract purporting to relieve a director from the obligations imposed upon him in his capacity as a director, or as an officer of or trustee for the company, under the general law, be valid unless the same be approved by the court or a judge as fair and reasonable."—(Mr. Lawson Walton.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by adding at the end thereof, the words “said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 21, by leaving out the words “not less than two directors,” and inserting the words “the auditor or auditors”—(Mr. Harry Foster),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 10, l. 8, by inserting after the words “approval,” the words, “(1) An account furnished by the vendors of the company, whether they be vendors within the meaning of section 12 (2) or not, setting out in the formation of the company, with particulars of the items and objects of such expenditure.”—(Mr. Lawson Walton.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Mr. Banbury, 150.

Tellers for the Mr. Sydney Gedge, 29.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 12, l. 3, inclusive, and inserting the words “be registered in manner required by this Act, within twenty-one days after the date of its creation”—(Mr. Banbury),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out to the word “registered,” in l. 41, stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Mr. Sydney Gedge, 150.

Tellers for the Mr. Banbury, 74.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 12, l. 1, by leaving out the words “seven days,” and inserting the words “three months”—(Mr. Harry Foster),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That those words “seven days” stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning Tuesday, 31st July, 1900:

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 13, l. 19, by leaving out from the word “company,” to the word “secured,” in p. 12, l. 3, inclusive, and inserting the words “be registered in manner required by this Act, within twenty-one days after the date of its creation”—(Mr. Banbury),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out to the word “registered,” in l. 41, stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.
And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill.—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 13, l. 40, by leaving out from the word "company" to the word "pounds;" in p. 14, l. 4, inclusive, and inserting the words—"the company, and every director, manager, and other officer of the company who knowingly and willfully authorised or permitted such default shall, without prejudice to any other liability, be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds; and if any person knowingly and willfully authorises or permits the delivery of any debenture or certificate of debenture stock required by this Act to be registered, without a copy of the certificate of the registrar being indorsed upon it, he shall, without prejudice to any other liability, be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds."—(Mr. Ritchie,)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out to the word "responsible," in p. 14, l. 2, stand part of the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was made to the Bill by leaving out the remaining words to the word "pounds included.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "the company, and every director, manager, and other officer of the company who knowingly and willfully authorised or permitted such default shall, without prejudice to any other liability, be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds; and if any person knowingly and willfully authorises or permits the delivery of any debenture or certificate of debenture stock required by this Act to be registered, without a copy of the certificate of the registrar being indorsed upon it, he shall, without prejudice to any other liability, be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds," be there inserted:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, in l. 3, by inserting after the word "willfully," the words "or negligently."—(Mr. Lawson Walton.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the said proposed Amendment:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "the company, and every director, manager, and other officer of the company who knowingly and willfully authorised or permitted such default shall, without prejudice to any other liability, be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds; and if any person knowingly and willfully authorises or permits the delivery of any debenture or certificate of debenture stock required by this Act to be registered, without a copy of the certificate of the registrar being indorsed upon it, he shall, without prejudice to any other liability, be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds."—(Mr. Ritchie,)—be inserted after the word "company," in p. 13, l. 40, of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 15, l. 22, by inserting after the word "meeting," the words "a copy of such report as and balance sheet shall be sent to every regi-
Adjournment. A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Ritchie) —It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Two of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Tuesday, 31st July, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bradford Corporation Bill ; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Charing Cross and Strand Electricity Supply Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the same be now considered. The House accordingly proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 233 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Ordered, That, in the case of the Margate Corporation Bill, Standing Order 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

Mr. James William Lowther, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

The House accordingly proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Aberdeen Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

The House accordingly proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Oldham Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

The House accordingly proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Morley Corporation Bill [Lords.], as amended in the Committee. Vol. 155.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House accordingly proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Exeter Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House accordingly proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Lancashire Electric Power Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House accordingly proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Lancaster Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House accordingly proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Liverpool Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House accordingly proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the West Ham Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House accordingly proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Wandsworth and Putney Gas Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House accordingly proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Wandsworth and Putney Gas Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House accordingly proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the West Ham Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time: The Bill was accordingly read the third time: The Bill was accordingly read the third time: The Bill was accordingly read the third time: The Bill was accordingly read the third time: The Bill was accordingly read the third time:

Ordered, That the Bill do lie upon the Table.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Board of Command,—Copy of Statement in explanation of the draft of an Order in Council for transferring to and making exerciseable by the Board of Education certain powers of the Charity Commissioners.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Chaplin presented, by Her Majesty's Local Government Board,.—Copy of Twenty-ninth Annual Report of the Local Government Board, 1890-1900.

Mr. Chaplin also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 22nd day of May last, for a Return relative to Metropolitan Water Companies (Accounts).
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Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Return be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Irish Land Commissioners for the period from the 1st April 1889 to 31st March 1900.

Copy of Twenty-second Report of the General Prisons Board (Ireland), 1899—1900, with an Appendix.

Copy of Thirty-sixth Detailed Annual Report of the Registrar-General of Marriages, Births, and Deaths in Ireland, 1899.

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 9th day of April last, for a Return relative to Contracts for Local Authorities (Wages) (Ireland).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Goschen presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account showing the Receipt and Expenditure of Naval Prize Money, No. 200.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 30th day of this instant July, for Returns relative to Joint Stock Companies.

Mr. Ritchie also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules made by the Board of Trade in pursuance of Section 5 of the Electric Lighting Act, 1882.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

A Return of the Number of Days on which the House sat in Session II. of 1899 and in the Session of 1900; stating for each Day the Date of the Meeting, and the Hour of Adjournment; and the Total Number of Hours occupied in the Sittings of the House, and the average Time; and showing the Number of Hours on which the House sat each day, and the Number of Hours after Midnight; and the Number of Entries in each day's Votes and Proceedings (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0,277, of Session I. of 1899).—(Mr. Caldwell.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Business of the House in Session II. of 1899 and in the Session of 1900, stating for each Day the Date of the Meeting, and the Hour of Adjournment; and the Total Number of Hours occupied in the Sittings of the House, and the average Time; and showing the Number of Hours on which the House sat each day, and the Number of Hours after Midnight; and the Number of Entries in each day's Votes and Proceedings (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0,277, of Session I. of 1899).—(Mr. Caldwell.)
Orderd, That there be laid before this House, Returns of the Number of Private Bills, Hybrid Bills, and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders introduced into the House of Commons and brought from the House of Lords, and of Acts passed in the Session of 1800, classed according to the following subjects:—Railways; Tramways; Railroads; Canals and Navigations; Roads and Bridges; Water; Gas; Gas and Water; Improvement; Police and Sanitary Regulations; Corporations, &c. (not relating to Police and Sanitary Regulations); Ports, Piers, Harbours, and Docks; Churches, Chapels, and Burying Grounds; Markets and Fairs; Enclosure and Drainage; Estate: Emancipation; Naturalisation; and Miscellaneous:—Of all the Private Bills, Hybrid Bills, and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders which in the Session of 1800 have been referred by Committees on Opposed Private Bills or by Committees nominated partly by the House and partly by the Committee of Selection, together with the Names of the Selected Members who served on each Committee, the first and last day of the Sitting of each Committee; the Number of Days on which each Committee sat; the Number of Days on which each Selected Member has served; the Number of Days occupied by each Bill in Committee; the Bills the Preambles of which were reported to have been proved; the Bills the Preambles of which were not reported to have been proved; and in the case of Bills for confirming Provisional Orders, whether the Provisional Orders ought or ought not to be confirmed:—Of all Private Bills and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders which, in the Session of 1800, have been referred by the Committee of Selection, or by the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills, to the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, together with the Names of the Members who served on each Committee; the Number of Days on which each Committee sat; and the Number of Days on which each Member attended:—And, of the Number of Private Bills, Hybrid Bills, and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders withdrawn or not proceeded with by the Parties, those Bills being specified which have been referred to Committees and dropped during the Sittings of the Committee (in a great number of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.273, of Session I. of 1809).—(Mr. Caldwell.)

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Bevill and Riderell Railway Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Fraser Settled Chattels Bill, in pursuance of Standing Order No. 188: That the Bill does not contain any provision extending either the term or the area of any settlement of land.

Mr. James William Lowther further reported from the Committee: That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Sunderland Committee on the Sunderland Corporation Bill, that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Scow-Hagge reported from the Committee on the Tramways Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Bill; that they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders (No. 3) Bill ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Cruelty to Wild Animals in Captivity Bill be taken into consideration.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments to the Education Board Bill, with Amendments; to the House.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Lords have agreed to the Education Board Bill, with Amendments; to the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 15) Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Education Board Bill, with Amendments; to the House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 15) Bill, with Amendments; to the House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 15) Bill, with Amendments; to the House.

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Resolved, Neminem Contraducit, That the Assassination of Her Majesty's humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, to convey to Her Majesty the expression of the indignation and deep concern with which this House has learned the Assassination of Her Majesty's
31st July.

The Prohibition of Exportation of Arms Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Intermediate Education Bill, as amended in the Committee.

The Reservation of Arms Bill was, according to Order, read the third time; and passed.

The Naval Reserve Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Intermediate Education Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Composition of Board)—(Mr. Gerald Balfour) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 8, by inserting after the word "Board," the words "on the condition and."—(Mr. Maurice Healy.) And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It was passed in the Negative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved Poor Relief itself into a Committee on the Poor Relief (Ireland) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Address, be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council and of Her Majesty's Household.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Lowther reported, that the said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Companies Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Naval Reserve Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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Military Lands Bill [Lords.]—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Military Lands Bill.

CLauses, No. 1 to No. 3, disagreed to.

Clause, No. 4, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No. 5 and No. 6, agreed to.

Clause, No. 7, amended, and agreed to.

A Clause (Repeal of 54 & 55 Vic. c. 54, s. 11) — (Mr. Maurice Healy) — brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and Negatived.

Another Clause (Costs of proceedings to acquire land for military purposes) — (Mr. Maurice Healy) — brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and Negatived.

Another Clause (Justice determining compensation not to be a resident magistrate) — (Mr. Maurice Healy) — brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and Negatived.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

And an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Colonial Stock Bill; Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Money-take into consideration the Money-Lending Bill, Lending Bill as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Higher rate of interest not permissible on renewal of loan) — (Mr. Beckett) ; and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Limited companies not to carry on money-lending business) — (Mr. Marks) ; and the said Clause was agreed to, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

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Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.
And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted.—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 19, by inserting after the word "any" the word "such."—(Mr. Harry Foster.)

And the Question being put, That the word "such" be there inserted.—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 25, by inserting after the word "it," the words "subject to any other sum which the Court may find due from the debtor, and which sum shall be allowed as a set-off."(Mr. Harry Foster.)

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 19, by inserting after the word "borrowed," the words "or if any person by any false, misleading, or deceptive statement, representation, or promise, or by any dishonest concealment of facts induces, or attempts to induce, any money-lender, agent, or clerk of the money-lender, to lend money to him or to any other person."—(Mr. Harry Foster.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted.—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 15, by inserting after the word "notice," the words "(5) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Acts or Rules of Order in Council regulating the proceedings on appeal from inferior courts, any party aggrieved by the judgment, direction, decision, or order of the judge of any inferior court in England or Wales before whom proceedings are taken under this section, may appeal from the same to a divisional court, subject to such conditions as may from time to time be provided by rules of the supreme court: Provided that, unless by special leave of the said judge, there shall be no appeal unless the amount claimed by the money-lender in respect of which the proceedings are taken shall exceed the sum of twenty pounds: Provided also, that if on the hearing of the appeal it shall appear to the divisional court that a new trial ought to be had, it shall be lawful for the said court, if it shall think fit, to order that the verdict and judgment shall be set aside, and that a new trial shall be had."—(Mr. Butcher.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted.—The House divided.

The Yeas were as follows:

Yea, Mr. Sydney Gedge: 5.

The Tellers for the Yeas were as follows:

Mr. Sydney Gedge: 5.

It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 5, by inserting after the word "lent," the words "Provided that nothing in this section shall authorise the re-opening of any statement, settlement of account, or agreement unless within two years of the date of the transaction complained of."—(Mr. Lawrence.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted.—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 15, by inserting after the words "sub-section (1) (a) of," the words "promise, or concealment be contained in some written document, or be proved by evidence other than that of the borrower, intending borrower, or sureties (if any)."—(Mr. Butcher.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted.—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 28, by leaving out the words "or promise."—(Mr. Harry Foster.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted.—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 31, by inserting after the word "owed," the words "or if any" and that a new trial shall be had."—(Mr. Harry Foster.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted.—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 34, by inserting after the word "both," the words "Provided that a court shall not convict under this section unless the statement, representation, promise, or concealment be contained in some written document, or be proved by evidence other than that of the borrower, intending borrower, or sureties (if any)."—(Mr. Beckett.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted.—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 35, by leaving out Clause 5.—(Mr. Harry Foster.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted.—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 35, by leaving out Clause 5.—(Mr. Barry Foster.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted.—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this
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House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Elementary School Teachers’ Superannuation (Jersey) Bill,

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Navy and Army Expenditure, 1898-9.

(In the Committee.)

That it appears by the Navy Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1899, and the statement appended thereto, as follows, viz.:—

(a.) That the Gross Expenditure for certain Navy Services exceeded the estimate of such expenditure by a total sum of £637,516 8s. 3d., as shown in Column No. 1 of the Schedule hereto appended; while the Gross Expenditure for other Navy Services fell short of the estimate of such Expenditure by a total sum of £625,980 6s. 9d., as shown in Column No. 2 of the said appended Schedule, so that the Gross Actual Expenditure for the whole of the Navy Services fell short of the Gross Estimated Expenditure by the net sum of £188,463 18s. 3d.;

(b.) That the Receipts in Aid of certain Navy Services fell short of the estimate of such Receipts by a total sum of £65,914 3s. 3d., as shown in Column No. 4 of the said appended Schedule; while the Receipts in Aid of other Navy Services exceeded the estimate of such Receipts by a total sum of £95,269 14s. 3d., as shown in Column No. 3 of the said appended Schedule; so that the total Actual Receipts in aid of the Grants for Navy Services exceeded the total Estimated Receipts by the net sum of £2,039 9s. 3d.

(c.) That the resulting Differences between the Exchequer Grants for Navy Services and the Net Expenditure are as follows, viz.:—

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Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Jonathan Samuel)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair: and Mr. Josiah Collins reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair: and Mr. Willam Walrond:—It was resolved in the affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having con-—

ed to sit till twenty minutes after Three of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned this day.

Wednesday, 1st August, 1900.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Baker Street and Waterloo Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Market Weighton Drainage and Navigation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

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The House proceeded to take into consideration the Caledonian Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Ordered, That, in the case of the Great Southern and Western and Waterford, Limerick, and Central Ireland Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill, Standing Order 235 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read a second time.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Standing Orders relative to the Committal and Report Stages of Private Bills, and Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That, in the case of the Great Southern and Western and Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill, Standing Order 235 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read a second time.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."—(Mr. Lonsdale.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Maurice Healy, 117.

Mr. Ian Malcolm, 38.

Tellers for the Noes,

Mr. Patrick O'Brien, 112.

Mr. Patrick Joseph, 33.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Standing Orders relative to the Committal and Report stages of Private Bills, and Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time—(The Chairman of Ways and Means):

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The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brendaick, presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Agreement between the United Kingdom and Siam relative to the Registration of British Subjects in Siam, Signed at Bangkok, 29th November 1899.

Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2489 and 2493 to 2496.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Supplemental War Loan Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Military Lands Bill, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill.

CLAUSES, No. 1 and No. 2, agreed to.

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, to leave out lines 25 and 26.—(Mr. T. P. O'Connor.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule; the Committee divided.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, 1. 3, after the word "seven," to insert the words "five"—(Dr. Tanner.)—instead thereof.

