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Message to Attend His Majesty, by Sir Michael Biddulph, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,
The King commands this Honourable House to attend His Majesty immediately, in the House of Peers.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to attend His Majesty—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 a new Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in the Recess, this present Parliament, for Liverpool (West Derby Division), in the room of Samuel Wasse Higginbottom, Esquire, deceased.

And also 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 Liverpool (West Derby Division), in the room of Sir John George Smyth Kinloch, Baronet, who, since his election for the said County, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty’s Manor of Northstead, in the County of York.—

(Mr. Herbert Gladstone.)

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 Perth (Eastern Division), in the room of Sir John George Smyth Kinloch, Baronet, who, since his election for the said County, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty’s Manor of Northstead, in the County of York.—

(Charles Day Roe, Esquire, Member for New Members County of Cambridges (Eastern or Newmarket Division), 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 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...
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 any Lord Lieutenant or Governor of any County to avoid 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 Yeas.
Mr. Alexander Chalmers, 270.
Mr. Asquith, 68.
Tellers for the Noes.
Mr. James Lowther, 68.
Mr. Goschen, 68.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the Main Question being put;
Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person hath been, tampering with any Witness, wilfully concerned in such Bribery or other corrupt practices, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against all such persons as shall have been concerned therein, or in the passages leading to this House, or directly or indirectly from any person, from appearing or giving evidence, the same is declared to be a high crime and misdemeanor; and this House will proceed with the utmost severity against such offender.

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 from any person, from appearing or giving evidence, the same is declared to be a high crime and misdemeanor; and this House will proceed with the utmost severity against such offender.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Police of the Metropolis do take care that, during the Session of Parliament, the passages through 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 Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House do cause the Sergeant-at-Arms of any other House to execute this Order to the Commissioners aforesaid.

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

Ordered, That a Committee of Privileges be appointed.

A Bill for the more effectual preventing Outlaws, Clandestine Outlaws, was read the first time; Bill, 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 Sir Courtenay Perrigrine Elliot, K.C.B., G.C.B., 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 Royal Parliamentary Command 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 Reports to the Secretary of State for Home Affairs, 1883-1891; and "The Land Purchase Acts," during the Months of November and December 1902.

Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee appointed by the President of the Local Government Board to inquire into Workhouse Accounts, with Appendices.

Copy of Return of the Number of Evictions from Agricultural Holdings in Ireland, which (Ireland,) have come to the knowledge of the Constabulary, and also of the Number of Tonnage determined in the Quarter ending 31st December 1902.

Copy of Return of the Number of Evictions from Agricultural Holdings in Ireland, which (Ireland,) have come to the knowledge of the Constabulary, and also of the Number of Tonnage determined in the Quarter ending 31st December 1902.

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.
Justice, and County Courts in Ireland during the Quarter ended on the 31st December 1902.

Copy of Tables showing the extent in Statute Acres and the Produce of the Crops for the Year 1901, with Tables showing the Average Yearly Extent under the principal Crops, and the Average Produce of each in the Ten Years 1991 to 1901; also, Bee-keeping Statistics for the Season 1901.

Copy of Section II. of the Appendix to the Sixty-eighth Report of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland for the year 1901.

Copy of Tables relating to the Trade of British India with British Possessions and Foreign Countries for the five years 1897-8 to 1901-2.

Copy of Extracts from the Reports of His Majesty’s Diplomatic and Consular Officers Abroad, received during the year 1902 relating to particular Trades and Industries (Coal).

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 nine months ending 30th September 1902, together with Reports of the Inspecting Officers, Assistant Inspecting Officers, and Sub-Inspectors of the Railway Department to the Board of Trade upon certain Accidents which were inquired into.

Copy of Memorandum showing the Regulations existing in the principal European Countries and in Canada, the United States, and Japan, in regard to Certificates of Origin.

Copy of Report, Supplementary Report, and Minority Report of the Departmental Committee appointed by the Lord President of the Council to consider Schedule A to the Pharmacy Act 1868, to report the alterations therein which they deem expedient, and in regard to Certificates of Origin.

Copy of Minutes of Evidence taken by the Departmental Committee appointed by the Lord President of the Council to consider Schedule A to the Pharmacy Act, 1868, to report the alterations therein which they deem expedient, and whether a third part should be added thereto, with Copy of the Minutes appointing the Committee, and a List of Witnesses examined. Part I.

Copy of Evidence taken by the Departmental Committee appointed by the Lord President of the Council to consider Schedule A to the Pharmacy Act, 1868, to report the alterations therein which they deem expedient, and whether a third part should be added thereto, together with Appendices and Index to Evidence. Part II.

Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee appointed by the Board of Agriculture for the purpose of conducting experimental investigations with regard to the communicability of the infection of Glanders under certain conditions, and to the arresting and curative powers, if any, of Mallein repeatedly administered.

Copy of Thirteenth Report of the Commissioners appointed to carry out a Scheme of Colonisation in the Dominion of Canada of Crofters and Cottars from the Western Highlands and Islands of Scotland, with Appendices.

Copy of Correspondence relating to Greece.


Copy of Correspondence respecting Slavery and the Slave Trade in East Africa and the Islands of Zanzibar and Pemba (in continuation of Africa, No. 4, 1901).

Copy of Final Protocol between the Foreign Powers and China for the resumption of Friendly Relations. Signed at Peking, 7th September 1801 (with 19 Amendments).

Copy of Convention between the United Kingdom and Belgium regulating Telegraphic Communication between the United Kingdom and Belgium. Signed at Brussels, 21st November 1902.

Copy of Convention between the United Kingdom and France for the Exchange of Insured and Uninsured Parcels between France and the British Colony of Gold Coast. Signed at Paris, 22nd October 1902. Ratifications exchanged at Paris, 10th December 1902.

Copy of Convention signed at Washington, United States 24th January 1903, for the Adjustment of the (No. 1, 1903.) Boundary between the Dominion of Canada and the Territory of Alaska.

Copy of Correspondence respecting the Rising Afriq (No. 1, of Mullah Mohammed Abdullah in Somaliland) and consequent Military Operations, 1901-2 (in continuation of Africa, No. 3, 1902).

Copy of Despatch from His Majesty’s Minister Resignation with the Russian Government respecting the Interpretation of the Most-Favoured-Nation Clause in connection with Counterinsulating Duties (Commercial) on Bounty-fed Sugar.

Copy of that said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Viscount Crewe was presented, by His Majesty’s Command, — Copy of Correspondence respecting the Russian Government respecting the Interpretation of the Most-Favoured-Nation Clause in connection with Counterinsulating Duties (Commercial) on Bounty-fed Sugar.

Copy of that said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Aker-Douglas was presented, by Cremation His Majesty’s Command.—Copy of Report of the Secretary of State for the Home Department to prepare a Draft of the Regulations to be made by the Cremation Act, 1902.