Question, That the words "seven" stand part of the Clause.—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 4, after the word "any," to insert the words "county council and"—(Mr. Tully.)

Question, That those words be there inserted—put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSES, No. 4 to No. 10, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 11 (Amendment of 61 & 62 Vic. c. 37, s. 54, as to gale day and as to deductions from rent in urban districts).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 3, after the word "reduced" to insert the words "any"—(Mr. Tully.)—instead thereof. Amendment dismissed.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause: Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSES, No. 12 (Short title, construction, and commencement of Act).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 10, to leave out the words "subject as in this Act mentioned"—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 13 (Amendment of 61 & 62 Vic. c. 37, s. 51, as to making of poor rate).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14, at the end of the Clause to add the words "Provided that for the purposes of the Representation of the People Acts as defined in the Representation of the People Act, 1884, the second moiety of any poor rate so made shall not be deemed to be payable until the date fixed for the collection of the same."—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted: Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 3 (Amendment of 61 & 62 Vic. c. 37, s. 54, as to gale day and as to deductions from rent in urban districts).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 3, after the word "reduced" to insert the words "any"—(Mr. Tully.)—instead thereof. Amendment dismissed.

Question, That the words "any" stand part of the Clause.—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 4, after the word "any," to insert the words "county council and"—(Mr. Tully.)

Question, That those words be there inserted—put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 14 (Amendment of 61 & 62 Vic. c. 37, s. 54, as to gale day and as to deductions from rent in urban districts).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 10, to leave out the words "subject as in this Act mentioned"—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSES, No. 15 and No. 16 (Amendment of 61 & 62 Vic. c. 37, s. 51, as to making of poor rate).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14, at the end of the Clause to add the words "Provided that for the purposes of the Representation of the People Acts as defined in the Representation of the People Act, 1884, the second moiety of any poor rate so made shall not be deemed to be payable until the date fixed for the collection of the same."—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted: Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 17 (Amendment of 61 & 62 Vic. c. 37, s. 51, as to making of poor rate).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 10, to leave out the words "subject as in this Act mentioned"—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 18 (Amendment of 61 & 62 Vic. c. 37, s. 51, as to making of poor rate).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14, at the end of the Clause to add the words "Provided that for the purposes of the Representation of the People Acts as defined in the Representation of the People Act, 1884, the second moiety of any poor rate so made shall not be deemed to be payable until the date fixed for the collection of the same."—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted: Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 19 (Amendment of 61 & 62 Vic. c. 37, s. 51, as to making of poor rate).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14, at the end of the Clause to add the words "Provided that for the purposes of the Representation of the People Acts as defined in the Representation of the People Act, 1884, the second moiety of any poor rate so made shall not be deemed to be payable until the date fixed for the collection of the same."—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted: Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 20 (Amendment of 61 & 62 Vic. c. 37, s. 51, as to making of poor rate).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14, at the end of the Clause to add the words "Provided that for the purposes of the Representation of the People Acts as defined in the Representation of the People Act, 1884, the second moiety of any poor rate so made shall not be deemed to be payable until the date fixed for the collection of the same."—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted: Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 21 (Amendment of 61 & 62 Vic. c. 37, s. 51, as to making of poor rate).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14, at the end of the Clause to add the words "Provided that for the purposes of the Representation of the People Acts as defined in the Representation of the People Act, 1884, the second moiety of any poor rate so made shall not be deemed to be payable until the date fixed for the collection of the same."—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted: Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 22 (Amendment of 61 & 62 Vic. c. 37, s. 51, as to making of poor rate).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14, at the end of the Clause to add the words "Provided that for the purposes of the Representation of the People Acts as defined in the Representation of the People Act, 1884, the second moiety of any poor rate so made shall not be deemed to be payable until the date fixed for the collection of the same."—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted: Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 23 (Amendment of 61 & 62 Vic. c. 37, s. 51, as to making of poor rate).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14, at the end of the Clause to add the words "Provided that for the purposes of the Representation of the People Acts as defined in the Representation of the People Act, 1884, the second moiety of any poor rate so made shall not be deemed to be payable until the date fixed for the collection of the same."—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted: Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 24 (Amendment of 61 & 62 Vic. c. 37, s. 51, as to making of poor rate).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14, at the end of the Clause to add the words "Provided that for the purposes of the Representation of the People Acts as defined in the Representation of the People Act, 1884, the second moiety of any poor rate so made shall not be deemed to be payable until the date fixed for the collection of the same."—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted: Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 25 (Amendment of 61 & 62 Vic. c. 37, s. 51, as to making of poor rate).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14, at the end of the Clause to add the words "Provided that for the purposes of the Representation of the People Acts as defined in the Representation of the People Act, 1884, the second moiety of any poor rate so made shall not be deemed to be payable until the date fixed for the collection of the same."—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted: Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Prohibition of Exportation of Arms Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No. 2, agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Colonial Stock Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Navy and Army Expenditure, 1898-99.

(In the Committee.)

That it appears by the Navy Appropriation Account for the year ending the 31st day of March, 1899, and the Statement appended thereto, as follows, viz.:

(a.) That the Gross Expenditure for certain Navy Services exceeded the Estimate of such Expenditure by a Total Sum of £627,516 8s. 3d., as shown in Column No. 1 of the Schedule hereto appended; while the Gross Expenditure for other Navy Services fell short of the Estimate of such Expenditure by a Total Sum of £255,980 6s. 6d., as shown in Column No. 2 of the said appended Schedule, so that the Gross Actual Expenditure for the whole of the Navy Services fell short of the Gross Estimated Expenditure by the Net Sum of £188,463 18s. 3d.;

(b.) That the Receipts in Aid of certain Navy Services fell short of the Estimate of such Receipts by a Total Sum of £6,853 13s. 5d., as shown in Column No. 3 of the said appended Schedule; while the Receipts in Aid of other Navy Services exceeded the Estimate of such Receipts by a Total Sum of £105,316 6s. 3d., as shown in Column No. 4 of the said appended Schedule, so that the Total Actual Receipts in Aid of the Grants for Navy Services exceeded the Total Estimated Receipts by the Net Sum of £95,269 14s. 9d.;

(c.) That the resulting Differences between the Exchequer Grants for Navy Services and the Net Expenditure are as follows, viz.:

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That it appears by the Army Appropriation Account for the year ending the 31st day of March 1898 (as corrected by the Second Report of the Committee of Public Accounts of the present Session), and the Statement appended thereto, as follows, viz.:

(a.) That the Gross Expenditure for certain Army Services exceeded the Estimate of such Expenditure by a Total Sum of £268,594 1s. 9d., as shown in Column No. 1 of the Schedule hereto appended; while the Gross Expenditure for other Army Services fell short of the Estimate of such Expenditure by a Total Sum of £100,615 14s. 2d., as shown in Column No. 2 of the said appended Schedule; so that the Gross Actual Expenditure for the whole of the Army Services exceeded the Gross Estimated Expenditure by the Net Sum of £167,978 7s. 7d.;

(b.) That the Receipts in Aid of certain Army Services fell short of the Estimate of such Receipts by a Total Sum of £68,828 14s. 6d., as shown in Column No. 3 of the said appended Schedule; while the Receipts in Aid of other Army Services exceeded the Estimate of such Receipts by a Total Sum of £236,126 0s. 9d., as shown in Column No. 4 of the said appended Schedule; so that the Total Actual Receipts in Aid of the Grants for Army Services exceeded the Total Estimated Receipts by the Net Sum of £177,297 6s. 3d.;

(c) That

That the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the Application, in reduction of the Net Charge on Exchequer Grants for certain Navy Services, Vol. 165.
That by a Vote of Parliament during the present Session (House of Commons Paper, No. 90, of 1900) a further sum of £ 100 has been granted for the expenditure of the year 1890-91, and the approbation of additional receipts in aid of such expenditure has been sanctioned to the amount of £ 168,070 2s. 6d. That the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application of so much of the said Total Surplus on certain Grants for Army Services as is necessary to cover the said Total Deficits on other Grants for Army Services.

2. Resolved, That the Application of such Sums be sanctioned.

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(Mr. Hanbury).

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions. Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means: Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

### Oil in Tobacco Bill

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Oil in Tobacco Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Elementary School Teachers' Superannuation (Isle of Man) Bill.

**(In the Committee.)**

Clauses, No. 1 to No. 5, agreed to. Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Elementary School Teachers' Superannuation (Jersey) Bill.

**(In the Committee.)**

Clauses, No. 1 to No. 5, agreed to. Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Imitation of County Court Process Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Fifth of the Resolutions which, upon the 18th day of July last, was reported from the Committee of Supply; and Resolution was then deferred; Ordered, That the said Resolution be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for re-Supply, the Report from the Committee of [20th July] Supply; Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for re-Supply, the Report from the Committee of [30th July] Supply; Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Ancient Monuments Protection Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Tramways (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill.
The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments, to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Ordered, That, in the case of the Workington Workington Railways and Docks Bill, Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, and 239 be suspended, and that the Bill be now taken into consideration, provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

Mr. James William Louther, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Ordered, That, in the case of the Bournemouth Bournemouth Corporation Bill, Standing Orders 84, 214, 217, 239, and 242 be suspended, and that the Bill be now taken into consideration; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That, in the case of the Manchester Manchester Corporation Bill, Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, and 239 be suspended, and that the Bill be now taken into consideration, provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

Wednesday, 2nd August, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Prayers.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Manchester Corporation Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill, Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Mr. Caldwell.)
In line 22, by leaving out the words "one and the same."
In line 23, by inserting, after the word "newspaper," the words "or newspapers."
In line 24, by leaving out the words "one and the same."
In line 25, by inserting, after the word "newspaper," the words "or newspapers."
In line 26, by inserting, after the word "under-taking," the words "or to lands."
In line 34, by leaving out the words "one and the same."
In line 35, by inserting, after the word "newspaper," the words "or newspapers."
In line 37, by leaving out the words "one and the same."
In line 37, by inserting, after the word "newspaper," the words "or newspapers."
In line 43, by inserting, after the word "newspaper," the words or "newspapers."
Standing Order 11 was read, and amended, in line 5, by inserting, after the word "compulsorily," the words "or for compulsory use of the same."
Standing Order 24 was read, and amended, in line 5, by inserting, after the word "taken," the words "or used."

New Standing Order to follow Standing Order 25A:

**Ordered, That, in cases of Bills for the supply of electrical energy, an ordinance map on a scale of not less than one inch to the mile, with the proposed area of supply marked thereon, shall be deposited at the office of the Board of Trade on or before the 30th day of November.**

**Ordered, That the said Order be a Standing Order of the House.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)**

Standing Order 28 was read, and amended:

In line 2, by inserting, after the word "take," the words "or used."

In line 2, by inserting, after the word "lands," the word "compulsorily."

Standing Order 29 was read, and amended, in line 5, by inserting, after the word "taken," the words "or used."

Standing Order 33 was read, and amended:

In line 15, by inserting, after the word "Waters," as a new sub-section, the words—

"(5) Of every Bill of the Second Class whereby it is intended to authorise the construction of any work on the banks, foreshore, or bed of any river having a Board of Conservators constituted by or under Act of Parliament, at the Office of the Fisheries and Harbour Department of the Board of Trade, and at the Office of the Conservators of the River."

In line 46, by inserting after the second word "the," the words "Board of."

In line 46, by leaving out the word "Department."

Standing Order 34A was read, and repealed.

Standing Order 40 was read, and amended, in line 3, by inserting, after the word "taken," the words "or used."

Standing Order 46 was read, and amended, in line 3, by inserting, after the word "taken," the words "or used."

Standing Order 47 was read, and amended, by adding at the end the words—

"The distance of such fixed point above or below an ordnance bench mark in the locality of the proposed works, and near one of the termini, and the height of such bench mark above ordnance datum shall also be stated."
Draft Provisional Order; and the Examiner shall certify whether this Order has or has not been complied with.

Ordered, That the said Orders, numbered 250 to 257, be Standing Orders of this House.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means).

Ordered, That the Standing Orders, as amended, be printed.

A Public Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of General Report to the Board of Trade, on the Capital, Traffic, and Expenditure of the Railway Companies of the United Kingdom for the year 1899.

Copy of Statistical Abstract for the United Kingdom in each of the last Fifteen Years from 1884 to 1899. [Forty-seventh Number.]

Copy of Statistical Abstract for the several Colonial and other Possessions of the United Kingdom in each of the last Fifteen Years, from 1884 to 1899. [Thirty-seventh Number.]

Copy of Report of the Labour Department, Board of Trade, and Statistical Tables relating to changes in Rates of Wages and Hours of Labour in the United Kingdom in 1899.

Return of all British Ships ordered by the Board of Trade, or its Officers, during the period from 1st July 1899 to 30th June 1900, to be provisionally detained as unsafe, by reason of the defective condition of their Hulls, Equipments, or Machinery, or by reason of over-loading or improper loading, in pursuance of the provisions of 57 & 58 Vic. c. 60, s. 459, giving the Names of the Owners of those Ships which have been dismantled, broken up, or converted into Hulks, &c.; and of all Foreign Ships ordered to be provisionally detained during the same period as unsafe by reason of overloading or improper loading, in pursuance of the provisions of 57 & 58 Vic. c. 60, s. 462; together with Summaries, showing respectively the Total Number of Ships ordered to be detained as unsafe, from 1st July 1899 to 30th June 1900, and since 1st October 1876, distinguishing between those cases in which the Ships were found safe or unsafe.

Copy of Report to the Secretary of the Board of Trade on the Working of the Boiler Explosions Acts, 1882 and 1890.

Copy of Report by the Board of Trade of their Proceedings under the Tramways Act, 1870, and the Gas and Water Works Facilities Acts, 1870, during the Session of 1890.

Mr. Ritchie also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 3rd day of July last, for a Return relative to Tramways (Street and Road).

Mr. Ritchie also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Seventeenth General Annual Report by the Board of Trade on Bankruptcy, in pursuance of Section 131 of "The Bankruptcy Act, 1883."

Copy of Ninth General Annual Report by the Board of Trade, under Section 29 of "The Companies (Winding-up) Act, 1890."

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to Tramways (Street and Road), Bankruptcy, and Companies (Winding-up), be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 26th day of July last, for Returns relative to Universities (Scotland). No. 518.

The Lord Advocate also presented, pursuant to Local Taxation directions to the Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Annual Local Taxation Returns for Scotland for the year 1898-99.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Walter Long presented, by Her Majesty's Board of Command,—Copy of Annual Report on the Distribution of Grants for Agricultural Education and Research in the year 1899-1900, with Statements respecting the several Colleges and Institutions aided and the Experiments conducted.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Chaplin presented,—Return to an Order, Housing of the Working Classes, dated the 9th day of April last, for Returns relative to Housing of the Working Classes. No. 292.

Return to an Order, dated the 21st day of June last, for a Return relative to Local Taxation (England) Account, 1899-1900. No. 291.

Return to an Order, dated the 2nd day of July last, for Returns relative to Parliamentary Elections (Areas Transferred). No. 292.

Return to an Order, dated the 26th day of July last, for Returns relative to Local Taxation Returns (England) for the year 1898-99, Part II. (Abstracts of Accounts of County Councils, other than the London County Council, &c., and Accounts of Lunatic Asylums); Part III. (Accounts of Boroughts, Urban and Rural District Councils, Port Sanitary Authorities, Burial Boards, Commissioners of Baths and Washhouses, Conservators of Commons, &c.); Part IV. (Accounts of Metropolitan Vestries, District Boards, County Council, &c.,) Part V. (Accounts of Commissioners of Sewers, &c.); Part VI. (Accounts of Highway Authorities in Rural Districts); and Part VII. (Summary).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Returns, and the Paper relative to Local Taxation Returns (England), be printed.

Sir John Gorst presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 26th day of April last, for a Return relative to Contracts for School Boards (Wages).

Return to an Order, dated the 25th day of July 1899, for a Return showing the Occupation of the Parents of the Winners of County Council Scholarships during the past three years; the Amount of each Scholarship, and the period for which it was tenable; the Name of the School in which the Scholarship was won, and whether the School was a Voluntary or Board School; whether the Scholar availed himself of the Scholarship, or not; and whether he won other Scholarships.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Public Works Command,—Copy of Sixty-eighth Annual Report (Ireland.) No. 318.
port from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, with Appendices, for the year ending 31st March 1900.

Mr. Hanbury also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 25th day of June last, for a Return relative to Government Departments (Contracts).

Return to an Order, dated the 23rd day of July last, for Returns relative to Post Office Telegraphs (Revenue and Expenditure).

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Criminal and Judicial Statistics of Ireland for the Year 1899. Part I. Criminal Statistics.

Copy of Forty-ninth Report (with Appendices) of the Inspector of Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) of the Report of the President of Queen’s College, Galway, for the Session 1899-1900.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Returns be printed.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 31st day of July last, for a Return relative to Adjournment Motions under Standing Order No. 17.

The Lords have agreed to the Edinburgh (Mr. David Alfred Thomas.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Paisley Waterworks Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Edinburgh (Housing of the Working Classes) Improvement Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Saint David’s Railway (Abandonment) Bill, without any Amendment.
The Lords have agreed to the Agricultural Holdings Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Tramways Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Agricultural Holdings Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Southport and Lytham Tramway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Huddersfield Huddersfield Corporation Tramways Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the London County Tramways (No. 1) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the London County Council (Improvements) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the London County Council (General Powers) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the London United Tramways Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Great Northern Railway (Ireland) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Tramways Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Withington Urban District Council (Improvements) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Salford Corporation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Liverpool Overhead Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Buenos Ayres and Rosario Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Ipswich Corporation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the North British Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Rotherhithe and Ratcliff Tunnel Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Stafford Corporation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Withington Urban District Council Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Tramways Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill be taken into consideration tomorrow.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill be taken into consideration tomorrow.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Agricultural Holdings Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.
Resolved, That an Address be presented to Her Majesty to express the deep concern of this House at the great loss which Her Majesty has sustained by the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, Duke of Edinburgh, K.G., second Son of Her Majesty the Queen, and to condole with Her Majesty on this melancholy occasion; to assure Her Majesty that this House will ever feel the warmest interest in whatever concerns Her Majesty's domestic relations; and to declare the ardent wish of this House for the happiness of Her Majesty and Her Family. — (Mr. Balfour.)

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and of Her Majesty's Household.

Resolved, That a Message of Condolence be sent to Her Royal and Imperial Highness the Duchess of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, Duchess of Edinburgh, on the great loss which She has sustained by the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, Duke of Edinburgh, K.G.—(Mr. Balfour.)

Ordered, That a Sum, not exceeding £124,483, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Houses of Parliament Buildings:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yeas, [Mr. Austrether: 262.]
Tellers for the (Mr. MacNeill, Nos. [Dr. Tanner]: 34.

The Chairman acquainted the Committee that, during the progress of the Division, Dr. Tanner, Member for Mid-Cork, had come to the Table and used insulting language to the Chair, and thereupon, in pursuance of Standing Order No. 27, ordered Dr. Tanner to withdraw immediately from the House and its precincts for the remainder of this day's Sitting, and he withdrew accordingly.

4. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £35,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for Expenditure in respect of Miscellaneous Legal Buildings:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yeas, [Mr. Austrether: 251.]
Tellers for the (Mr. Jonathan Samuel, Nos. [Mr. Havelock Wilson]: 46.

5. £18,000, to complete the Sum for Expenditure in respect of Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain.

6. £18,000, to complete the Sum for constructing a new Harbour of Refuge at Peterhead.

7. £226,403, to complete the Sum for Rates and Contributions in lieu of Rates, &c., in respect of Government Property, and for Rates on Houses occupied by Representatives of Foreign Powers, and for the Salaries and Expenses of the Rating of Government Property Department, and for a Contribution towards the Expenditure of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade.


9. £55,487, to complete the Sum for payments under the Tramways and Public Companies (Ireland) Act, 1853, the Light Railways (Ireland) Acts, 1889 and 1893, the Tramways (Ireland) Act, 1893, and the Railways (Ireland) Act, 1898.

Class II.

10. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £4,297, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Offices of the House of Lords:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yeas, [Mr. Austrether: 218.
Tellers for the (Mr. Maddison, Nos. [Mr. T. P. O'Connor: 82.

11. £14,896, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Offices of the House of Commons:

12. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £96,407, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment...
payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department and Subordinate Offices;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yeas, } 221.
Sir Anstruther 
Tellers for the (Mr. Samuel Woods, Noes, } 79.
Mr. Maddison : 

13. £ 133,581, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Subordinate Departments.

14. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 64,018, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of certain services transferred from the Mercantile Marine Fund;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yeas, } 230.
Mr. Anstruther : 
Tellers for the (Mr. Steadman, Noes, } 70.
Mr. Havelock Wilson : 

15. £ 5, to complete the Sum for meeting the Deficiency of Income from Fees, &c. for the requirements of the Board of Trade, under the Bankruptcy Acts, 1883 and 1890, and the Companies (Winding-up) Act, 1890.


17. £ 33,040, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings.

18. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 25,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of certain Services transferred from the Mercantile Marine Fund;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yeas, } 233.
Mr. Anstruther : 
Tellers for the (Mr. MacNeill, Noes, } 67.
Mr. Havelock Wilson : 

19. £ 8,908, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Local Government Board for Scotland, and for Expenses under the Vaccination Act, Infectious Disease Notification Act, Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1894, Public Health (Scotland) Act, Poor Law (Scotland) Act, and Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, 1875 to 1896.

20. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 2,811, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Household of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yeas, } 213.
Mr. Anstruther : 
Tellers for the (Captain Donelan, Mr. Patrick O'Brien : } 81.

21. £ 63,345, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Agriculture and other Industries and Technical Instruction for Ireland, and of the Services administered by that Department, including sundry Grants in Aid.

22. £ 1,000, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland.

23. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 8,117, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Public Record Office in Dublin, and of the Keeper of State Papers in Dublin;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yeas, } 231.
Mr. Anstruther : 
Tellers for the (Captain Donelan, Noes, } 61.
Mr. Patrick O'Brien : 

24. £ 20,682, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Public Works in Ireland.

25. £ 8,814, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of the Registrar General of Births, &c., and the Expenses of Collecting Emigration and other Statistics in Ireland.

26. £ 10,589, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the General Valuation and Boundary Survey of Ireland.

Class III.

27. £ 56,679, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Local Advocate's Department, and other Law Charges, and the Salaries and Expenses of the Courts of Law and Justice in Scotland.

28. £ 29,328, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Offices in Her Majesty's General Register House, Edinburgh.

29. £ 3,000, to complete the Sum for the Expenses of the Establishment of the Crofters Commission.

30. £ 50,684, to complete the Sum for the Expenses of the Prison Commissioners for Scotland, and of the Prisons under their control, including the Maintenance of Criminal Lunatics and the preparation of Judicial Statistics.

31. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 33,510, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for Criminal Prosecutions and other Law Charges in Ireland;

The Committee proceeded to a Division.

Friday, 3rd August, 1900:

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yeas, } 222.
Mr. Anstruther : 
Tellers for the (Captain Donelan, Noes, } 67.
Mr. Patrick O'Brien : 

32. £ 62,262, to complete the Sum for such of the Salaries and Expenses of the Supreme Court of Judicature and of certain other Legal Departments in Ireland as are not charged on the Consolidated Fund.

33. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 64,710, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for Criminal Prosecutions and other Law Charges in Ireland.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yeas, } 220.
Mr. Anstruther : 
Tellers for the (Captain Donelan, Noes, } 63.
Mr. Patrick O'Brien : 

34. £ 50,000, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Local Government Board for Scotland, and for Expenses under the Vaccination Act, Infectious Disease Notification Act, Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1894, Public Health (Scotland) Act, Poor Law (Scotland) Act, and Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, 1875 to 1896.

35. £ 8,908, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Local Government Board for Scotland, and for Expenses under the Vaccination Act, Infectious Disease Notification Act, Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1894, Public Health (Scotland) Act, Poor Law (Scotland) Act, and Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, 1875 to 1896.

36. £ 50,684, to complete the Sum for the Expenses of the Prison Commissioners for Scotland, and of the Prisons under their control, including the Maintenance of Criminal Lunatics and the preparation of Judicial Statistics.
of March 1901, for the Expenses of the Royal Constabulary; the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Expenses of the Royal Irish Constabulary.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], 199.
Tellers for the [Captain Dawson], 172.

36. £7,443, to complete the Sum for the Expenses of the General Prisons Board in Ireland, and of the Prisons under their control, and for the Registration of Habitual Criminals.

37. £2,906, to complete the Sum for the Maintenance of Criminal Lunatics in the Dundrum Criminal Lunatic Asylum, Ireland.

Class IV.

38. £690,318, to complete the Sum for Public Education in Scotland, and for Science and Art in Scotland.

39. £2,000, to complete the Sum for a Grant to the Board of Trustees for Manufactures in Scotland, in aid of the maintenance of the National Gallery, School of Art, and Museum of Antiquities, Scotland.

40. £5,153, to complete the Sum for the Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners for managing certain School Endowments in Ireland.

41. £1,079, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Gallery of Ireland, including a Grant in Aid for the purchase of Pictures.

42. £2,630, to complete the Sum for a Grant in Aid of the Expenses of the Queen's Colleges in Ireland.

Class V.

43. £200,000, Supplementary Sum for sundry Colonial Services, including certain Grants in Aid.

Class VI.

44. £468, to complete the Sum for Hospitals and Infirmaries, and certain Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allowances in Ireland, including sundry Grants in Aid.

Class VII.

45. £4,191, for the Repayment to the Civil Contingencies Fund of certain Miscellaneous Advances.

46. £37,030, for a Contribution to the Local Taxation (Ireland) Account.

Army Estimates, 1900-1901.

47. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £2,750,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Salaries and Miscellaneous Charges of the War Office, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], 198.
Tellers for the [Mr. Asquith], 172.
Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Lewis], 52.

48. £204,000, for the Ordnance Factories (the cost of the Productions of which will be charged to the Army, Navy, and Indian and Colonial Governments), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901.

Resolutions to be reported.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, the Sum of £95,234,796 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Louther reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved Supplemental the Report into a Committee on the Supplemental War Loan Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses, No. 1 and No. 2, agreed to Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Louther reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Mr. Halsbury reported from the Committee on Navy and Army Expenditure, 1898-9, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—

(a.) That the Gross Expenditure for certain Navy Services exceeded the Estimate of such Expenditure by a Total Sum of £637,518 8s. 3d., as shown in Column No. 1 of the Schedule hereto appended; while the Gross Expenditure for other Navy Services fell short of the Estimate of such Expenditure by a Total Sum of £925,060 9s. 6d., as shown in Column No. 2 of the said appended Schedule, so that the Gross Actual Expenditure for the whole of the Navy Services fell short of the Gross Estimated Expenditure by the Net Sum of £188,463 1st 3d.;

(b.) That the Receipts in Aid of certain Navy Services fell short of the Estimate of such Receipts by a Total Sum of £6,853 13s. 5d., as shown in Column No. 3 of the said appended Schedule, while the Receipts in Aid of other Navy Services exceeded the Estimate of such Receipts by a Total Sum of £55,914 3s. 3d., as shown in Column No. 4 of the said appended Schedule; so that the Total Actual Receipts in Aid of the Grants for Navy Services exceeded the Total Estimated Receipts by the Net Sum of £59,060 9s. 10d.;

(c.) That the resulting Differences between the Exchequer Grants for Navy Services and the Net Expenditure are as follows, viz.:—

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The House resumed the Adjourned Debate on the Motion for Leave to bring in a Bill for the War Loan. The House, according to Order, resolved the War Loan Bill.
That the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application, in reduction of the Net Charge on Exchequer Grants for certain Navy Services, of the whole of the Sums received in excess of the estimated Appropriations in Aid, in respect of the same Services, and have also temporarily authorised the application of so much of the said Total Surpluses on certain Grants for Navy Services as is necessary to cover the said Total Deficits on other Grants for Navy Services.

1. That the Application of such Sums be sanctioned.

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That it appears by the Army Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1899 (as corrected by the Second Report of the Committee of Public Accounts of the present Session); and the Statement appended thereto, as follows, viz.:-

(a.) That the Gross Expenditure for certain Army Services exceeded the Estimate of such Expenditure by a Total Sum of £ 268,594 1a. 9d., as shown in Column No. 1 of the Schedule hereto appended; while the Gross Expenditure for other Army Services fell short of the Estimate of such Expenditure by a Total Sum of £ 100,615 14s. 2d., as shown in Column No. 2 of the said appended Schedule; so that the Gross Expenditure for the whole of the Army Services exceeded the Gross Estimated Expenditure by the Net Sum of £ 167,978 7s. 7d.;

(b.) That the Receipts in Aid of certain Army Services fell short of the Estimate of such Receipts by a Total Sum of £ 48,858 14s. 6d., as shown in Column No. 3 of the said appended Schedule; while the Receipts in Aid of other

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The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Housing of the Working Classes Act (1890) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

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The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Prohibition of Exportation of Arms Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Fifth of the Resolutions which, upon the 16th day of July last, was reported from the Committee of Supply; and which Resolution was then deferred;

Ordered, That the said Resolution be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply; Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply; Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Tramways (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Members of Local Authorities Relief Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses, No 1 to No 3, agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 16th day of July last, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then five minutes after One of the clock, till this day.

Friday, 3rd August, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Prayers.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bray and Enniskerry Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bray and Enniskerry Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Christchurch and Rye-mouth Tramways Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bray and Enniskerry Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

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The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bray and Enniskerry Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bray and Enniskerry Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.
by the Lords to the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Plymouth, Stonehouse, and Devonport Tramways Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Plymouth, Stonehouse, and Devonport Tramways Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Scarborough Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Scarborough Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Scarborough Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Scarborough Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

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The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Scarborough Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

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The Fraser Settled Chattels Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That, in case of the Bexhill and Rotherfield Railway Bill, Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, and 239 be suspended, and that the Bill be now taken into consideration, provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Ordered, That, in the case of the Sunderland Corporation Bill, Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, and 239 be suspended, and that the Bill be now taken into consideration, provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Return relative to County Council Council Scholarships, which was presented upon the 2nd day of this instant August, be printed. No. 335.

Mr. Wynnham presented, by Her Majesty's Army (Militia Command,—Copy of Regulations for the Competitive Examination of Militia Candidates for Commissions in the Army in September next.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Customs, Command,—Copy of Forty-fourth Report of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Customs for the year ended 31st March 1900.

Mr. Hanbury also presented,—Return to an Revenue and Order, dated the 2nd day of April last, for a Return relative to Revenue and Expenditure (England, Scotland, and Ireland).

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Return, for the year ended 31st March 1900, of the Army and Navy Officers permitted, under Rule 2 of the Regulation drawn up under Section 6 of “The Superannuation Act, 1857,” to hold Civil Employment of Profit under Public Departments.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Returns and the Paper relative to Superannuation Act, 1857, be printed.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Com-Shipping mandate,—Copy of Abstracts of the Returns made to the Board of Trade of Shipping Casualties, and of Lives saved at Sea; also of Shipping Casualties, and of Lives saved at Sea and Harbours of the United Kingdom, which occurred on or near the Coasts or in Rivers and Harbours of the United Kingdom from the 1st July 1898 to the 30th June 1899; also of the Returns made to the Board of Trade during the year 1898—99 of Shipping Casualties which occurred to British Vessels elsewhere than on or near the Coasts or in Rivers and Harbours of the United Kingdom; and to Foreign Vessels on or near the Coasts or in Rivers and Harbours of British Possessions Abroad; with Particulars of Lives lost by such Casualties, and of Lives saved at Sea; also of the Returns made during the year 1898—99 of the Lives lost among British Vessels by Accidents other than Casualties to the Vessels and by Disease, &c.; together with Abstract of the Official Inquiries in the United Kingdom into the Causes of Shipping Casualties held by Order of the Board of Trade during the year 1898—99, and of the Official Inquiries Abroad instituted by Consular and Colonial Officers, and others into the Causes of Shipping Casualties, of which the Reports were received at the Board of Trade during the year 1898—99, and of other Investigations at Home and Abroad which affected the Certificate of Masters and Officers in the Mercantile Marine, with Charts and Appendices.