Mr. Secretary Aker-Douglas also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copy of Order, dated 6th January 1903, made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, applying with modifications the provisions of Section 116 of the Factories and Workshop Act, 1901, to Factories and Workshops in which Wholesale Tailoring is carried on, and to Outworkers employed in Wholesale Tailoring, and the Occupiers and Contractors by whom they are employed.

Copy of Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, dated 4th February 1903, in pursuance of Section 9 of the Factories and Workshop Acts (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1901, determining what is sufficient and suitable accommodation in the way of sanitary convenience within the meaning of that section.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour was presented, — Return to an Address, ordered, dated the 26th day of November in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return of the Casualties to Seamen Buries in the British Mercantile Marine during the Five Years ending the 31st day of December 1901.

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Return to an Order, dated the 24th day of November in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return of Casualties to Steam Boilers used on Shore in the United Kingdom during the five Years ending the 31st day of December 1901.

Mr. Gerald Sargour also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Patents Rules, 1903, under the Patents Designs, and Trade Marks Acts, 1862 to 1902.

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

Mr. Henbury presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Order in Council transforming to the Board of Agriculture all the powers and duties which were conferred on the Commissioners of His Majesty’s Works and Public Buildings in respect of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, by or in pursuance of Section 22 of the Crown Lands Act, 1861, or the Parks Regulation Act, 1872.

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

Mr. Wyndham presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Return of Retirees in Ireland licensed under the Inebriates Acts, 1879 to 1899, dated 3rd February 1902, as approved by the Lord Lieutenant.

Copies of Two Orders in Council, dated 17th November 1902, giving effect to Rules of Court of the Supreme Court of Judicature Act (Ireland), 1877.

Copy of a Proclamation, dated 2nd February 1897, under the Criminal Law and Procedure (Ireland) Act, 1897, revoking the several Proclamations mentioned in the Schedule thereto.

Copy of Time Table of Intermediate Examinations in Ireland for 1903.

Copy of Additional Rule made by the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland varying the Rules and Programme of Examinations for 1903.

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

Mr. Hayes Fisher presented, by His 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 conferred under the powers and duties which were conferred on the Commissioners of His Majesty’s Works and Public Buildings in respect of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, by or in pursuance of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of the Annual Local Taxation Returns for the year ending 31st March 1902, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of Report of the Meteorological Council to the Royal Society for the year ending 31st March 1902.

Mr. Hayes Fisher also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital, in respect of Army Prize Money and Legacy Funds, &c., for the year ended 31st March 1902, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of Report to the Secretary for Scotland, on the provision of the University of Edinburgh, made by the University Court of the said University to the Secretary for Scotland in terms of the 30th Section of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, from 1st October 1901 to 30th September 1902.

Copy of Report on the State of the Finance of the University of the University of Edinburgh, made by the University Court of the said University to the Secretary for Scotland, on the provision of the University of Edinburgh, made by the University Court of the said University to the Secretary for Scotland in terms of the 30th Section of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, for the year ending 31st August 1902.

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University of Edinburgh No. 13.

Copy of Report as to Statistics by the University Court of the University of Edinburgh to the Secretary for Scotland under Section 30 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, for the Academic Year from 1st October 1901 to 30th September 1902.

University of Glasgow No. 14.

Copy of Annual Statistical Report by the University Court of the University of Glasgow, to the Secretary for Scotland, under Section 30 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, for the year 1901-2.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to Local Taxation (Scotland), the University of Aberdeen, the University of Edinburgh, and the University of Glasgow, be printed.

Gibraltar.

Mr. Arnold-Forster presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report on the proposed Eastern Harbour and Dock at Gibraltar (with Drawings).

Mr. Arnold-Forster also 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 ended 31st March 1902; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Greenwich Hospital and Travers' Foundation be printed.

Military Manoeuvres, 1908.

Mr. Secretary Brodrick presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Order in Council relative to Military Manoeuvres, 1908.

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

Lunacy.

The following Papers pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of Return to the Lord Chancellor, under 53 & 54 Geo. v., c. 139, 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 1892.

Copy of Return to the Lord Chancellor of all Sums received by the Visitors of Lunatic Asylums and Hospitals for Travelling Expenses, or upon any other account, from the 1st January to the 31st December 1892.

Copy of Rule under Section 89 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1888.

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House had, this day, attended His Majesty in the House of Peers, when His Majesty was pleased to make a most Gracious Speech from the Throne to both Houses of Parliament; of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a Copy, which he read to the House, as follows:

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

My relations with all the Foreign Powers continue to be friendly.

The blockade of Venezuela ports, rendered necessary by outrages on the British flag and wrongs inflicted on persons and property of British subjects by the Venezuelan Government, has led to negotiations for the adjustment of all the matters in dispute. I rejoice that a settlement has now been arrived at which has justified the blocking Powers in bringing all hostile naval operations to an immediate close. Papers on the subject have been laid before you.

Negotiations have taken place for the adjustment of the questions which have arisen with regard to the boundary between My possessions in North America and the territory of Alaska. A Treaty providing for the reference of these questions to an Arbitral Tribunal has been signed and ratified.

The condition of the European provinces of Turkey gives cause for serious anxiety. I have used my best efforts to impress upon the Sultan and his Ministers the urgent need for practical and well-considered measures of reform. The Governments of Austria-Hungary and Germany have had under their consideration what reforms it would be desirable that the Powers who were parties to the Treaty of Berlin should recommend to the Sultan for immediate adoption. I trust that the proposals made will prove to be sufficient for the purpose, and that I shall find it possible to give them My hearty support. Papers on the subject will be laid before you.

I regret that the efforts which My Government have been making to arrive at a joint delimitation with the Turkish Government of the boundaries of the tribes country adjoining Aden have hitherto failed to bring about a settlement. Negotiations upon this subject are being urgently pressed forward.

A body of My troops, including a small force of mounted infantry raised from the inhabitants of the Transvaal and Orange Free State, has been disembarked at Obia, in Italian Somalia, to operate against the Mullah Abdullah, and an advance inland is about to be made. The co-operation of the Italian Government in this undertaking has been most cordial, and I trust that, as a result of these operations, the tribes of both Protectorates may be secured from further molestation.

The progress of events in South Africa has been satisfactory. The visit of the Secretary of State for the Colonies to that portion of My dominions has already been productive of the happiest results; and the opportunity which it has provided for personal conferences with Lord Milner, with the Ministers of the self-governing Colonies, and with the representatives of all interests and opinions, has greatly contributed to the smooth adjustment of many difficult questions, and to the removal of many occasions of misunderstanding.

It has been found necessary to send an expedition to Kiao in consequence of the hostile action of the Emir of that place. My troops have successfully occupied his capital, and I trust that it will now become possible to proceed in safety with the delimitation of the boundary between My territory of Northern Nigeria and the adjoining possessions of the French Republic. Papers upon this subject will at once be presented.

My accession to the Imperial Crown of India has been proclaimed and celebrated in an assembly of unexampled splendour at Delhi. I there received from the (vocal) Princes and Chiefs, and from all classes of the peoples within My Indian dominions, gratifying marks of their loyalty and devotion to My Throne and family.

I am glad to be able to state that this imposing ceremony has coincided, in point of time, with the disappearance of drought and agricultural distress in Western India, and that the prospects of both agriculture and commerce throughout My Indian Empire are more encouraging and satisfactory than they have been for some years past.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

The Estimates for the coming year will be laid before you. Although they have been framed with due regard to economy, the needs...
Wednesday, 15th February, 1903.

The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His 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, authorizing the construction of a Light Railway in the Borough of Cheltenham, and in the Urban District of Charlton Kings (Cheltenham) and District Light Railways (Extension) Order, 1902.

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Light Railways Act, Commissioners, under the Light Railways Act, 1896, and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorizing the construction of Light Railways in the County of Wilts, from Amersham to Balford (Amersham and Military Camp Light Railway (Revised Extension) Order, 1903).

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Light Railways Act, Commissioners, under the Light Railways Act, 1896, and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorizing the construction of a Light Railway in the County of Cornwall, from Padstow to Tregurrian, in the Parish of Saint Mawgan (Padstow, Redruthan, and Menag Meneg Light Railway Order, 1903).

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Light Railways Act, Commission- Commissioners, under the Light Railways Act, 1896, and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorizing the construction of a Light Railway in the Municipal Borough of Twofold and the Urban District of Brandsome, in the County of Dorset (Park and District Light Railway Extension Order, 1902).

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Light Railways Act, Commissioners, under the Light Railways Act, 1896, and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorizing the construction of Light Railways in the Counties of Essex, in the Urban Districts of Walton-on-the-Hill, Loughton, and Chingford (Walton-on-the-Hill and District Light Railway Order, 1902).

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

Mr.
Mr. Wyndham presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Return of Copies of the several Descriptions of Qualifications, under the Militia Act, 1883, lodged with the Clerk of General Meetings of Lieutenancy in Ireland by Deputy Lieutenants during the year 1902, and furnished to the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

Copy of Amended General Regulations under the Locomotives on Highways Act, 1896, made by the Local Government Board for Ireland, dated 9th February 1903.

Copies of Two General Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland, dated 15th May 1902 and 17th December 1902 respectively.

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 Report by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons, under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, that they are of opinion that the Fifty Electric Power Company Order, Part III. of the Insomnia, Motality, and Wiebnes Tramways Order, the Life Association of Scotland Order, the Scottish American Mortgage Company, Limited, Order, the Lanarkshire and Dumfriesshire Railway Order, and Parts IV. and V. of the Glasgow Corporation (Police) Order ought to be dealt with by Private Bill and not by Provisional Order.

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

Mr. Homezor presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Five Orders, under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1893 and 1896, numbered respectively 6594, 6608, 6612, 6615, and 6616, relating to the Landing of Foreign Animals in Great Britain.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Five Orders, under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1893 and 1896, numbered respectively 6594, 6608, 6612, 6615, and 6616, relating to the Landing of Foreign Animals in Great Britain, was sworn.

Ordered, 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 for Motions for Tuesday 24th February, and Tuesday 3rd March, and Wednesday 25th February, and Wednesday 4th March, 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 on which the House sits at a convenient time and place, to be appointed by Mr. Speaker, and that the presentation of Bills on the fourth sitting day be taken as soon after Twelve o'clock as Mr. Speaker may deem convenient.—(Mr. Beecham.)

Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Return of Copies of the several Descriptions of Qualifications, under the Militia Act, 1883, lodged with the Clerk of General Meetings of Lieutenancy in Ireland by Deputy Lieutenants during the year 1902, and furnished to the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

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. Grotton); 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 Ma. Hosmg of "justy that the greatest hardships are inflicted on sanitation reforms and reformation of the working classes." To the words of the said Amendment were added the words "And many of Your working-class subjects by reason of the lack of proper housing accommodation, and that immediate Parliamentary action against this evil is one of the most pressing of the necessities of domestic policy"—(Dr. Macnamara);

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—Dr. Macnamara,

Mr. Keerley:

166.

Tellers for the—Sir Alexander Acland—Hood

Mr. Avodruke:

202.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being again proposed.—And a Debate arising thereupon; and, it being half-past Seven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned till this evening.

Evening Sitting.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming King's Speech the adjourned Debate on the Main Question pros. (Motion for an Address) was resumed upon the 17th day of this instant February, That an humble Address be presented to His 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. Grotton); 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 "in the name of "safeguarding and promotion of the commercial interests of the British Empire in China and Persia."—(Mr. Joseph Walton);

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

And, it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

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 Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

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

Mr. Homezor presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons, under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, that they are of opinion that the Fifty Electric Power Company Order, Part III. of the Insomnia, Motality, and Wiebnes Tramways Order, the Life Association of Scotland Order, the Scottish American Mortgage Company, Limited, Order, the Lanarkshire and Dumfriesshire Railway Order, and Parts IV. and V. of the Glasgow Corporation (Police) Order ought to be dealt with by Private Bill and not by Provisional Order.

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

Charles Curtis Craig, Esquire, Member for the County of Antrim (South Antrim Division), was sworn.

Ordered, 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 for Motions for Tuesday 24th February, and Tuesday 3rd March, and Wednesday 25th February, and Wednesday 4th March, 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 on which the House sits at a convenient time and place, to be appointed by Mr. Speaker, and that the presentation of Bills on the fourth sitting day be taken as soon after Twelve o'clock as Mr. Speaker may deem convenient.—(Mr. Beecham.)
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### Public Petitions

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

Sir William Asson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, copies of Order in Council, under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1899, of 16th February 1903, amending the Barotseland North Western Rhodesia Order in Council, 1899.

Copies of Orders in Council, under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1899, of 16th February 1903, and the Southern Rhodesia Order in Council, 1903.

Copy of Order in Council, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, of 16th February 1903, fixing the Establishment of the Corporation of the Trinity House.

Copy of Order in Council, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, of 16th February 1903, confirming Bye-laws made by the Pilots Board for the Port of Liverpool.
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Dockyard Ports Regulation Act, 1865, of 16th February 1903, defining the Dockyard Port of Portland and making regulations with respect thereto.

Copy of Order in Council, under the Dockyard Ports Regulation Act, 1865, of 16th February 1903, approving a Statement of proposed new and revised Appointments and Alterations of Salaries in the Establishment of the Secretary of State for India in Council.

Copy of Order in Council, under the Government of India Act, 1858, of 16th December 1902, approving a Statement of proposed new and revised Appointments and Alterations of Salaries in the Establishment of the Secretary of State for India in Council.

Copy of Order in Council, under the Colonial Probates Act, 1892, applying the Colonial Probates Act, 1892, to the Colony of the Transvaal.

Copy of Rule amending Rule No. 224 relating to the Kings of Prisoners in Saint Lucia.