Copy of Returns of Accidents and Casualties Railway as reported to the Board of Trade by the several Railway Companies in the United Kingdom during the three months ending 31st March 1900, together with Reports of the Inspecting Officers and Sub-Inspectors of the Railway Department to the Board of Trade upon certain Accidents which were inquired into.

Returns of Accidents and Casualties Railway as reported to the Board of Trade by the several Railway Companies in the United Kingdom during the three months ending 31st March 1900, together with Returns of the Inspecting Officers and Sub-Inspectors of the Railway Department to the Board of Trade upon certain Accidents which were inquired into.

Mr. Hanbury also presented,—Return to an Revenue and Order, dated the 2nd day of April last, for a Return relative to Revenue and Expenditure (England, Scotland, and Ireland).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Return to an Order, dated the 29th day of March last, for a Return relative to Imperial Revenue (Collection and Expenditure) (Great Britain and Ireland).

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during the Six Months ending 30th June 1900, together with Reports of the Inspecting Officers and Sub-Inspectors of the Railway Department, to the Board of Trade upon certain Accidents which were inquired into.

Copy of General Report of the Board of Trade upon the Accidents which have occurred on the Railways of the United Kingdom during the year 1899.

Copy of Report by the Chief Labour Correspondent of the Board of Trade on the Strikes and Lock-Outs of 1899, with Comparative Tables.

Copy of Report by the Chief Labour Correspondent of the Board of Trade on Standard Time Rates of Wages in the United Kingdom in 1899, with Comparative Tables.

Copy of Trade and Shipping of South-East Asia.

Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (England and Wales).

Sea Fisheries (England and Wales).

Trade and Shipping of South-East Asia.

Railway Accidents (General Reports).

Strikes and Lock-Outs.

Standard Time Rates of Wages.

Trade Reports (Annual Series).

Ordnance Survey.

Education (England and Wales).

Board of Education.

Financial Statement (1899-1901).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Goschen presented, by Her Majesty's Health, Command.—Copy of Statistical Report of the Health of the Navy for the year 1899.

Mr. Goschen also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Account of Deposits in Naval Savings Banks and the Payments thereof, and of Interest thereon, of all Investments under “The Naval Savings Banks Act, 1896,” and the application of the Interest and Dividends accruing in respect thereof; and of the Proceeds of any Sale of any Stocks, Annuities, or Securities during the Financial Year 1898–99.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Tables relating to the Revenue and Expenditure for 1900–1901, according to the latest Estimates.

Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Resolved, That this House, at the rising of the Adjournment, House this day, do adjourn till Monday next.—(Sir William Walrond.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Tea and Coffee, a Copy of Statement showing the Imports of Tea and Coffee into the principal Countries of Europe and into the United States, together with Statistical Tables relating thereto for recent years, as far as the particulars can be stated.— (Mr. Ritchie.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns from every County Court in England and Wales of the Total Number of Plaints, &c., entered in each Court from the 1st day of January to the 31st day of December 1899, both days inclusive, distinguishing those not exceeding £.20, those above £.20 and not exceeding £.50, and those above £.50; and of the Sittings of the County Courts in England and Wales held during the Six Months ending 30th June 1900, both days inclusive, distinguishing those not exceeding £.20, those above £.20 and not exceeding £.50, and those above £.50:—And, of the Sittings of the County Courts in England and Wales held before the Judges of such Courts in the year 1899 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 357, of Session 1899).(Mr. Jesse Collings.)

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Post Office Lords to the Post Office Sites Bill be now taken into consideration.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from Mr. Goschen had been brought from the Lords by the Lords, one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Intermediate Education (Ireland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Poor Relief (Ireland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Elementary School Teachers' Superannuation (Isle of Man) Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Financial Statement (1899–1901). No. 357.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Resolved, That this House, at the rising of the Adjournment, rise this day, do adjourn till Monday next.—(Sir William Walrond.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Tea and Coffee, a Copy of Statement showing the Imports of Tea and Coffee into the principal Countries of Europe and into the United States, together with Statistical Tables relating thereto for recent years, as far as the particulars can be stated.— (Mr. Ritchie.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns from every County Court in England and Wales of the Total Number of Plaints, &c., entered in each Court from the 1st day of January to the 31st day of December 1899, both days inclusive, distinguishing those not exceeding £.20, those above £.20 and not exceeding £.50, and those above £.50; and of the Sittings of the County Courts in England and Wales held during the Six Months ending 30th June 1900, both days inclusive, distinguishing those not exceeding £.20, those above £.20 and not exceeding £.50, and those above £.50:—And, of the Sittings of the County Courts in England and Wales held before the Judges of such Courts in the year 1899 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 357, of Session 1899).(Mr. Jesse Collings.)

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Post Office Lords to the Post Office Sites Bill be now taken into consideration.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

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The Lords have agreed to the Elementary School Teachers' Superannuation (Isle of Man) Bill, without any Amendment.
The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Sheffield Corporation Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Companies Bill, Lords to the Companies Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Land Registration Bill for the abolition of Tied Houses; And that Mr. Broadhurst, Sir John Brunner, Mr. Thomas Bagley, Mr. Herbert Lewis, and Mr. Hazell do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Land Registration Bill to improve the system of Registration of Wells relating to Heritable Property in Scotland; And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Anstruther do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Broadhurst presented a Bill for the abolition of Tied Houses; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented a Bill to Land Registrars to improve the system of Registration of Wells relating to Heritable Property in Scotland; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Sir Richard Jebb presented a Bill to declare the Law in regard to the reform of the Convocations of Canterbury and York, and to make provision for constituting Houses of Laymen in connection therewith; and for empowering the said Convocations and Houses of Laymen to sit together: And that Sir Richard Jebb, Sir William Anson, Viscount Cranborne, Mr. Crripps, Mr. Howeyd Johnstone, Sir John Kenaway, Mr. Talbot, and Mr. Lucas-Shadow do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Hanbury reported from the Committee of Supply, a Resolution; which were read, as follows:

Civil Service Estimates, 1900-1901. Class II. That a Sum, not exceeding £32,250, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum Office, necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, including a Grant in Aid of certain Expenses connected with Emigration. The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. Hanbury reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

Civil Service Estimates, 1900-1901. Class II. 1. That a Sum, not exceeding £25,501, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum Office, necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and
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and Expenses of the Department of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

Local Government Board.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £134,463, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Local Government Board.

Class I.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £22,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Local Government Board.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £22,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Local Government Board.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for Expenditure in respect of Miscellaneous Legal Buildings.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £16,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for Expenditure in respect of Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £18,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for constructing a New Harbour of Refuge at Peterhead.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £226,403, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for Rates and Contributions in lieu of Rates, &c., in respect of Government Property, and Rates on Houses occupied by Representatives of Foreign Powers, and for the Salaries and Expenses of the Rating of Government Property Department, and for a Contribution towards the Expence of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £132,685, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for payments under the Tramways and Public Companies (Ireland) Act, 1883, the Light Railways (Ireland) Acts, 1889 and 1893, the Tramways (Ireland) Act, 1895, and the Railways (Ireland) Act, 1890.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £55,487, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for payments under the Tramways and Public Companies (Ireland) Act, 1883, the Light Railways (Ireland) Acts, 1889 and 1893, the Tramways (Ireland) Act, 1895, and the Railways (Ireland) Act, 1890.

Class II.

10. That a Sum, not exceeding £4,297, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the House of Lords.

11. That a Sum, not exceeding £14,896, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the House of Commons.

12. That a Sum, not exceeding £86,407, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department and Subordinate Offices.

13. That a Sum, not exceeding £133,561, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Subordinate Departments.

14. That a Sum, not exceeding £34,018, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for Expenditure in respect of Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain.

15. That a Sum, not exceeding £5, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of certain Services transferred from the Mercantile Marine Fund.

16. That a Sum, not exceeding £18,439, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, and of the Office of Land Revenue Records and Inrolments.

17. That a Sum, not exceeding £33,040, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners for Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues.

18. That a Sum, not exceeding £25,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings.

19. That a Sum, not exceeding £6,608, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners for Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings.

20. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,811, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Lords Lieutenant of Ireland.
in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for Criminal Prosecutions and other Law Charges in Ireland.

32. That a Sum, not exceeding £62,285, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for Criminal Prosecutions and other Law Charges in Ireland.

33. That a Sum, not exceeding £64,710, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Supreme Court of Judicature and of certain other Governmental Departments in Ireland as are not charged on the Consolidated Fund.

34. That a Sum, not exceeding £56,150, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Law Charges of the Office of Public Works in Ireland.

35. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,739,408, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Expenses of the Royal Irish Constabulary.

36. That a Sum, not exceeding £74,443, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Gallery of Ireland.

37. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,906, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Maintenance of Criminal Lunatic Asylums in the Dundrum Criminal Lunatic Asylum, Ireland.

38. That a Sum, not exceeding £690,318, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for Public Education in Scotland, and for Science and Art in Scotland.

39. That a Sum, not exceeding £6,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Board of Trustees for Manufactures in Scotland in aid of the Maintenance of the National Gallery, School of Art, and Museum of Antiquities, Scotland.

40. That a Sum, not exceeding £516, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Gallery of Ireland, including
during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings; 

The House divided. 

The Yeas to the Right; 

The Noes to the Left. 

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, 

Yea, [Mr. Anstruther : ] 150. 

Tellers for the [Mr. Swift MacNeill, 


So it was resolved in the Affirmative. 

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Eighteenth Resolution, That a Sum, not exceeding £.3,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for sundry Colonial Services, including certain Grants in Aid. 

Class VI. 

44. That a Sum, not exceeding £.4,588, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for Hospitals and Infirmaries, and certain miscellaneous Charitable and other Allowances in Ireland, including sundry Grants in Aid. 

Class VII. 

45. That a Sum, not exceeding £.4,191, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the repayment to the Civil Contingencies Fund of certain Miscellaneous Advances. 

46. That a Sum, not exceeding £.37,030, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for sundry Colonial Services, including certain Grants in Aid. 

Civil Contingencies Fund. 

48. That a Sum, not exceeding £.25,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for sundry Colonial Services, including certain Grants in Aid. 

Local Taxation (Ireland) Account. 

Army Estimates, 1900-1901. 

47. That a Sum, not exceeding £.275,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Salaries and Miscellaneous Charges of the War Office, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901. 

48. That a Sum, not exceeding £.294,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Ordnance Factories (the cost of the Productions of which will be charged to the Army, Navy, and Colonial and Colonial Government), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901. 

The said Resolutions being read a second time, the first Nine Resolutions were agreed to. 

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Tenth Resolution, That a Sum, not exceeding £.2,297, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Offices of the House of Lords; 

The House divided. 

The Yeas to the Right; 

The Noes to the Left. 

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, 

Yea, [Mr. Anstruther : ] 126. 

Tellers for the [Sir Charles Dilke, 

Noes, [Mr. Gibson Boole, ] 66. 

So it was resolved in the Affirmative. 

Resolutions Eleven to Sixteen were agreed to. 

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Twenty-first Resolution, That a Sum, not exceeding £.33,040, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for sundry Colonial Services, including certain Grants in Aid.
mittee in the Forty-second Resolution, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 2,300, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for a Grant in Aid of the Expenses of the Queen's Colleges in Ireland.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, (Mr. Austruther : ]
Tellers for the [Mr. Swift MacNeill, Noes, (Mr. Patrick O'Brien : ]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolutions Forty-three to Forty-six were agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Forty-seventh Resolution, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 275,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Salaries and Miscellaneous Charges of the War Office, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, (Mr. Austruther : ]
Tellers for the [Mr. Ure, Noes, (Mr. McKenna : ]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Forty-eighth Resolution was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Fifth of the Resolutions which, upon the 18th day of July last, was reported from the Committee of Supply, and which Resolution was then deferred; and the same was again read, as followeth:

That a Sum, not exceeding £ 287,100, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Admiralty Office, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901.

And the said Resolution was agreed to.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House accordingly proceeded to take into consideration the Military Lands Bill, which was brought up, and read the first and second time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:

The House accordingly proceeded to take into consideration the Military Lands Bill, which was brought up, and read the first and second time, and amended; and made part of the Bill.

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Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:

The House accordingly proceeded to take into consideration the Military Lands Bill, which was brought up, and read the first and second time, and amended; and made part of the Bill.
Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Executors (Scotland) Bill be now taken into consideration.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendment into consideration; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Elementary Education Bill be now taken into consideration.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Naval Reserve Bill be now taken into consideration.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 16th day of July last, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then ten minutes before Eleven of the clock, till Monday next.

Monday, 6th August, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Kingscourt, Keady, and Armagh Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Hemel Hempstead Corporation (Water) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Morley Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railways Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

A Message was delivered by Captain Butler, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

ORDERED, That the House do now adjourn to meet on the 3rd day of September next, at Ten of the clock in the morning.
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40. Islington Corporation (Tramways, &c.) Act, 1900.
41. Thames Tunnel (Rotherhithe and Ratcliff) Act, 1900.
42. Safford Corporation Act, 1900.
43. Withington Urban District Council Act, 1900.
44. Sheffield Corporation Act, 1900.
46. Aberdeen Police and Improvement Act, 1900.
47. Baker Street and Waterloo Railway Act, 1899.
51. Croydon Corporation Act, 1900.
52. County of Cumberland (Bridges) Act, 1900.
53. County of Durham Electric Power Supply Company’s Act, 1900.
54. Exeter Corporation Act, 1900.
55. Farnworth Urban District Council Act, 1900.
56. Firth of Forth Railway (Abandonment) Act, 1900.
57. Lancaster Corporation Act, 1900.
58. London County Tramways Act, 1900.
59. Oldham Corporation Act, 1900.
60. Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation Act, 1900.
61. Market Weighton Drainage Act, 1900.
62. Metropolitan District Railway Act, 1900.
64. Rickmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water Act, 1900.
65. South Lancashire Tramways Act, 1900.
66. Warrington and Penyfform Gas Act, 1900.
67. West Bromwich Corporation Act, 1900.
68. West Ham Corporation Act, 1900.
69. Great Southern and Western and Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation Act, 1900.
70. Great Southern and Western and Waterford and Central Ireland Railway Companies Amalgamation Act, 1900.
71. Osserby and Peterborough Railway Act, 1900.
72. Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Act, 1900.
74. Merthyr, Trefechen, Rhondda and Dowlaislighting Railways (Abandonment) Act, 1900.
75. Hemel Hempstead Corporation Water Act, 1900.
76. Morley Corporation Act, 1900.
77. South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Companies Act, 1900.
78. Torquay, Paignton, and Brixham Railway Act, 1900.
79. Plymouth, Stonehouse, and Devonport Tramways Act, 1900.
80. Rockdale Corporation Act, 1900.
81. Scarborough Corporation Act, 1900.
82. Great Northern Railway (Ireland) Act, 1900.
83. Christchurch and Bournemouth Tramways Act, 1900.
84. Bray and Enniskerry Railway Act, 1900.
85. South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dock, Gas, Water, Electric Lighting, and other Companies; Tolts being given for England (exclusive of Monmouthshire), Wales (including Monmouthshire), Scotland, and Ireland, respectively (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 345, of Session 1892):—And, similar Return with regard to Provisional Orders.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 28th day of April 1899, for a Return of Expenses incurred in each year from 1892 to 1898 in Promoting and Opposing Private Bills before Parliament—

(a) by County Councils, Town Councils, and other Urban District Councils in England and Wales, and by the Corporation of London;
(b) by County Councils, Town Councils, or Burgh Commissioners in Scotland;
(c) by Urban Sanitary Authorities and Bodies of Town Commissioners not Urban Sanitary Authorities in Ireland;
(d) by Harbour, Navigation, Pier, and Port Authorities;
(e) by Railway, Canal, Tramway, Harbour, Dock, Gas, Water, Electric Lighting, and other Companies.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Public Petitions. Vide Supplement to the Ninth Report

Ordered, That the Account relative to Naval Savings Banks, which was presented upon the 3rd day of this instant August, be printed.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, Legislation dated the 28th day of April 1899, for a Return of Expenses incurred in each year from 1892 to 1898 in Promoting and Opposing Private Bills before Parliament—

(a) by County Councils, Town Councils, and other Urban District Councils in England and Wales, and by the Corporation of London;
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(e) by Railway, Canal, Tramway, Harbour, Dock, Gas, Water, Electric Lighting, and other Companies;

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated returns from the 2nd day of March last, for a Return relative to the Inebriates Act, 1898.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated returns from the 8th day of March last, for Returns relative to the Inebriates Act, 1898.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated returns from the 25th day of May last, for Returns relative to the Benevolent Act, 1898.
Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 5th day of July last, for Returns relative to Probation of First Offenders.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 6th day of July last, for Returns relative to Prison Officers (Pensions).

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 2nd day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Diocesan Registrars.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, a Return made by the Council of the Borough of Preston, redividing the Borough into convenient Polling Districts.

Copy of Licence under the Prevention of Crimes Act, 1871, granted by Her Majesty to Emily de Charante Lester, a Convict under detention in Aglabytown Prison, permitting the said Emily de Charante Lester to be at large on condition that she enter Saint Mary's Home, Wantage, Berkshire.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Returns be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return, according to the 46th Report of the Robertson General Court of Quarter Sessions, fixed by Chief Commission, Sub-Commissions, and Civil Bill Courts for First and Second Statutory Terms; together with a Return, prepared in a similar manner, of Judicial Rents that have been revised by the Land Commission on appeal as notified during the month of December 1899; also Rents fixed upon the Returns of Valuers appointed by the Irish Land Commission on the Joint Applications of Landlords and Tenants.

Copy of Report on the Banking, Railway, and Shipping Statistics of Ireland, for the half-year ended 30th June 1900.

Copy of Return under Section 7 of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887, of the Number of Eviction Notices filed in the High Court of Justice and County Courts in Ireland during the Quarter ended 30th September 1899.

Copy of Return under Section 7 of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887, of the Number of Eviction Notices filed in the High Court of Justice and County Courts in Ireland during the Quarter ended 31st December 1899.

Copy of Annual Report, with Appendices, of the Local Government Board for Ireland, being the Twenty-seventh Report under the Local Government Board (Ireland) Act, 35 & 36 Vict. c. 69, for the year ended 31st March 1900.

Copy of Tables showing the extent in Statute Acres and the Produce of the Crops for the Year 1900, with Tables showing the Average Yearly Extent under the principal Crops, and the Average Produce thereof in the Ten Years 1889-99; also, Bee-keeping Statistics for the Season 1899.

General Abstracts of Agricultural Statistics in Ireland, showing the Average under Crops, also the Number and Description of Live Stock in each County and Province, 1899-1900.

Copy of Report and Tables relating to Migratory Agricultural Labourers (Ireland), 1900.

Copy of Banking and Railway Statistics (Ireland) to 31st December 1900.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 3rd day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Tea and Coffee.

Ordered, That an Address Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed. VOL. 155.
The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Military Lands Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Local Government (Ireland) Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Tramways (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Colonial Stock into a Committee on the Colonial Stock Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1 (Amendment of 40 & 41 Vict. c. 59, s. 19, as to Colonial Stock).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1. 1.5, to leave out the word "purpose," in order to insert the words "purposes of section 2 of this Act and"

"(Mr. Caldwell),—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the word "purpose" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause, No. 2 (Power for trustees to invest in Colonial Stock, 56 & 57 Vict. c. 55).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1. 1. 21, at the end of the Clause to add the words "The Treasury shall keep a list of any Colonial Stocks in respect of which the provisions of this Act are for the time being complied with, and shall publish the list in such manner as they think fit."—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Proposed Amendment amended, by leaving out from the word "in," in l. 3 of the proposed Amendment, the word "and," and adding the words "the 'London Gazette' and in such manner as may give the public full information on the subject."

Words, as amended, added.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, No. 3, agreed to.

A Clause (Application of Act) (Mr. Caldwell)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Question, by leave, withdrawn.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Leather reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Supplemental War Loan Bill was, an amendment to Order, read the third time, and War Loan Bill passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for taking the Title Rent-into consideration the Amendment was made by the charge.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Amendments be now taken into consideration;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."—(Mr. T. P. O'Connor.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, ]

Yeas, [Mr. Austruther: ] 85.
Tellers for the [Mr. G. P. O'Conor, ]

Noes, [Mr. Swift MacNeill; ] 49.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put:
Ordered, That the said Amendments be now taken into consideration.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration; and the same were twice read, and, with an Amendment to one of them, agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships, with an Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Agricultural Holdings Bill.

Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 1, l. 24, being read a second time, were agreed to.

6. l. 24 (leave out sub-section (3), and insert "The principal Act is hereby repealed to the extent mentioned in the third column of the Schedule to this Act"), the next Amendment, being read a second time;

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment;

The House divided.

Then the subsequent Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Agricultural Holdings Bill.

Lords' Amendment, in p. 1, l. 12 (after the tenant," insert "Provided always, that in estimating the value of any such improvement, there shall not be taken into account, as part of the improvement made by the tenant, what is justly due to the inherent capabilities of the soil"), being read a second time:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, ]

Yeas, [Mr. Austruther: ] 96.
Tellers for the [Mr. Brynmor Jones, ]

Noes, [Mr. Ellis Griffith; ] 56.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

P. 6. l. 10 (leave out "exceeding one acre"), the next Amendment, being read a second time;

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, ]

Tellers for the [Mr. Soames, ]

Noes, [Captain Sinclair; ] 58.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the subsequent Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

And the postponed Amendment was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Agricultural Holdings Bill.

Lords' Amendment, in p. 1, l. 22 (after the word "now," insert "upon this day three months."—[Mr. Swift MacNeill.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, ]

Yeas, [Mr. Austruther: ] 127.
Tellers for the [Mr. Havelock Wilson, ]

Noes, [Mr. Havelock Wilson; ] 23.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put:
Ordered, That the said Amendments be now taken into consideration.—The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration.

Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 6, l. 18, being read a second time, were agreed to.
Tuesday, 7th August, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Treasurer of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of the 31st day of July last, relative to the Assassination of the King of Italy, had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer:—

I return you My most sincere thanks for your Loyal and Dutiful Address expressing sympathy with Me in the Great loss which I have sustained by the Death of My beloved Son, The Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha.

The assurance of your warm interest in all that concerns My Family, and the declaration of your cordial feelings towards both Myself and Them, are a source to Me of true gratification and comfort.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House, That their Address of the 31st day of July last, relative to the Death of H.R.H. the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, Duke of Edinburgh, K.G., had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer:—

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Mr. Chaplin presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 9th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Lunatics and Epileptics in Workhouses.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Earnings of Command,—Copy of Report by Mr. Wilson Fox on the Wages and Earnings of Agricultural Labourers in the United Kingdom, with Statistical Tables and Charts.

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The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of General Orders for the Regulation of Proceedings under and in pursuance of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899.

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Return to an Order, dated the 6th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Endowed Charities (County of Beckwash)."
The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Manchester Corporation Tramways Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords request that this House will be pleased to communicate to their Lordships a Copy of the Report from the Select Committee appointed by this House in the present Session of Parliament on War Office Contracts, together with the Proceedings of the Committee and Minutes of Evidence.

Ordered, That a Printed Copy of the said Report be communicated to the Lords, as desired by their Lordships: And that the Clerk do deliver the same.

Resolved, That this House do meet To-morrow, at Ten of the clock.—(Mr. Balfour.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Colonial Stock Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Application to Scotland)—(The Lord Advocate) was twice read; and made part of the Bill; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government (Ireland) Bill.

The Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 2, l. 23, being read a second time, were agreed to.

P. 2, l. 23 (leave out Clause 4), the next Amendment, being read a second time;—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment;—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;—The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yes:—Mr. William Walborn, 100. Mr. Anstruther.

Tellers for the Noes:—Mr. T. P. O'Connor, 59. Mr. Swift MacNeill.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative. And a Consequential Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships, with a consequent Amendment made to the Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Tramways (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) Bill.

(Clause No. 1 to No. 7, agreed to. Schedule agreed to. Bill to be reported.)

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Arthur O'Connor reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Resolved, That the Contract, dated the 1st day of June, 1900, entered into with the Pacific Mail Contract Steam Navigation Company for the conveyance of Mails between Liverpool and South and Central America and the Falkland Islands be approved.—(Mr. Hambury.)

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 16th day of July last, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then ten minutes before Six of the clock, till To-morrow.

Wednesday, 8th August, 1900.

The House met at Ten of the clock.

Prayers.

Ordered, That the Return relative to County Courts County Courts (Plaints and Sittings), which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Lunatic and Epileptics in Workhouses, which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Clergy (West (West Indies), which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant August, be printed.

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Ordered, No. 371.
Ordered, That the Return relative to Endowed Charities (County of Pembroke) No. 372.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Endowed Charities (County of Radnor) No. 373.

Patriotic Fund.

Mr. Wyndham presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Thirty-eighth Report of the Royal Commissioners of the Patriotic Fund.

Army (Military Works.)

Copy of Approximate Estimate of Expenditure under the Barracks Act, 1890, and Military Works Acts, 1897 and 1899 (in substitution of Command Paper 82, of Session 1900).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented,—Return to an Address from the House of Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Post Office Savings Bank Regulations, 1900.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Post Office Savings Bank Regulations.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Address from the House of Lords, and desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commissions read.

And the Question being proposed, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Parliamentary Papers.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—List of the Bills, Reports, Estimates, and Accounts and Papers printed by Order of the House, and of Papers presented by Command, Session 1900, with a General Alphabetical Index thereto, 26th Parliament, Seventh Session, 63 and 64 Vict., 30th January 1900 to 8th August 1900.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Endowed Charities (County of Pembroke) No. 372.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Endowed Charities (County of Radnor) No. 373.

Post Office Savings Bank Regulations.

Senators of Parliament (Service on Committees). No. 375.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:—An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."—(Mr. Urqu.

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put:—Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Message from the Lords.

Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill.

Colonial Stock Bill (Ireland).

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment Local Government made by this House to the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government (Ireland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords communicate Copy of Report from Copyright Bill the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships, and the Copyright (Artistic) Bill together with the Minutes of Evidence, Proceedings of the Committee, and Appendix, as desired by this House.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

A Message was delivered by Sir Michael Royal Assent.

Biddolph, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commissions, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, and for proroguing the present Parliament, desire the immediate attendance of all Members of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commissions read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and the Lords, thereby authorised, declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Supplemental War Loan Act, 1900.
2. Appropriation Act, 1900.
3. Elementary Education Act, 1900.
4. Exemptions (Scotland) Act, 1900.
5. Lunacy Board (Scotland) Salaries and Clerks Act, 1900.
8. Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1900.
10. Companies Act, 1900.
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And afterwards Her Majesty's Most Gracious Speech was delivered to both Houses of Parliament by the Lord High Chancellor (in pursuance of Her Majesty's Commands), as follow:—

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

My relations with the Powers of Europe and America continue to be friendly.

I have given My assent with sincere pleasure to the Act establishing the Commonwealth of Australia, which will weld together in close and indissoluble union the federating Colonies, and will add to the strength and resources of this portion of My Empire.

The war in South Africa, into which this Country has been forced by the aggressive action of the two Dutch Republics, has not yet reached its conclusion; but My armies have driven back the invaders beyond the frontiers they had crossed, and have occupied the two capitals of the enemy and much of his territory. The operations which have been conducted for this purpose have in many parts been marked by brilliant skill and success, and have placed in the strongest light the heroism and the high military qualities of the troops who have been brought together under My banner from this Country, from Canada, from Australasia, and from My South African possessions.
Believing that the continued political independence of the two Republics would be a constant danger to the peace of South Africa, I have authorised the annexation of the Orange Free State to My Empire. I trust that this will be the first step towards the union of races under institutions which, while establishing from the outset good and just government for all, may be in time developed so as to secure equal rights and privileges in My South African dominions.

The British and other Legations at Peking have been unexpectedly attacked by an insurgent mob, and it is feared that many of their inmates have been murdered. How far Chinese authorities were accomplices in this atrocious crime, and whether the British Minister and his family have been among the victims, are matters that are still in some uncertainty. The utmost efforts will be made by Myself and My Allies to visit with worthy punishment the authors of this unexampled crime.

I have sent a considerable force of British and Indian troops to assist in protecting the interests of Europeans in that country, and have largely reinforced My squadron in those waters.

I regret that a rising of the Ashanti and other tribes in the neighbourhood of Kumasi has made it necessary to despatch an expedition for the relief of that place, where the Governor of the Colony was besieged by overwhelming numbers. I have learned with satisfaction that My troops, which consist entirely of local levies under British officers, have effected the object of the expedition, in spite of the stubborn resistance of the insurgent tribes and the great difficulties of climate and season with which they have had to contend.

In My Indian dominions the failure of the rains last autumn has caused intense and protracted distress over a large part of the country. S trenuous and persistent endeavour has been made by My Governments to relieve suffering and prevent starvation. The self-denying efforts of My officers, and of the many private persons who have joined in the relief operations, deserve the highest commendation.

Though the fall of rain this season has been abnormally late, it is hoped that its volume may be sufficient to rapidly curtail the present area of distress, and restore to the people their previous means of livelihood.

The epidemic of plague continues, but the extent and virulence of the disease have decreased, and there has been a marked diminution in the mortality.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I thank you for the liberality with which you have responded to the unwonted demands I have been compelled to make on you. The satisfactory progress of the campaign in South Africa gives fair ground for hoping that the excessive requirements of Military expenditure will be soon abated.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

Though the time has not been favourable to legislation upon internal questions, I congratulate you on having added to the Statute Book several enactments which will be advantageous to industry and commerce. The passage of a measure for increasing the security of tenant-farmers in the value of their own improvements, and for extending the Law of compensation for accidents to the farm labourer, will have a beneficial influence upon agriculture. A valuable Bill has been passed with the object of preventing the accidents to which railway servants have been exposed in the performance of their duty.

The Bill for the regulation of Limited Companies, and for the discovery of fraud in the conduct of them, will supply a want that has long been keenly felt. The Bill that has been passed for regulating the business of money-lenders will also tend to check transactions of an oppressive and injurious character.

The measure you have passed for facilitating the erection of dwellings for the working classes will afford some assistance in the solution of a problem of which the difficulty appears to increase with every succeeding year.

The Ecclesiastical Assessments (Scotland) and the Tithe Rent-charge (Ireland) Acts will remove long-standing causes of friction and injustice. Measures have also been passed for augmenting our naval reserves, and for rendering our volunteer forces more available for purposes of home defence.

I pray that Almighty God may have you in His keeping, and that His blessing may be with you.

Then a Commission for proroguing the Parliament was read.

After which the Lord Chancellor said:

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

By virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, under the Great Seal, to us and other Lords directed, and now read, we do, in Her Majesty's Name, and in obedience to Her Commands, prorogue this Parliament to Saturday the twenty-seventh day of October next, to be then here held; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Saturday the twenty-seventh day of October next.
By The QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION,

For dissolving the present Parliament, and declaring the calling of another.

VICTORIA R.