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


Mr. Austen Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—An Account of the Gross Amount of all Moneys received and paid by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, on account of (1) the Fund for Military Savings Banks, pursuant to 22 & 23 Vic. c. 20, from the 19th September 1845 to the 5th January 1903. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Account of the Receipts and Payments of the Accountant General of the Supreme Court of Judicature in Ireland, under the terms in the said Act, including therein Funds to the credit of Lunacy Accounts, in the year ended the 31st day of March 1902; together with a Statement of Liabilities and Assets, and Particulars of Securities in Court, on the 30th day of September 1902.—(Mr. Hayes Fisher.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Accounts of the Civil Contingencies Fund, 1901-2, showing (1) the Receipts and Payments in connection with the Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 1902; (2) the Distribution of the Capital of the Fund at the commencement and close of the year; together with Copy of the Correspondence with the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.—(Mr. Hayes Fisher.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Report of the Director of the National Gallery for the year 1902, with Appendices.—(Mr. Hayes Fisher.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Aliens that arrived from the Continent at Ports in the United Kingdom in each month of the year 1902.—(Mr. Gerald Balfour.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Accounts relating to Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom for each month during the year 1903.—(Mr. Gerald Balfour.)

The Clerk at the Table informs the House of the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Ways and Means.

The Chairman of Ways and Means, Vol. 168.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Address in answer to His Majesty's Speech shall be postponed upon the 17th day of this instant February, that an humble Address be presented to His 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. Gretton); and

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

Another Amendment was put to be made to the Question, by adding at the end thereof the words "But we desire humbly to express our regret that Your Majesty's Advisers have not seen it to recommend the inclusion therein of such measure or measures as would have empowered the Government and Local Administrative Authorities to acquire land for cultivation, and to set up undertakings whereby men and women unable to find employment in the ordinary labour market might be profitably set to work."—(Mr. Keir Hardie);

And the Question being put, Those words be there added; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noses to the Left. Tellers for the (Mr. Keir Hardie), Mr. John Burns; Mr. Alexander Aaland; Sir, Mr. Amschuler; Tellers for the (Mr. Amschuler); 161. 201.

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 express our regret to the Directors of the London and Globe Finance Corporation. and that no prosecution has been instituted against those Directors of the London and Globe Finance Corporation;"—(Mr. Lambton).

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

And, it being half an hour after Seven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned till this evening.

Ending Sitting.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming King's Speech and adjourned Debate on the Main Question proposed upon the 17th day of this instant February, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, as followeth—

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Which Amendment was, at the end of the Question, to add the words "And we humbly express our regret that no prosecution has been instituted against the Directors of the London and Globe Finance Corporation."—(Mr. Lambton).
"London and Globe Finance Corporation"—
(Mr. Lambert)

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

And the Question being put:—The House divided.

The Yeas for the 

Mr. Lambert, 115.

Tellers for the 

Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, 146.

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

And, it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Friday, 20th February, 1903:
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 Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 4.]

Friday, 20th February, 1903.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Adjourned.

Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn till Monday next.—(Sir Alexander Acland-Hood.)

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant 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 Honorable William Edward Hartpole Lecky, who since his election for the said University, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Drogher, and Downham, in the County of Buckingham.—(Sir Alexander Acland-Hood.)

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

Mr. Haynes Fisher presented, Return to an Order, dated the 19th day of this instant February, for Returns relative to the Civil Contingencies Fund, 1901—2, No. 18.

Return to an Order, dated the 19th day of this instant February, for a Return relative to the Supreme Court of Judicature (Ireland), No. 19.

Return to an Order, dated the 19th day of this instant February, for a Return relative to the National Gallery (Report), No. 20.

Mr. Haynes Fisher also presented, pursuant to a resolution, directing several Acts of Parliament,—Account of the Moneys paid out of the Consolidated Fund, under the Acts 2 & 3 Will. 4, c. 121, and 6 & 7 Will. 4, c. 94, for Interest and Sinking Fund on that part of the Greek Loan which is guaranteed by this Country, under the authority of the said Acts, and of the Amount repaid by the Great Britain from the Contingencies Fund, 1901—2, No. 1, and 6 & 7 Will. 4, c. 94, for Interest and Sinking Fund thereof (Final Account).

(1.) An Account of the Gross Amount of all Moneys received and paid by the Commissioners for the reduction of the National Debt on account of Banks for Savings and Friendly Societies in Great Britain and Ireland, from their commencement at 6th August 1847 to the 20th November 1892. —(2.) An Account of the several Transactions which have taken place during the year ended 20th November 1902, in the Investment of all Moneys which came into the hands of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, for Savings Banks and Friendly Societies. —(3.) An Account showing the Aggregate Amounts of the Liabilities of the Government to the Trustees of Savings Banks and Friendly Societies respectively, on 20th November 1902, &c.

A appropriation Accounts of the Sums granted Civil Services by Parliament for Civil Services, Classes I. to V. the Revenue Departments (including the Post and Revenue Accounts) and the Revenue Departments, No. 23.

the National Debt (Savings Banks and Friendly Societies), No. 22.

for Returns relative to the Civil Contingencies Fund, 1901—2, No. 18.

and General Statements, for the year ended 31st March 1902, &c.

the Supreme Court of Judicature, No. 24.

the Times, No. 15.

The Adjourned Debate to be resumed this day, adjourned till this day.
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<td>Dr. Masamara, supported by Mr. John Bruns, Mr. Dillen, Mr. Charles Douglas, Mr. Emmett, Mr. Fenwick, Mr. Llloyd-George, Mr. Robson, Mr. Tennant, and Mr. Whitley, presented a Bill to provide for the separate Assessment and Rating of Land Values: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 27th day of March next; to be printed.</td>
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<th>Merchant Seamen (Lighthouse) Bill</th>
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<td>Mr. Charles M'Arthur, supported by Mr. Eslyn Cecil, Colonel Denay, Sir Francis Evans, Mr. Field, Sir William Hindmarsh, Sir John Lemp, Mr. Nicol, Mr. T. P. 0'Connor, Mr. Renswick, Sir Robert Roper, and Mr. Charles Wilson, presented a Bill to amend the Law with regard to Lighthouses, and to abolish Light Duties: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 27th day of April next; and to be printed.</td>
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<th>Licensing Law Amendment for Non-Renewal of Licences Bill</th>
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<td>Sir Gilbert Parker, supported by Mr. Butcher, Sir John Acland Fitzmaurice, Mr. Hibbs, Mr. Matthew White Ridley, Mr. Joseph Lee, Mr. MacArthur, Mr. Melville, Mr. Mellor, Mr. Melville, Mr. Scargill, Mr. Charles Shaw, and Sir John Harrington Simon, presented a Bill to amend the Law as to Marriage with a Decreed Wife's Sister: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 1st day of May next; and to be printed.</td>
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<td>Mr. Shackleton, supported by Mr. Boll, Mr. John Wilson (Durham), Mr. Broadhurst, Mr. William Abraham (Rhonda), Mr. Keir Hardie, Mr. Fenwick, Mr. Charles Dible, Mr. Jacoby, and Mr. Pickard, presented a Bill to legalise the peaceful conduct of Trade Disputes: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 8th day of May next; and to be printed.</td>
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<th>Insolvencies (Liability) Bill</th>
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<td>Sir Brompton Gordon, supported by Mr. Broadhurst, Mr. Crotty, Mr. Boultfield, Mr. Lepp, Mr. Steel, and Sir John Brunker, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Liability of Insolvency: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 8th day of March next; and to be printed.</td>
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<th>Railways (Construction) Bill</th>
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<td>Sir John Brunner, supported by Mr. Chowning, Mr. Alexander Cross, Sir Joseph Dimmick, Mr. Field, Sir Alfred Hickman, Mr. Charles M'Arthur, Sir William Toulmin, and Mr. Gre, presented a Bill to explain and amend Section Seventy-six of the Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, and to amend the Railway and Canal Traffic Acts, 1854 to 1888: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 8th day of May next; and to be printed.</td>
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<td>Mr. Markham, supported by Mr. Charles Dilke, Mr. Pickard, Mr. William Abraham (Rhonda), Mr. Thomas Bingley, Sir Walter Foster, Mr. Homes, Mr. Jones, Mr. Keir Hardie, Mr. Theodore Taggart, Mr. A. E. Rothermack, Mr. Herbert Lewis, presented a Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1887: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 15th day of May next; and to be printed.</td>
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| Mr. Remnant, supported by Mr. Goulding, Mr. A. Brandon, Mr. Morrisson, Mr. Bell, Mr. Forte Ridley, and Mr. Green, presented a Bill to provide Pensions for the Aged Deserving Poor: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 22nd day of May next; and to be printed. |

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<th>Mr. O'Donnell, supported by Mr. Cullinan and Consipacy Law Amendment Bill</th>
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<td>Mr. Patrick O'Brien, presented a Bill to amend the Conspiracy Laws: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 8th day of May next; and to be printed.</td>
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| Mr. Fenwick, supported by Sir William Allen, Mr. Johnson Wilson (Durham), Mr. Pickard, Mr. and Roillers Cameron, Mr. Lepp, and Mr. Jaccoby, presented a Bill to grant Certificates to persons in charge of Steam Engines and Boilers: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 27th day of March next; and to be printed. |

| Mr. Samuel Roberts, supported by Mr. Short, Mr. Wortley, Mr. Colley, Mr. Smith, Mr. O'Shaughnessy, Mr. Rothermack, and Mr. Remnant, presented a Bill to provide Compensation in certain cases of Non-Renewal of Licences to sell Intoxicating Liquors in Ireland on Saturdays, and for other purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 6th day of March next; and to be printed. |

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| Mr. Dillon, supported by Mr. William Red-Labourers Act, Mr. O'Shaughnessy, Mr. O'Shaughnessy, Mr. Lepp, Mr. Bond, Mr. Brunner Jones, and Mr. Perchard, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Liability of Foreign Shipowners for personal Injuries: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 20th day of March next; and to be printed. |

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| Mr. Beard, supported by Mr. John Stirling- Detention of Mr. Beard, supported by Mr. John Stirling, Mr. A. B. Maxwell, Mr. Charles Wilson, Mr. George Nevin, Mr. Flower, Mr. Joseph Law, Mr. Bell, Mr. Broadhurst, Mr. Morton, Major Evans-Gordon, Mr. Brunner Jones, and Mr. Harold Rosser, presented a Bill to extend the Powers of the Local Government Board for Scotland in regard to the Protection of Poor Persons in Poor Houses and Parish Hospitals: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 10th day of May next; and to be printed. |
Mr. Kelly O'Brien, supported by Mr. Field, Mr. Conder, and Mr. Condon, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Town Tenants in Ireland; and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 22nd day of May next; and to be printed.

Dr. Arbuckle, supported by Mr. Cheyne, Mr. Dillon, Mr. John Redmond, Mr. William Abraham (Cork), Captain Donelan, Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Mr. William O'Brien, and Mr. Reddy, presented a Bill to provide for the removal of certain Disabilities affecting Roman Catholics in Great Britain and Ireland; and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 12th day of June next; and to be printed.

Mr. O'Mara, supported by Mr. Dillon, Captain Donelan, Mr. Hugh Low, Mr. MacVicagh, and Mr. Roche, presented a Bill to amend the Jury Acts (Ireland): And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 26th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Parker Smith, supported by Mr. Baird, Mr. Bynn, Mr. Cameron Corbett, Mr. Charles Douglas, Sir John Lens, and Sir John Stirling-Maxwell, presented a Bill to amend the Education (Scotland) Acts: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 24th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Scott Montague, supported by Mr. Arthur Sanday, Mr. Ross, Colonel Saunders, Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Mr. Delany, and Mr. Michie, presented a Bill to provide for the authorisation of Racks with Light Locomotives in Ireland: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Helme, supported by Mr. Matthew White Fidley, Mr. Herbert Gladstone, and Mr. Stewart Worthy, presented a Bill to regulate the sale and use of Pistols or other Firearms: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 2nd day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Hugh Law, supported by Sir Thomas Emmonde, Mr. Wool, Mr. O'Mara, Sir James Heaslett, Mr. Jopling, and Mr. Thomas Lorrimer Corbett, presented a Bill to amend the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in Ireland: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 6th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. T. W. Russell, supported by Mr. Jordan, Mr. Thomas Lorrimer Corbett, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. John Gordon (South Londonderry), Mr. M'Govern, and Sir Thomas Emmonde, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Drunkenness and the Registration of Clubs in Ireland: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 3rd day of April next; and to be printed.

Sir Charles Dilke, supported by Mr. John Burns, Mr. Finner, Mr. Lloyd-George, Mr. Kenny, Mr. McCrean, Mr. Melville, Mr. Nannett, Sir John Barrington Simon, and Mr. Trevelyan, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Shops: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 6th day of March next; and to be printed.

Sir Charles Dilke, supported by Mr. Bell, Mr. John Burns, Mr. Keir Hardie, Mr. Abercrombie-Jones, Mr. Logan, Dr. Macnamara, Captain Norton, and Mr. Shackleton, presented a Bill to establish a Single Franchise at all Elections and thereby to abolish Majority Representation, and to remove the Disabilities of Women: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 6th day of March next; and to be printed.