WHEREAS We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, to dissolve, as from Tuesday the Twenty-fifth day of September instant, this present Parliament which stands prorogued to Saturday the Twenty-seventh day of October next: We do, for that End, publish this Our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby dissolve the said Parliament accordingly: And the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses, and the Commissioners for Shires and Burghs, of the House of Commons, are discharged from their Meeting and Attendance on the said Saturday the Twenty-seventh day of October next: And We being desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet Our People, and to have their Advice in Parliament, do hereby make known to all Our loving Subjects Our Royal Will and Pleasure to call a new Parliament: And do hereby further declare, that, with the Advice of Our Privy Council, We have given Order that Our Chancellor of that Part of Our United Kingdom, called Great Britain and Our Chancellor of Ireland do respectively, upon Notice thereof, on the said Tuesday the Twenty-fifth day of September instant issue out Writs, in due Form and according to Law, for calling a new Parliament: And We do hereby also, by this Our Royal Proclamation under Our Great Seal of Our United Kingdom, require Writs to be issued accordingly by Our said Chancellors respectively, for causing the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons who are to serve in the said Parliament to be duly returned to, and give their Attendance in, Our said Parliament on the First day of November next; which Writs are to be returnable in due course of Law.

Given at Our Court at Balmoral, this Seventeenth day of September, in the Year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred, and in the Sixty-fourth Year of Our Reign.

GOD save The QUEEN.

By The QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA R.

WHEREAS by Our Royal Proclamation of the Seventeenth day of September, One thousand nine hundred, dissolving the late Parliament, We did require Writs to be issued by Our Chancellor of that part of Our United Kingdom called Great Britain, and Our Chancellor of Ireland respectively for causing the Lords Spiritual and Commons who are to serve in the said Parliament to be duly returned to and give their attendance in Our said Parliament on the First day of November next, We, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, hereby issue Our Royal Proclamation, and publish and declare that the said Parliament be prorogued from the said First day of November next to which it now stands summoned to Monday the Tenth day of December, One thousand nine hundred, and the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses, and the Commissioners for Shires and Burghs of the House of Commons are discharged from their meeting and attendance on the said First day of November next.

Given at Our Court at Balmoral, this Eighteenth day of October, in the Year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred, and in the Sixty-fourth Year of Our Reign.

GOD save The QUEEN.

By The QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA R.

WHEREAS Our Parliament stands prorogued to Monday the Tenth day of December next: And whereas for divers weighty and urgent reasons it seems to Us expedient that Our said Parliament shall assemble and be held sooner than the said day, We do, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council hereby proclaim and give Notice of Our Royal intention and pleasure that Our said Parliament, notwithstanding the same now stands prorogued as hereinbefore mentioned to the said Tenth day of December next, shall assemble and be held for the despatch of divers urgent and important affairs on Monday the Third day of December next, and the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses and the Commissioners for Shires and Burghs of the House of Commons are hereby required and commanded to give their attendance accordingly at Westminster on the said Third day of December next.

Given at Our Court at Windsor, this Twenty-sixth day of November, in the Year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred, and in the Sixty-fourth Year of Our Reign.

GOD save The QUEEN.
The Parliament begun and held at the City of Westminster, on Monday the Third Day of December, in the Sixty-fourth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Victoria, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith; and in the Year of our Lord 1900.
3rd December. 1900.


And then the Lord Chancellor said,

My Lords, and Gentlemen, We have it in Command from Her Majesty to House-directed let you know, That as soon as the Members of to choose a both Houses shall be sworn, the causes of Her Majesty's calling this Parliament will be declared to you; and it being necessary a Speaker of the House of Commons should be first chosen, it is Her Majesty's pleasure, that you, Gentlemen of the House of Commons, repair to the place where you are to proceed, and on the advice of some proper person to be your Speaker; and that you present such person whom you shall so choose, here, To-morrow, at Twelve of clock, for Her Majesty's Royal approbation.

And the House having returned, the Right Honourable Sir James Ferguson, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), proposed to the House of their Speaker, The Right Honourable William Court Gully; and moved, "That the Right Honourable William Court Gully, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker;" which Motion was seconded by Dr. Farquharson.

The House then calling Mr. William Court Gully to the Chair, he stood up in his place, and expressed the sense he had of the honour proposed to him by the House, and submitted himself to the House.

The House then having again unanimously called Mr. William Court Gully to the Chair, he was taken out of his place by the said Sir James Ferguson and Dr. Farquharson, and conducted to the Chair; where, standing on the upper step, he returned his humble acknowledgments to the House for the great honour they had conferred upon him, and submitted himself again to be their Speaker.

And,
And, thereupon, he sat down in the Chair; and then the Mace (which before lay under the Table) was laid upon the Table.

Whereupon, Mr. Balfour and Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman congratulated Mr. Speaker elect.

Mr. Balfour moved, "That this House do now adjourn."

Mr. Speaker elect thereupon put the Question, which being agreed to, the House adjourned accordingly, at a quarter before Three of the clock, until To-morrow, and Mr. Speaker elect went away, without the Mace before him.

Tuesday, 4th December, 1900.

The House met at Twelve of the clock; and Mr. Speaker elect having taken the Chair;

A Message was delivered by Sir Michael Biddulph, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker elect, with the House, went up to the House of Peers, where he was presented to the said Lords Commissioners for Her Majesty's Royal approbation.

Then the Lord Chancellor, one of the said Lords Commissioners, signified Her Majesty's approbation of Mr. Speaker elect.

The House having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House had been in the House of Peers; where Her Majesty was pleased, by Her Commissioners, to approve of the choice the House had made of him to be their Speaker; and that he had in their name, and on their behalf, by humble Petition to Her Majesty, laid claim to their ancient and undoubted Rights and Privileges, particularly to freedom from arrest and all molestation to their Persons; to freedom of Speech in Debate; to free access to Her Majesty when occasion shall require; and that the most favorable construction should be put upon all their proceedings; which, he said, Her Majesty, by Her said Commissioners, had confirmed to them in as full and ample a manner as they have heretofore granted or allowed by Her Majesty, or any of Her Royal Predecessors.

And then Mr. Speaker repeated his most respectful acknowledgments to the House for the high honour they had done him.

Mr. Speaker then put the House in mind, that the first thing to be done was to take and subscribe the oath required by law.

Thereupon Mr. Speaker first alone, standing upon the upper step of the Chair, took and subscribed the Oath.

Then several Members took and subscribed the Oath, and a Member made and subscribed the Affirmation required by Law.

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Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers.

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Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a New Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Somerset (Western or Wellington Division), in the room of Captain Sir Alexander Fuller Acland-Hood, Bart., who, since his election for the said County, hath accepted the Office of Vice-Chamberlain of Her Majesty's Household. — (Sir William Walrond.)

Then several other Members took and subscribed the Oath, and several other Members made and subscribed the Affirmation required by Law.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, "That this House do now adjourn"—(Sir William Walrond)—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 1900.

THE HOUSE MET AT TWELVE OF THE CLOCK.

PRAYERS.

Members take the Oath, and make Affirmation.

A Message was delivered by Sir Michael Biddulph, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorized by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers.—And having returned:

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at half-an-hour after Three of the clock; and several other Members took and subscribed the Oath; and several other Members made and subscribed the Affirmation required by Law.

ORDERED, That all Members who are returned for two or more places in any part of the United Kingdom do make their Election for which of the places they will serve, within one week after it shall appear that there is no question upon the Return for that place; and, if anything shall come in question touching the Return or Election of any Member, he is to withdraw during the time the matter is in Debate; and that all Members returned upon double Returns do withdraw till their Returns are determined.

Resolved, That no Peer of the Realm, except such Peers of Ireland as shall, for the time being, be actually elected, and shall not have declined to serve, for any County, City, or Borough of Great Britain, hath any right to give his vote in the Election of any Member to serve in Parliament.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That it is a high infringement of the liberties and privileges of the Commons of the United Kingdom for any Lord of Parliament, or other Peer or Prelate, not being a Peer of Ireland at the time elected, and not having declined to serve for any County, City, or Borough of Great Britain, to concern himself in the Election of Members to serve for the Commons in Parliament, except only any Peer of Ireland, at such Elections in Great Britain respectively where such Peer shall appear as a Candidate, or by himself, or any others, be proposed to be elected; or for any Lord Lieutenant or Governor of any County to avail himself of any authority derived from his Commission, to influence the Election of any Member to serve for the Commons in Parliament—(Mr. Balfour);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "Kingdom" in line 2, to the word "for" in line 8—(Mr. James Lowther).

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided. The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, (Mr. Austruther;) 326,

Tellers for the [Mr. James Lowther, Nos, (Mr. Wharton;) 88,

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That it is a high infringement of the liberties and privileges of the Commons of the United Kingdom for any Lord of Parliament, or other Peer or Prelate, not being a Peer of Ireland at the time elected, and not having declined to serve for any County, City, or Borough of Great Britain, to concern himself in the Election of Members to serve for the Commons in Parliament, except only any Peer of Ireland, at such Elections in Great Britain respectively where such Peer shall appear as a Candidate, or by himself, or any others, be proposed to be elected; or for any Lord Lieutenant or Governor of any County to avail himself of any authority derived from his Commission, to influence the Election of any Member to serve for the Commons in Parliament;

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person hath been elected or returned a Member of this House, or endeavoured so to be, by Bribery, or any other corrupt practices, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against all such persons as shall have been wilfully concerned in such Bribery or other corrupt practices.

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person hath been tampering with any Witness, in respect of his evidence to be given to this House, or any Committee thereof, or directly or indirectly have endeavoured to deter or hinder any person from appearing or giving evidence, the same is declared to be a high crime or misdemeanor; and this House will proceed with the utmost severity against such offender.

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person hath given false evidence in any case before this House, or any Committee thereof, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against such offender.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Police Metropolitan of the Metropolis do take care, that, during the Police Session of Parliament, the passages through the
the Streets leading to this House be kept free and open, and that no obstruction be permitted to hinder the passage of Members to and from this House, and that no disorder be allowed in Westminster Hall, or in the passages leading to this House, during the Sitting of Parliament, and that there be no annoyance therein or thereabouts; and that the Sergeants-at-Arms attending this House do communicate this Order to the Commissioners aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by Mr. Speaker; and that he do appoint the printing thereof; and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

Ordered, That a Committee of Privileges be appointed.

A Bill for the more effectual preventing Clandestine Outlauries was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Journal of this House, from the end of the last Session to the end of the present Session, with an Index thereto, be printed.

Ordered, That 500 Copies of the said Journal and Index be printed by the appointment and under the direction of Archibald John Scott Milson, Esquire, c.n., the Clerk of this House, and Ordered, That the said Journal and Index be printed by such Person as shall be licensed under the direction of Archibald John Scott Milson, Esquire, c.n., the Clerk of this House.

The following Papers, presented by Command of Her Majesty during the Recess, were delivered to the Librarian of the House of Commons during the Recess, pursuant to the Standing Order of the 14th August 1898 —

Copy of Forty-second Annual Report of the General Board of Commissioners of Lunacy for Scotland.

Copy of Report on the Judicial Statistics of Scotland for the year 1899.

Copy of Statistical Abstract relating to British India from 1889-90 to 1898-99, Thirty-fourth Number.


Copy of Report on Sanitary Measures in India in 1898-99, Volume XXXII.

Copy of Returns, according to Provinces and Counties, of Judicial Rents fixed by Chief Commission, Sub-Commissions, and Civil Bill Courts for First and Second Statutory Terms, together with a Return prepared in a similar manner of Judicial Rents that have been revised by the Irish Land Commission under "The Land Law Acts," during the Month of March 1900; also, Returns fixed upon the Reports of Valuers appointed by the Irish Land Commission on the Joint Applications of Landlords and Tenants.

Copy of Returns, according to Provinces and Counties, of Judicial Rents fixed by Chief Commission, Sub-Commissions, and Civil Bill Courts for First and Second Statutory Terms, together with a Return prepared in a similar manner of Judicial Rents that have been revised during the Month of March 1900; also, Returns fixed upon the Reports of Valuers appointed by the Irish Land Commission on the Joint Applications of Landlords and Tenants.


Copy of Return of the Number of Evictions from Agricultural Holdings in Ireland which have come to the knowledge of the Constabulary, and also of the Number of the Tenancies determined in Ireland, in the Quarter ending 30th September 1900.

Copy of Return of the Number of Agrarian Outrages committed in Ireland which were reported to the Inspector General of the Royal Irish Constabulary during the Quarter ended 30th September 1900.

Copy of Report to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Home Department by Captain M. B. Lloyd, Her Majesty's Inspector of Explosives, on the circumstances attending the destruction by Explosion of a Press House at the Gunpowder Factory of Mears, Dickins, and Company, at Blackheath, Haverthwaite, Lancashire, on 26th May 1900.

Copy of Report by Major A. Cooper-Key, R.A., Explosions at the Gunpowder Factory of Mears, Dickins, and Company, at Blackheath, Haverthwaite, Lancashire, on 26th May 1900.

Copy of Report by Captain J. H. Thomson, R.A., Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Explosives, on the circumstances attending the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Home Department, on the circumstances attending an explosion of Picric Acid at the Factory of Mears, Reed, Holiday, and Sons, Limited, at Holdernessfield, on 30th May 1900.
Copy of Report by Captain J. H. Thomson, R.N., Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Explosives, to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Home Department, on the circumstances attending the Explosion of a Depression Cap, which occurred at the Factory of Messrs. Eley Brothers, Limited, at Gray's Inn Road, London, on 10th September 1900.

Copy of Report by Major A. Cooper-Key, R.A., Her Majesty's Inspector of Explosives, to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Home Department, on the circumstances attending two Explosions which occurred at the Ammunition Factory of Messrs. Eley Brothers, Limited, at Edmonton, on 14th July 1900.

Copy of Report of a Committee appointed by the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Home Department, to investigate and report on the causes and circumstances of an Explosion of Fire-damp, which took place at Cwm Dyfi, on 14th May 1900.

Copy of General Report and Statistics for the year 1899; Part II., Labour; General Report and Statistics relating to Persons employed and Accidents at Mines and Quarries in the United Kingdom, the Amount and Value of the Metals produced, and the Exports and Imports of Minerals.

Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee appointed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, to inquire into the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Police Magistrates and County Justices, respectively, in the Metropolitan Police Court District.

Copy of Report of the Commissioners of Prisons and the Directors of Convict Prisons, with Appendices, for the year ended 31st March 1899.

Copy of Minutes of Evidence taken before the Royal Commission on Local Taxation, Vol. V. (Ireland).

Copy of Report of the Commissioners of Police for the Metropolis, 1899.


Copy of Report of a Committee appointed by the Board of Trade to examine the claims and suggestions received for exemption from Light Dues, or for alteration of the existing Scale or Rules; I. Report.

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Commissioners, under the Light Railways Act, 1896, and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of Light Railways in the Yorkshire Dales (Kettlewell to Rylstone), the West Riding of the County of York, from Sinnington to Rosedale (Lastingham and Filey), and to Cambie Light Railway Order, 1896.

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Commissioners, under the Light Railways Act, 1896, and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of Light Railways in the County of Northampton, in the City of Peterborough and the Parishes of Walton and Peterborough Without, in the Rural District of Peterborough (Peterborough and District Light Railways Order, 1900).

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Commissioners, under the Light Railways Act, 1896, and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of Light Railways in the Boroughs of Walsall and Wednesbury and the Urban Districts of Walsall, Darlaston, Coley, and Bilston, in the County of Stafford (South Staffordshire Light Railway Order, 1900).

Copy of Agreement dated 21st July 1899, between Great Britain and Romania, for the introduction of Great Britain and Roumania, for a reduction of the Post Office Telegraph Rates with Romania.