Sir Charles Dilke, supported by Mr. Bell, presented a Bill to pro vide for the establishment of Wages Boards: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 6th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Hunter Cragg, supported by Mr. Gomme, Mr. Emmerson, Sir H. Wilson, Sir William Lord Veto Dunn, Mr. Eugene Wiseman, Mr. Robert Wallace, Mr. John Dees, Major Hope, and Mr. Farquharson, presented a Bill to give the Ratepayers a direct Veto on the Liquor Traffic in their respective Areas in Scotland: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 20th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Edward Strange, supported by Sir Samuel J. Bottomly, Mr. William Holland, Mr. Goddard, Sir William Brand, Sir Albert Rollit, Mr. Harry Ballard, Mr. Courtney Warner, Mr. Thomas Bagley, Mr. Yorrell, Mr. Higby, and Mr. Harry Brooke, presented a Bill to amend the Out-door Relief Friendly Societies Act, 1894: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Sir Albert Rollit, supported by Sir Henry O'Grady, Mr. Fowler, presented a Bill to extend the Jurisdiction of the County Courts: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Sir Albert Rollit, supported by Sir Henry O'Grady, Mr. Fowler, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Solicitors: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Parks, supported by Mr. Charles Wilson, Mr. Charles Wilson, Mr. Compton Pickard, Mr. M'spillar, Mr. Pengilly, Mr. Joseph Boyard, Mr. John Wilson, Mr. Hains, and Mr. Pickard, presented a Bill to prohibit the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 3rd day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Claxton, supported by Mr. Burt, Mr. O'Ahern, Mr. John Burns, Mr. John Wilson (Durham), Mr. Souter, Mr. Walter Foster, and Mr. Broadhurst, presented a Bill to provide Pensions for Persons over Sixty-five years of Age: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 22nd day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Claxton, supported by Mr. Bell, Mr. Corbet, Mr. John Burns, and Mr. Scobie, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Public Railways, in the case of Fatal Accidents on Railways: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 6th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Claxton, supported by Mr. John Rollson, Mr. Goddard, Mr. Corbet, Mr. Brigg, Mr. Broadhurst, Mr. Corbet, and Mr. Bell, presented a Bill to provide that no Prosecution under the Vaccination Acts shall be commenced without the authority of the Guardians: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 6th day of March next; and to be printed.

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The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 17th day of this instant February, was proposed to be made to the Main Question, proposed upon the 17th day of this instant February, That an humble Address be presented to His 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. Gretton);
The Amendment was, at the end of the Question, to add the words, "And we humbly represent to Your Majesty that 33 of the 56 Ministers of the Crown who constitute Your Majesty's Administration hold among them no fewer than 58 directorships in public companies, and that we consider the position of a Public Company Director to be incompatible with the position of a Minister of the Crown; and that we humbly to represent to Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament, that the union of such offices is calculated to lower the dignity of public life"—(Mr. Swift MacNeill);

And the Question being again proposed, That those words be there added;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, ordered to be printed;
The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Conston;
Yes, [Mr. Spencer: 98.
Tellers for the Noses, (Mr. Austruther: 158.
So it passed in the Negative.
And the Main Question being again proposed:
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 Monday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

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Monday, 23rd February, 1903.
The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Clerk at the Table informed the House The Chairman of the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Ways and Means.

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 cases, viz.:—

All Saints, Poplar (Rate Abolition).
Astrin, Dawn, Arnaugh, and Belfast Electric Power.
Aston Manor Improvement.
Bamper Corporation.
Bury Railway.
Belfast Water.
Birmingham Corporation.
Bournemouth Corporation Tramways.
Bournemouth Gas and Water.
Bradford Corporation.
Brighton Corporation.
Bristol Corporation.
British Gloriel Company (Newark).
Bury and District Joint Water Board.
Cardiff Railway.
Carmarthen—Electric Power.
Chard Corporation Gas and Electricity.
Chatham and District Light Railways.
Cleveland and Durham County Electric Power.
Darby Gas.
Didal, Necker, and Southampton Railway.
Dudley, Staffordshire, and District Tramways.
Exeter Corporation.
Exeter Railway.
Faversham.
Frensham—Sea Defences.
Harrogate Water.
Harrow and Sunmore Gas.
Hastings Harbour.
Hastings Harbour District Railway.
Hastings Harbour District Railway (Abandonment).
Hastings Tramways (Extensions).
Heaton Gas.
Hindu Robber, Guuta Percha, and Telegraph Works Company.
King's College, London.
Kneett End Railway (Extension of Time).
Orders not
Petitions [Lords].

Private Bill

viz.:

following cases,

Stanhope and District Electric Tramways.

-- (Mr. 101?1 London " 

A Petition of the City and South Lancashire Railways, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring further powers on the Breda River Steamboat Service, in its present form, was read, and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. James Lister and Mr. Kimber.

A Petition of the City and South London Railway Company to construct an extension of their Underground Railway to Brixton, in the County of London, and for transferring to that Company the Powers of the City and Brixton Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. James Lister and Mr. Kimber.

A Petition 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.:

1. Fife Electric Power Company.
2. Hamilton, Motherwell, and Wishaw Tramways (Part II).
3. Life Association of Scotland.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that He will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Certified Copies of the indentures, Conviction, and Sentence of the Court in the case of "The King against Arthur Alfred Lynch," tried in the King's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice on the 21st, 22nd, and 23rd days of January 1903, and of the Order of the Court giving effect to the conditional Pardon granted to the said Arthur Alfred Lynch, and a Certificate from the Governor of His Majesty's Prison at Brixton, that the said Arthur Alfred Lynch is held in custody by him in pursuance of the said Order. — (Sir Alexander Acland-Hood.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Post Office and Telegraphs, a Copy of Account showing the Gross Amount received and the Gross Amount expended in respect of the Telegraph Service, from the date of the transfer of the Telegraphs to the State to the 31st day of March 1902 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 57, of Session 1902). — (Mr. Austen Chamberlain.)

A Petition from the Board of Trade to the House of Commons, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring further powers on the Board of Trade, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. James Lister and Mr. Kimber.

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

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be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Bond, Mr. Albin Gibbs, and Mr. David McIvor.

Crystal Palace District Gas.

A Petition of the Crystal Palace District Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers upon the Crystal Palace District Gas Company with respect to the purchase and holding of Lands, and to alter the provisions of the Acts of the Company with respect to the illuminating power of Gas supplied by them, and to test the quality of the Gas, and 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. David Morgan and Mr. John Burns.

District Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to amalgamate the

Dublin A Petition of the Trustees of the

Area), for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Great Northern, and Brompton bring in a Bill to confer further Powers on the Great Northern Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. David Morgan and Mr. John Burns.

A Petition of the Trustees of the Dublin Improvement (Bull Alley Area) Scheme, for leave to bring in a Bill to inaugurate the Great Tram (Dublin) Fund with the Dublin Improvement (Bull Alley Area) Scheme; to vest the Property of the Trustees in the Trustees of the said Scheme; to change the name of such last-mentioned Trustees; to confer further Powers on them, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Field, Mr. Harrington, Mr. McCann, and Mr. Nannetti.

A Petition of the Trustees of the Dublin Improvement, (Bull Alley Area.)

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A Petition of the Urban District Council of

East Ham, in the County of Essex, for leave to bring in a Bill to alter the Standard of Gas to be charged by the Gas Light and Coke Company for Gas supplied; to alter the prescribed Illuminating Power and to make provisions with respect to the supply of Burners; to make provisions with respect to a Capital Redemption Fund, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. John Burns, Mr. Alan Gibbs, and Sir Joseph Donadee.

A Petition of the Urban District Council of

East Ham, in the County of Essex, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers upon the Urban District Council for the District of East Ham, in the County of Essex, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. David Morgan and Mr. Louis Steloir.

A Petition of the Urban District Council of East Ham, in the County of Essex.

A Petition of the London County Council, for leave to bring in a Bill to alter the Standard Prentice of Gas to be charged by the Gas Light and Coke Company for Gas supplied; to alter the prescribed Illuminating Power and to make provisions with respect to the supply of Burners; to make provisions with respect to a Capital Redemption Fund, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Henry Fowler, Mr. Alan Gibbs, and Mr. Whitmore.

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A Petition of the Great Northern, Piccadilly, and Brompton Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers upon the Great Northern, Piccadilly and Brompton Railway Company to construct Railways and Works, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Henry Fowler, Mr. Alan Gibbs, and Mr. Whitmore.

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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, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Eason and Sir Frederick Dunbar.

A Petition of the Metropolitan Borough Councils of Camberwell and Kennington to acquire Works and acquire Lands; to make provision with respect to Premises used for receiving Horse for slaughter, and Carriages of Dead Horses, and the removal and disposal of Dead Horses; to alter the method of testing Gas employed by the South Metropolitan Gas Company, to make provision with respect to the Drainage of Upper Norwood; to confer Powers upon Metropolitan Borough Councils to
with respect to Street Markets, the siting of
Premises of Consumers of Electricity, and the
Prevention and Maintenance of Public Clocks,
and for other purposes, was presented, and read;
and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accord-
ingly, by Mr. John Burns, Mr. Sydney Beazley,
and Mr. Longh.

A Petition of the London, Tilbury, and South-
est Railway Company, for leave to bring in a
Bill to authorise the London, Tilbury, and South
est Railway Company to construct new Rail-
ways and Works, and for other purposes,
was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered
to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. James
Rowland and Major Bonsen.

A Petition of the Maidstone Gas Company,
for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the
Maidstone Gas Company, to convert their
existing Capital, to raise additional Capital, and
for other purposes, was presented, and read;
and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accord-
ingly, by Sir Francis Evans and Colonel Wallis.

A Petition of the Metropolitan District Rail-
way Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to
empower the Metropolitan District Railway
Company to construct Railways and Works, and
for other purposes, was presented, and read;
and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accord-
ingly, by Mr. Perks and Sir Charles Delapre.

A Petition of the there-undersigned Persons,
being Bakers, for a Bill for effecting the Objects
thereinafter mentioned, for leave to bring in a
Bill to incorporate the Maidstone Gas Company, to
convert their existing Capital, to raise additional Capital, and
for other purposes, was presented, and read;
and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accord-
ingly, by Mr. Timothy H. Hesley, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Joseph Nolan,
Mr. Hayden, and Mr. Patrick White.

A Petition of the Urban District Council of
Nantyglo and Blaina, in the County of Monmouth,
for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Urban District Council of
Nantyglo and Blaina, to construct Waterworks and to supply Water
within the District, and for other purposes,
was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered
to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Charles Dairymple.

A Petition of the Urban District Council of
New Hunstanton, for leave to bring in a Bill to
authorise the Urban District Council of New Hunstanton to acquire Land for Water and Gas
purposes; to construct an Outfall Saver, and to
make further provision in regard to the Health,
Local Government, Improvement, and Finance of the Urban District, and for other purposes,
was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered
to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. George White and Mr. Horne.

A Petition of the there-undersigned Persons,
being Promoters of a Bill for effecting the Objects
thereinafter mentioned, for leave to bring in a
Bill to incorporate the Stroud District and Cheltenham Tramways Company, and to
empower that Company to make and maintain Tramways in the County of Gloucester, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir John Davenport and Mr. Charles Allen.

A Petition of the there-undersigned Persons, Waiters and
on behalf of themselves and others, for leave to
bring in a Bill for incorporating the Watford and Edgware Railway Company, and for empowering
them to construct a Railway from Watford to Edgware, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Halsey and Sir John Rhindell Maple.

A Petition of the Urban District Council of
Edgware, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the West
Sussex Water Company, and to enable the Company to
supply Water within the Parish of Poulterborough, and certain other Parishes in the County of
Sussex, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered
to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Emmott and Sir Joseph Lashe.

A Petition of the Wood Green Urban District Council,
for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Wood Green
Water Company, and to allow the Company to
acquire part of Wood Green Commons for the purposes of a Dust Destructor; and to make further provision with regard to the Electric Light Undertaking of the Council, and for the
Improvement, Health, and Local Government of the District, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Joseph Howard and Captain Balfour.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His Majesty's Wages and
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, 1902.

Copy of Report, by Sir William Harris,
and Mr. Charles Morley.

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented,—Return
of Statement of the Receipts and Payments made
by the Board of Trade on account of Remuntes
Harbour, for the year ended 31st March, 1902,
together with an Account of the Receipt and
issue of Stores.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the
Table; and that the said Returns and the Paper relative to Remuntes Harbour be printed.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's
Command,—A Petition of the there-undersigned Persons,
respecting the Drought in Cyprus.
Copy of Colonial Report, No. 381 (Southern Nigeria, Annual Report for 1901), Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Binstead presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Militia Training Return for 1903.

Copy of State of the Six Army-Corps Command, Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hayes Fisher presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Abstract Accounts of the Commissioners of His Majesty’s Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, for the year ended the 31st March 1903, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Mr. Wyndham presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Special Report on Cancer in Ireland, being a Supplement to the Thirty-First Annual Report of the Registrar-General of Marriages, Births, and Deaths in Ireland.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Courts Jurisdiction Extension Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Mr. Dilke, supported by Dr. Farquharson, Mr. Crooks, Mr. Weir, Mr. John Dower, Mr. Cathcart Wason, Mr. John Hope and Mr. Harmsworth, presented a Bill to extend to Towns of Small Holdings the Benefits of the Coftrters (Scotland) Acts: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 24th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. John Dower, supported by Mr. Thomas Shaw, Mr. Weir, and Mr. Cathcart Wason, presented a Bill to amend the Congested Districts (Scotland) Act, 1897, and to enlarge the Powers conferred under that Act: And the same was ordered to be read a second time Tomorrow; and to be printed.

Sir John Butty Tuke, supported by Sir John Gart, Mr. James Campbell, Sir Richard Jebb, Mr. Tait, and Sir Michael Foster, presented a Bill to amend the Medical Acts, 1858 to 1898: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 24th day of April next; and to be printed.

General Lawrie, supported by Mr. Speer, Mr. Cohen, and Sir George Fardell, presented a Bill to enable certain Leaseholders to become Freeholders: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 3rd day of April next; and to be printed.