Copy of Additional Articles to the detailed Telegraph Regulations of the 21st-31st of May 1872, and the Articles of the 7th-15th of December 1875, the 5th-24th November 1881, and 29th July-4th August 1899, for the carriage of Money Orders between Great Britain and Roumania, and the conversion of the 4th March 1872, relative to the exchange of Money Orders between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the Kingdom of Italy.

Copy of Reports, respecting Peterhead Harbour Works (in continuation of C. 201).

Copy of Report of the Meteorological Council Meteorology, to the Royal Society for the year ending 31st March 1900.

Copy of Correspondence relating to the South Africa.

Copy of Further Correspondence relating to South Africa.

Copy of Correspondence relating to the West Indies.

Copy of Reports of the Federated Malay States (Federated Malay States, pastry, effects).

Copy of Reports on the Settlements at Chulabhorn, in the Argentine Republic (in continuation of C. 862, February 1897).

Copy of Further Papers relating to Cost of Local Excise Restrictions on the Production of Spirits (Restrictions).
Spirits (West Indies) (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 3, of Session 2, 1899).

Copy of Report on the New Territory at Hong Kong.

Copy of Report, No. 14 (Bahamas, Notes on the Planting of Pita Plant (Agave Sisalana) and the extraction and preparation of the fibre).

Copies of Reports Nos. 294 (Barbadoes, Annual Report for 1899), 295 (Malta, Annual Report for 1899), 296 (Fiji, Annual Report for 1899), 297 (Turks and Caicos Islands, Annual Report for 1899), 298 (Bahamas, Annual Report for 1899), 299 (Sierra Leone, Annual Report for 1899), 300 (Ghana, Annual Report for 1899), 301 (Seychelles, Annual Report for 1899), 302 (Morritius and Rodrigues, Annual Report for 1899), 303 (Trinidad and Tobago, Annual Report for 1899), 304 (Straits Settlements, Annual Report for 1899), 305 (Gibraltar, Annual Report for 1899), 306 (Gold Coast, Annual Report for 1899), 307 (Ceylon, Annual Report for 1899).

Africa (Nos. 7, 1900.)

Copy of Report by the Managing-Victoria (Uganda) Railway Committee on the Progress of the Works, 1899-1900 (with a Map and Section).

Africa (Nos. 8, 1900.)

Copy of Maps illustrative of the Preliminary Report by Her Majesty’s Special Commissioner on the Protectorate of Uganda.

Treaty Series (Nos. 17, 1900.)


Treaty Series (Nos. 18, 1900.)


Treaty Series (No. 19, 1900.)


Treaty Series (Nos. 20, 1900.)


Treaty Series (Nos. 21, 1900.)

Copy of Agreement between the United Kingdom and Siam relative to Taxation on Land held or owned by British subjects in Siam, 29th September 1900.

Trade Marks (Foreign Countries) (Commercial, No. 4, 1900.)

Copy of Reports from Her Majesty’s Representatives Abroad on Trade Marks Laws and Regulations; Part II.

Trade Marks (Foreign Countries) (Commercial, No. 5, 1900.)

Copy of Summary of Information received from Her Majesty’s Consuls upon the docks and cargo arrangements in, the chief Ports of France and Northern Europe.

Trade Reports (Annual Series).

Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Nos. 2304 to 2339.

Trade Reports (Miscellaneous Series).

Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Nos. 535 to 542.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Powell Williams presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Estimate of the further Amount required in the year ending 31st March 1901, to meet additional Expenditure due to the War in South Africa and to Affaires in China.

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Copy of Return of Military Forces in South Army, Africa, 1899-1900.

Ordered, That the said Estimate and Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the said Estimate be printed.

Mr. Walter Long presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of two Orders, dated the 8th November 1899, entitled respectively the Liverpool (Birkenhead) Foreign Animals Wharf Revocation Order of 1899, and the Liverpool (Birkenhead) Foreign Animals Wharf Order of 1899.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, East India pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Returns of all Loans raised in England under the provisions of any Acts of Parliament, chargeable on the Revenues of India, outstanding at the commencement of the Half-year ended on the 30th September 1900, with the Rates of Interest and Total Amount payable thereon, and the Date of the Termination of each Loan, the Debt incurred thereby during the Half-year, the Moneys raised thereby during the Half-year, the Loans paid off or discharged during the Half-year, and the Loans outstanding at the close of the Half-year; stating, so far as the public convenience will allow, the Purpose or Service for which Moneys have been raised during the Half-year.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report by the Chief Labour Correspondent of the Board of Trade on Trade Unions in 1899, with Comparative Statistics for 1892-8.

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented,—Return Naval Estimates; and Paper relating to the new Territory at South Africa, 1899-1900, and the Liverpool (Birkenhead) Foreign Animals Wharf Order of 1899.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the Return relative to Naval Expenditure and Mercantile Marine (Great Britain, &c.) be printed.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain presented,—Return Post Office to an Order, dated the 7th day of September 1899, for a Return of the Amounts paid by the District Messengers and Theatre Ticket Company, Limited, to the Post Office, and of the Payments made by the Post Office to the Company, year by year from the commencement of their Licence.

Return to an Order, dated the 7th day of Post Office August in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return of the Receipts of the Post Office from the Telephone Service.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Treasury Minutes under the Superannuation Act, 1884, declaring that the under-mentioned persons were appointed to the offices set against their names without a Civil Service Certificate through inadvertence.
on the part of the Heads of their Departments, viz.—

**Charles Dennis**, Artificer, Royal Small Arms Factory, War Office Department, dated 15th November 1899;

**Thomas Spittle**, Turner, Royal Gun Factory, War Office Department, dated 14th November 1900;

**John Hales**, Postman, Stanmore, Post Office Department, dated 27th October 1900;

**Robert Black**, Rural Postman, Newton Stewart, Post Office Department, dated 3rd October 1900;

**Eliza Thomas**, Postmistress, Kidwelly, Post Office Department, dated 14th September 1900;

**Edmund Sterriker**, Rural Postman, Malton, Post Office Department, dated 15th August 1900;

**Copy of Treasury Minute**, dated 22nd August 1900, under the Superannuation Act, 1859, declaring that for the due and efficient discharge of the duties of the office of Assistant Inspector of Railways, Board of Trade, professional or other peculiar qualifications not ordinarily to be acquired in the public service are required.

**Copy of Treasury Minute**, dated 25th September 1900, under the Superannuation Act, 1859, declaring that for the due and efficient discharge of the duties of the office of Local Adviser to the Local Government Board for Scotland, professional or other peculiar qualifications not ordinarily to be acquired in the public service are required.

**Copy of Treasury Minute**, dated 7th November 1900, under the Superannuation Act, 1859, declaring that for the due and efficient discharge of the duties of the office of Junior Inspector, Scotch Education Department, professional or other peculiar qualifications not ordinarily to be acquired in the public service are required.

**Copy of Telegraph (Foreign Written Telegram Regulations)**, 1900, dated 10th October 1900.

**Copy of Return of the Amount of Notes issued more than Forty years which have not been written off on the 16th November 1900, from the present department.**

**Copy of Treasury Minute**, dated 26th November 1899, under the Weights and Measures Act, 1899, directing the Comptroller and Auditor General to examine and audit the Account of Fees taken in Ireland under Section 19 (2) of the Act.

**Copy of Order**, dated 6th September 1900, under detention in Aylesbury Prison, permitting her to be at large on condition that she enter the *Elizabeth Fry Refuge, Hackney*.

**Copy of Licence under the Penal Servitude Acts granted to Frederick Furness, a Convict under detention in Aylesbury Prison, permitting her to be at large on condition that she enter the *Elizabeth Fry Refuge, Hackney*.**

**Copy of Licence** to be at large under the Penal Servitude Acts granted to Joseph Drury, to which are annexed conditions other than those contained in Schedule A of the Penal Servitude Act, 1864.

**Copy of Order**, dated 6th September 1900, made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department in pursuance of Section 65 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1878, and Section 39 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1897, permitting the Warehouses in Factories or Workshops where Bright or Burnished Metal Goods are made to be treated as separate Factories or Workshops, as far as regards the period of employment of Children, Young Persons, and Women.

**Copy of Rules for Retreats licensed under the Inebriates Acts, 1879 to 1899, dated 18th October 1900, approved by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, in substitution for the Rules for Retreats of 10th August 1888.**

**Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.**

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland presented,—Bankruptcy Return to an Order, dated the 17th day of July, 1899, in the last Session of Parliament, for Returns of Bankruptcy Cases closed by each of the Official Assessors in Ireland for the year ended the 31st day of December 1899.

**Mr. Attorney General for Ireland also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Time Table of Intermediate Education in Ireland for 1891.**

**Copy of Amended Rules under the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899, for the execution of the Judicial Duties in the Fisheries (Ireland) Acts, 1842 to 1898.**

**Copy of Amended Rules under the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Scotland) Act, 1899, for the Administration of Loans under the Sea and Coast Fisheries Fund (Scotland) Act, 1884.**

**Copy of Order in Council, dated 15th August 1899, under "The Pharmacy Acts (Ireland)." Acts (Ireland), 1875 and 1890, approving of a Regulation made by the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland.**

**Copy of Four Orders in Council, dated 2nd winter Assizes November 1900, for holding Winter Assizes in Ireland.**

**Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.**

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—

**Copy of Ordinance No. 2 of the University Court of the University of Edinburgh under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889 (Foundation of the Sir William Fraser Chair of Ancient History and Palaeography).**

**Copy of a Licence to be at large, under the Penal Servitude Acts granted to Patrick Greenham, Irvine, to which are annexed conditions other than those contained in Schedule A of the Penal Servitude Act, 1864.**

**Copy of a Licence to be at large, under the Penal Servitude Acts granted to Charles Edmonds, to which are annexed conditions other than those contained in Schedule A of the Penal Servitude Act, 1864.**

**Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.**

Sir
Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Command.—Copy of Special Reports to the Board of Education on Educational Subjects, Vol. 4. Educational Systems of the Chief Colonies of the British Empire (Dominion of Canada, Newfoundland, West Indies).

Copy of Special Reports to the Board of Education on Educational Subjects, Vol. 5. Educational Systems of the Chief Colonies of the British Empire (Commonwealth of Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, New Zealand.

Copy of Special Reports to the Board of Education on Educational Subjects, Vol. 6. Preparatory Schools; their place in English Secondary Education.

Copy of Report to the Board of Education on Technical and Commercial Education in East Prussia, Poland, Galicia, Serbia, and Bohemia, by James Baker, F.R.G.S.

Sir John Gorst also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Saint John's College, Oxford, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on 9th December 1899, amending Statutes III. 1, III. 14, V. 4a, and XV. 2, of the Statutes of the College.

Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on 24th January 1900, amending Statute III. 16 of the Statutes of the College.

Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Exeter College, Oxford, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on 16th March 1900, amending Statutes II. and V. of the Statutes of that College.

Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Jesus College, Oxford, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on 16th March 1900, amending the Schedule to the Statutes of that College.

Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of New College, Oxford, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on 24th March 1900, amending Statute III. 1, Clause 18, of the Statutes of that College.

Copy of Seven Orders in Council, dated the 5th August 1900, under the Winter Assizes Acts, 1876 and 1877, relating to the ensuing Winter Assizes.

Copy of Order in Council of 7th August 1900, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, confirming new Bye-laws made by the Cardiff Pilot Board.

Copy of Order in Council of 12th November 1900, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, approving certain Bye-laws made by the Gloucester Pilotage Board.

Copy of Order in Council of 12th November 1900, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, approving certain Bye-laws made by the Clyde Pilot Board, relating to the Pilotage Fund of the Clyde Pilotage District.

Copy of Order in Council of 17th September 1900, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, making certain Rules concerning the Lights or Signals to be carried, and concerning the steps for avoiding Collisions to be taken by vessels navigating the River Mersey and the sea channels or approaches thereto, between the Rock Lighthouse and the furthest point seawards to which such sea channels or approaches respectively are for the time being bioved on both sides.

Copy of Order in Council of 17th September 1900, under the Dockyard Ports Regulation Act, 1866, amending an Order in Council of Vol. 155.

26th February 1897 relating to the Dockyard Port of Portsmouth.

Copy of Order in Council of 17th September 1900, under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, entitled the Cyprus Coinage Order in Council, 1900.

Copy of Minutes by the Board of Education sanctioning the Subjects to be taught under Clause 8 of the Technical Instruction Act, 1889, for the following Counties, &c.:

- County Borough of Saint Helens (Third Minute), dated 17th October 1900;
- City and County Borough of Birmingham (Sixth Minute), dated 17th October 1900;
- County of Essex (Third Minute), dated 17th October 1900;
- County of Wiltshire (Fifteenth Minute), dated 23rd October 1900.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House had sat at the House of Peers, at the desire of the Lords Commissioners appointed under the Great Seal for opening and holding this present Parliament, and that the Lord High Chancellor, being one of the said Commissioners, delivered Her Majesty's most gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament, in pursuance of Her Majesty's Commands; and of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a Copy; which he read to the House, as followeth:

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

It has become necessary to make further provision for the expenses incurred by the operation of My Armies in South Africa and China.

I have summoned you to hold a Special Session in order that you may give your sanction to the enactments required for this purpose. I will not enter upon other public matters requiring your attention until the ordinary meeting of Parliament in the Spring.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, the House agreed thereto; and then the House, having continued to sit till five minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.
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By-law an Abstract showing the nature of the Disabilities or Restrictions in question.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, during the Winter Sittings, no Motions for leave to bring in Bills be given except by a Minister of the Crown; that on every day Government Business do have precedence, and that at the conclusion thereof Mr. Speaker do adjourn the House without Question put; and that the provisions of Standing Order No. 56 be extended to all the days of the week—(Mr. Balfour);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in line 4, by leaving out the words from the word "precedence," to the word "and," in line 5.—(Mr. Dalziel);

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Yeas, (Sir William Walrond, Yeas, [Mr. Asquith] ;

(Tellers for the Mr. Dalziel, Nos, [Mr. Herbert Lewis] ;

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That, during the Winter Sittings, no Motions for leave to bring in Bills be given except by a Minister of the Crown; that on every day Government Business do have precedence, and that at the conclusion thereof Mr. Speaker do adjourn the House without Question put; and that the provisions of Standing Order No. 56 be extended to all the days of the week.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 4th day of this instant December, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as followeth:—

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament—(Mr. Gordon) ;

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding at the end thereof the words, "And we humbly represent to Your Majesty that it would conduce to the peace and security of the conquered territories, and to the future good relations of the European races in South Africa generally, if measures for securing the liberty and property of those now in arms who surrender, for the settlement of those territories, and for promoting the reconciliation and well-being of their inhabitants, were announced at the earliest possible date"—(Mr. Emmott);

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added, the said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Question being again proposed:—Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding at the end thereof the words, "And we humbly represent to Your Majesty that it is essential that more adequate measures, should be taken for the safeguarding of the vast commercial and political interests of

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of the British Empire in China; and we further humbly submit that no demand should be made on the Chinese Government for the punishment of Chinese officials which would not be equally imposed in the case of a European. Members made and subscribed the Affirmation required by Law.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

The Right Honourable St. John Fremantle Brodrick, Member for the County of Surrey (South Western or Guildford Division), was sworn.

Mr. Secretary Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Copy of Proclamations issued by Field Marshal Lord Roberts in South Africa.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Restrictions upon British Indian Subjects in British Colonies and Dependencies, which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant December, be printed.

Mr. Secretary Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Proclamations issued by Field Marshal Lord Roberts in South Africa.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Lord Cranborne presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Miscellaneous Series, No. 543.

Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, No. 2540.

Copy of Reports from Her Majesty's Minister in China respecting events in Peking.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Telegraph (Foreign Written Anglo-French Press Telegram) Regulations, 1900, dated 13th November 1900.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Further Return to an Order, dated the 14th day of February last, in the last Session of Parliament, for Vol. 155.
of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament—(Mr. Gordon);

And which Amendment was, at the end of the Question, to add the words "And we humbly represent to Your Majesty that it is essential that adequate measures should be taken for the safeguarding of the vast commercial and political interests of the British Empire in China; and we further humbly submit that no demand should be made on the Chinese Government for the punishment of Chinese officials which would not be equally imposed in the case of a European Power, and also that reparation should be sought in increased facilities to trade rather than by a money indemnity."—(Mr. Joseph Walton);

And the Question being again proposed, that those words be there added—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being again proposed;

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding at the end thereof the words "But we humbly express our regret at the advice given to Your Majesty by the Prime Minister in recommending the appointment of so many of his own family to offices in the Cabinet and Government, as being calculated to diminish the responsibility of Your Majesty's Ministers to Parliament and gravely to impair the efficiency of the public service."

—(Mr. Bartley.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there added—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right,

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Bartley],

Yea, [Mr. Schwezner] 128.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond],

Noes, [Mr. Asquith] 230.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being again proposed;

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding at the end thereof the words "And we humbly beg to represent to Your Majesty that Ministers of the Crown and Members of either House of Parliament holding subordinate office in any public Department ought to have no interest direct or indirect in any firm or company competing for contracts with the Crown, unless the nature and extent of such interest being first declared, Your Majesty shall have sanctioned the countenance thereof and when necessary shall have directed such precautions to be taken as may effectually prevent any suspicion of influence or favouritism in the allocation of such contracts."—(Mr. Lloyd-George.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

Tuesday, 11th December, 1900:

And the Main Question being again proposed:

Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put;"

And the Question being put, "That the Question be now put;"

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond],

Yea, [Mr. Asquith] 253.

Tellers for the [Mr. Samuel Smith],

Noes, [Mr. Channing] 106.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond],

Yea, [Mr. Asquith] 265.

Tellers for the [Mr. Timothy M. Healy],


So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as followeth:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council and Members of Her Majesty's Household.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, Supply resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

Ordered, That the Estimate presented to this House on the 6th instant be referred to the Committee of Supply.—(Mr. Austen Chamberlain.)

Resolved, That this House will, this day, Ways and Means resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.—(Mr. Austen Chamberlain.)

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 7th day of this instant December, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then half an hour after One of the clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 1, "Sittings of the House;"

I hereby adjourn to The Right Honourable Charles Beilby Stuart-Wortley, Mr. John Edward Ellis, Mr. Edward Blake, Mr. Arthur Frederick Jeffreys, and Mr. Henry Hobhouse, to act during this Session as temporary Chairmen of Committees when requested by the Chairman of Ways and Means.

WILLIAM COURT GULY,

Speaker.

10th December 1900.
Tuesday, 11th December, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Several Members took and subscribed the Oath.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Lancashire (North Lancashire, Blackpool Division), Writ.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ernest George Pertyman, Esquire, Member for the County of Suffolk (South Eastern or Woodbridge Division), was sworn.

Sir Alexander Fuller Acland-Hood, Baronet, Member for the County of Somerset (Western or Wellington Division), was sworn.

Viscount Cronborne presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, No. 2541.

Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Miscellaneous Series, No. 544.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies of any Correspondence between the Secretary of State for India in Council and the Treasury on the subject of the Report of the Royal Commission on Indian Expenditure. (Secretary Lord George Hamilton.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. James William Leecher, upon the Motion of Mr. Balfour, took the Chair as Chairman of Ways and Means.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £16,000,000, be granted to Her Majesty to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for Additional Expenditure, due to the War in South Africa and to Affairs in China, in respect of the following Army Services, viz.:—

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Question put: The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, | Sir William Walrond, Mr. Asquith |
Tellers for the Noes, | Mr. Cromer, Mr. John Burns |

3 Mr. 4 Mr.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Leecher reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received Tomorrow.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "the yearly loss shown " during the four years to the 31st day of De- cember 1899 on the trading of the Post Office Savings Bank, and the fact that on the 31st " day of December 1899 its balance sheet showed " an excess of liabilities over assets of £504,928 1s. 10d., demand the serious atten- tion of Her Majesty's Government, and " render it necessary that early steps should be " taken to place the Post Office Savings Bank " on a more satisfactory footing"—(Mr. Gibson Bowes),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(I n the Committee.)

Consolidated Fund.

1. Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, the Sum of £16,000,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Austen Chamberlain.)

Supplemental War Loan (No. 2).

2. Resolved, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the Thirty-first day of March Nineteen hundred and one, one Sums not exceeding Eleven Million Pounds may be raised (in addition to any Sums already authorised for the purpose) by all or any of the following methods:—

(a) by means of the issue of further War Stock or War Bonds under the War Loan Act, 1900; or
(b) by means of the issue of Treasury Bills; or
(c) by means of the issue of Exchequer Bonds; and that the principal of, and interest on, any money so raised be charged on the Consolidated Fund.

3. That all Expenses incurred in connection with raising the said Sums including any addi- tional remuneration to the Banks of England and Ireland, be charged on the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolutions to be reported.

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THE House met at Three of the clock.

Members took and subscribed the Oath.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Lancashire (North Lancashire, Blackpool Division), Writ.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ernest George Pertyman, Esquire, Member for the County of Suffolk (South Eastern or Woodbridge Division), was sworn.

Sir Alexander Fuller Acland-Hood, Baronet, Member for the County of Somerset (Western or Wellington Division), was sworn.

Viscount Cronborne presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, No. 2541.

Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Miscellaneous Series, No. 544.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies of any Correspondence between the Secretary of State for India in Council and the Treasury on the subject of the Report of the Royal Commission on Indian Expenditure. (Secretary Lord George Hamilton.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. James William Leecher, upon the Motion of Mr. Balfour, took the Chair as Chairman of Ways and Means.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £16,000,000, be granted to Her Majesty to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, for Additional Expenditure, due to the War in South Africa and to Affairs in China, in respect of the following Army Services, viz.:—

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Question put: The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, | Sir William Walrond, Mr. Asquith |
Tellers for the Noes, | Mr. Cromer, Mr. John Burns |

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The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "the yearly loss shown " during the four years to the 31st day of De- cember 1899 on the trading of the Post Office Savings Bank, and the fact that on the 31st " day of December 1899 its balance sheet showed " an excess of liabilities over assets of £504,928 1s. 10d., demand the serious atten- tion of Her Majesty's Government, and " render it necessary that early steps should be " taken to place the Post Office Savings Bank " on a more satisfactory footing"—(Mr. Gibson Bowes),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(I n the Committee.)

Consolidated Fund.

1. Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, the Sum of £16,000,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Austen Chamberlain.)

Supplemental War Loan (No. 2).

2. Resolved, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the Thirty-first day of March Nineteen hundred and one, one Sums not exceeding Eleven Million Pounds may be raised (in addition to any Sums already authorised for the purpose) by all or any of the following methods:—

(a) by means of the issue of further War Stock or War Bonds under the War Loan Act, 1900; or
(b) by means of the issue of Treasury Bills; or
(c) by means of the issue of Exchequer Bonds; and that the principal of, and interest on, any money so raised be charged on the Consolidated Fund.

3. That all Expenses incurred in connection with raising the said Sums including any addi- tional remuneration to the Banks of England and Ireland, be charged on the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolutions to be reported.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lothier reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received Tomorrow.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 7th day of this instant December, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then ten minutes before Twelve of the clock, till Tomorrow.

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**Wednesday, 12th December, 1900.**

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

**PRAYERS.**

Several Members took and subscribed the Oath.

This was read, as followeth:

Mr. Austen Chamberlain reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Consolidated Fund.

1. That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1901, the Sun of £16,000,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

2. That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the Thirty-first day of March Nineteen hundred and one, Sums not exceeding Eleven Million Pounds may be raised (in addition to any Sums already authorised to be raised for the purpose) by all or any of the following methods:

(a) by means of the issue of further War Stock or War Bonds under the War Loan Act, 1900; or

(b) by means of the issue of Treasury Bills; or

(c) by means of the issue of Exchequer Bonds:

and that the Principal of, and Interest on, any money so raised be charged on the Consolidated Fund.

3. That all Expenses incurred in connection with raising the said Sums, including any additional Remuneration to the Banks of England and Ireland, be charged on the Consolidated Fund.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution, being read a second time, the first Resolution was agreed to.

**Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Consolidated Fund.**

Mr. Austen Chamberlain reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Austen Chamberlain do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer accordingly ordered a Bill to apply a Sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending the Thirty-first day of March One thousand and one, Nine hundred and one, and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time Tomorrow; and to be printed.

Then the second and the third Resolutions were agreed to.

**Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Supplemental said Resolution: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Austen Chamberlain do prepare, and bring it in.**

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer accordingly presented a Bill to apply the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time Tomorrow; and to be printed.

Then the second and the third Resolutions were agreed to.

**Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Supplemental said Resolution: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Austen Chamberlain do prepare, and bring it in.**

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer accordingly presented a Bill to apply the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time Tomorrow; and to be printed.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 7th day of this instant December, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then twenty-five minutes before Five of the clock, till Tomorrow.
Thursday, 13th December, 1900.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

TWO Members took and subscribed the Oath.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Indian Expenditure (Royal Commission), which was presented upon the 12th day of this instant December, be printed.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Speech with which I have opened the present Parliament.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Monogram Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Ireland, (North Monogram Division) Member to serve in this present Parliament Warrant, for the County of Monaghan (North Monaghan), in the room of Daniel MacAeeese, Esquire, deceased.—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

A Public Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Walter Long presented, pursuant to the Local directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Government Orders made by the County Councils and County Borough Councils of various Counties in England and Wales under Sections 57 and 59 of the Local Government Act, 1888, and confirmed by the Local Government Board.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations for Examinations for the Civil Service of India.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Returns of Accidents and Casualties as reported to the Board of Trade by the several Railway Companies in the United Kingdom during the Nine Months ending 30th September 1900, together with Reports of the Inspecting Officers and Sub-Inspectors of the Railway Department upon certain Accidents which were inquired into.

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of all Deposits received and paid at Ports in the United Kingdom and Ports Abroad, from 1855 to 31st March 1900; also, Statement showing the Receipts and Payments in connection with the Transmission of Seamen’s Wages under the authority of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, during the year ended 20th November 1899, and of the Interest thereon. — Also, Statement showing the Number and Amount of Seamen’s Money Orders issued and paid at Ports in the United Kingdom and Ports Abroad, from 1855 to 31st March 1890; also, Statement showing the Receipts and Payments in connection with the Transmission of Seamen’s Wages, Home and Foreign, from 1878 to 31st March 1900.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Seamen’s Savings Banks (Money Orders and Transmission of Wages) be printed.

Sir John Gorst presented, pursuant to the Foreign directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Jurisdiction of Order in Council of 26th November 1900, under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, entitled “The Siam (Registration) Order in Council, 1900.”

Copy of Order in Council of 26th November Merchant 1900, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, fixing an increase of Salary for the Clerk in the Establishment of the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses.

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Copy of Order in Council of 26th November Newcastle 1900, under the Newcastle Chapter Act, 1884, Chapter Act, establishing two Residuary Caunicies in the Cathedral Church of Newcastle.
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Copy of Order in Council of 26th November 1900, under the Government of India Act, 1858, approving a Statement of proposed new and revised Appointments, alterations of Salaries, and abolition of appointment in the Establishment of the Secretary of State for India in Council.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of General Order for the Regulation of Proceedings under and in pursuance of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, amending General Orders Nos. 70 and 71 already issued.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return for (1) Account of the Net Moneys or Securities paid over or transferred to the Commissioners of the Royal Patriotic Fund on behalf of and for the Relief of the Families, or Near Dependents, of the Officers and Men of Her Majesty's Forces, including the Colonial Troops, who have lost their lives in, or in consequence of, the War operations in South Africa; (2) Schedule of the Widows, Children, or Near Dependents, or other Cestui-que-Trusts, ascertainable up to date, entitled to benefit under such Scheme, and the Amounts of the various Tenders.—(Mr. Cremer.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return for (1) Account of the Net Moneys or Securities paid over or transferred to the Commissioners of the Royal Patriotic Fund on behalf of and for the Relief of the Families, or Near Dependents, of the Officers and Men of Her Majesty's Forces, including the Colonial Troops, who have lost their lives in, or in consequence of, the War operations in South Africa; (2) Schedule of the Widows, Children, or Near Dependents, or other Cestui-que-Trusts. (Mr. Kearsley.)

Schedule of Beneficiaries.

| Name and Rank of Habitured, Father, or deceased. | Name of Widow. | Amount of Allowance or other Benefit. | Names and Dates of Births of Children. | Amount of Allowance or other Cestui-que-Trust. |

Resolved, That this House do meet To-morrow, at Ten of the clock.—(Mr. Balfour.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Supplemental War Loan (No. 2) Bill.

(Kind the Committee.)

Clauses, No. 1 and No. 2, agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lovett reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 13th day of this instant December, Mr. Austen Chamberlain introcketed, That the Contract, dated the 1st day of September 1900, under into with the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company for the conveyance of the West India Mails for the period from the 1st day of July 1900 to the 30th day of June 1905, be approved—Mr. Austen Chamberlain.)

And the Question being put;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the Contract, dated the 1st day of September 1900, entered into with the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company for the conveyance of the West India Mails for the period from the 1st day of July 1900 to the 30th day of June 1905, be approved.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 7th day of this instant December, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then a quarter of an hour before Five of the clock, till To-morrow.

House of Commons.

By virtue of an Act passed in the twenty-fourth year of the reign of his late Majesty King George the Third, intituled, "An Act to repeal so much of two Acts made in the tenth and fifteenth years of the reign of His present Majesty, as authorises the Speaker of the House of Commons to issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown for making out Writs for the Election of Members to serve in Parliament, in the manner therein mentioned, and for substituting other provisions for the like purpose.

I do hereby nominate, appoint, and authorise—

The Right Honourable John William Mellor, Speaker.

Sir John Edward Darington, Baronet, The Right Honourable James Alexander Campbell, Sir Thomas Henry Grettan-Esmone, Baronet,

Mr. Henry Hobhouse, and Mr. John Edward Ellis, being Members of the House of Commons, or any one or more of them, to execute all and singular the powers given to the Speaker of the House of Commons for the time being, for issuing Warrants to the Clerk of the Crown, in the cases as in the said Act specified.

Given under my hand and seal, this tenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred.

William Court Gully,

Speaker.

14th December 1900.
Saturday, 15th December, 1900.

The House met at Ten of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A MEMBER took and subscribed the Oath.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report No. 15 (Canada, Memorandum on the Legal Status of British North American Indians).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Ritchie presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made by the County Council of London dividing the East Division of Finchley into Polling Districts.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Further Return to an Order, dated the 2nd day of August 1894, for a Return comprising (1) the Reports made to the Charity Commissioners, in the result of an Inquiry held in every Parish wholly or partly within the Administrative County of London into Endowments subject to the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Acts, 1853 to 1891, and appropriated in whole or in part for the benefit of that County or of any part thereof, together with the Reports on those Endowments of the Commissioners for inquiring concerning Charities, 1818 to 1837; (2) a Digest showing in the case of each such Parish whether any, and, if any, what such Endowments are recorded in the Books of the Charity Commissioners in the Parish; and (3) an Index, alphabetically arranged, of Names and Places mentioned in the Reports.

Further Return to an Order, dated the 14th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return comprising (1) the Reports made to the Charity Commissioners, in the Result of an Inquiry held in every Parish wholly or partly within the County of Montgomery into Endowments, subject to the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Acts, 1818 to 1837; (2) a Digest, showing, in the case of each such Parish, whether any, and, if any, what such Endowments are recorded in the Books of the Charity Commissioners in the Parish; and (3) an Index, alphabetically arranged, of Names and Places mentioned in the Reports.

Ordered, That the said Return be printed.

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   (a) by means of the issue of further War Stock or War Bonds under the War Loan Act, 1900; or
   (b) by means of the issue of Treasury Bills; or
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