General Lawrie, supported by Mr. Rothschild, Colonial

Mr. Arthur Stanley, Sir Gilbert Parker, and Captain Jessel, presented a Bill to legalise certain Colonial Marriages: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 12th day of June next; and to be printed.

General Lawrie, supported by Mr. Rothschild, Medical Act

Sir Howard Vincent, Mr. Middlemore, and Sir (Ireland.)

Savings Banks for the year ended 20th November 1902, with Appendices.

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

Mr. Ellis Griffith, supported by Mr. William Misses, Right Abraham (Romford), Mr. Pickard, Mr. Joseph Home); Bill, Walston, Mr. Thomas Bayley, Mr. Jobby, Sir Charles Dullie, Mr. Hetch, Mr. Wilson Jones, and Sir Albert Rollit, presented a Bill to limit the Hours of Underground Workers in Mines to Eight Hours per Day from Bank to Bank: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 24th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Kerstby, supported by Mr. Emmott, Sir Leaseholders William Holland, Mr. William M. Arthur, Mr. (Porlock of George Whiteley, and Mr. Field, presented a Bill to give Facilities to Leaseholders for the purchase of the Fee Simple of their Holdings: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 5th day of May next; and to be printed.

Sir Albert Rollit, supported by Sir Henry Backhouse, Foulca, presented a Bill to amend the Law of Land, and Bankruptcy: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Sir John Dickson-Poynder, supported by Sir Housing of the John Gart, Mr. Claude Hay, Mr. Cust, and Working Charles Mayor Evans-Gordon, presented a Bill to regulate the Conditions under which displacements of Persons of the Labouring Class may be made in London under Statutory Powers, and to require the provision of sufficient new Housing Am- commodation: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 3rd day of March next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming King's Speech the adjourned Debate on the Main Question (Motion for proposed upon the 17th day of this instant to Address): February, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, as follows:

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.—(Sir Gerton.)

And the Main Question being again proposed:

—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question by adding, at the end thereof, the words "But we humbly regret that the organisation of the land forces is unsuited to the needs of the Empire, and that no proportionate gain in strength and efficiency has resulted from the recent increases in Military Expenditure" (Mr. Beckett);
And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added;—And a Debate arising thereupon;
And it being half an hour after Seven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned till this Evening.

Evening Sitting.

A Petition of the Baker Street and Waterloo Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Baker Street and Waterloo Railway Company to acquire additional Lands, and to transfer the Undertaking and Powers of that Company to the Great Northern Pecuniary, and Brompton Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read, and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Lechmere and Mr. Pym.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Barnsley, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the provisions of the Barnsley Order, 1899, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Pickard and Mr. Joseph Walton.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Bath, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Corporation of the City of Bath to construct additional Waterworks, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Wyndham Murray, Mr. Wedderburn, and Mr. Dickinson.

A Petition of the Urban District Council of Bedfornd, in the County of Kent, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Urban District Council of Bexley in the County of Kent, to carry out Street Improvements, to construct and work Tramways, and to make further provision in regard to the Electricity Undertaking of the Council, and 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 Mr. Forster and Mr. Powell-Williams.

A Petition of the Thurso-under-signed, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Billingshurst and District Gas Company, and to enable that Company to supply with Gas the Parishes of Billingshurst, Withamoor Green, and other places in the County of Sussex, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Emmott and Sir Joseph Leas.

A Petition of the Blackheath and Greenwich District Electric Light Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confirm an Agreement for the transfer to the Blackheath and Greenwich District Electric Light Company, Limited, of the Undertaking of the London and Greenwich District Electric Supply Company, Limited, and to confer further powers upon the Blackheath and Greenwich District Electric Light Company, Limited, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir John Wilson and Mr. Kimber.

A Petition of the Bridgeport Gas Light Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for continuing the Bridgeport Gas Light Company, for regulating and increasing the Capital of the Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Edward Strealey, and Mr. Edward Stanley.

A Petition of the Three-under-signed, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating the Bristol, London, and Southern Counties Railway Company, and to authorize them to make Railways in the Counties of Bristol, Gloucestershire, Somerset, Wilts, and Southampton, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Alexander Astell-Henderson, Sir Charles Hobhouse, and Sir Edward Strealey.

A Petition of the Burgess Hill and Steed Burgess Hill John's Common Gas Company, Limited, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers on the Burgess Hill and Steed John's Common Gas Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher and Mr. Goschen.

A Petition of the Croydon, Kent, and Armagh Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the time limited by the Croydon, Kent, and Armagh Railway Act (Extension of Time.) 1903, for the compulsory purchase of Lands, and for the construction of certain of the Railways authorised by that Act, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Lowndes and Sir James Heseltine.

A Petition of the Central London Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Central London Railway Company to construct new Railways, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Asquith and Mr. Parnell.

A Petition of the Charing Cross, Euston, and Hampstead Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers upon the Charing Cross, Euston, and Hampstead Railway Company to transfer to and vest in that Company the Powers of the Railway and Hampstead Railway Company to authorise Agreements with and the Lease of the Undertaking to the Underground Electric Railway Company of London, Limited, to transfer to and vest in the Great Northern, Picaniddy, and Brompton Railway Company the Undertaking and Powers of the Charing Cross, Euston, and Hampstead Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Thomas Wigram and Mr. Ramsay.

A Petition of the Cheshire Lines Committee, Cheshire, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Cheshire Lines Committee to make new Railways; to run over the Liverpool Overhead Railway; to acquire additional Lands, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Alexander Henderson, Mr. Chapman, and Mr. Chapman.

A Petition of the several Persons whose names are thereto subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating the City and North East Suburban Railway Company, and for empowering them to construct Railways.
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A Petition of the several Persons whose names are thereunto subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating the Clapham Junction and Marble Arch Railway Company; and for empowering them to construct a Railway from the Neighbourhood of Clapham Junction Railway Station to the Marble Arch, in the County of London, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Leigh-Bennett and Mr. D. Morgan.

A Petition of the Urban District Council of Ebbw Vale Urban District to the effect that they desire to bring in a Bill for the Improvement of the Ebbw Vale Urban District, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise them to construct additional Waterworks, and to provide additional Comestibles, and to make further provision with regard to the supply of Electricity, and 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 W. Harcourt and M. McKenna.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Dover, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Corporation of Dover to borrow Money for the purchase of the Undertaking of the Dover Electricity Supply Company, Limited, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Wyndham and Mr. Secretary Aber-Douglas.

A Petition of the Gas Light and Coke Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to raise additional Moneys, and to purchase, take, and hold Lands, and for altering the Standard Price of Gas, and redeeming Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Alexander Henderson, Mr. Harris, and Mr. Albam Gibbs.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of Gateshead, for leave to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the Health, Good Government, and Improvement of the County Borough of Gateshead, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir James Joly and Sir William Allan.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Portsea, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating Gas and conferring Powers upon the East Anglia Gas Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Barran and Mr. Rocheorton.

A Petition of the Waltham Abbey Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to make other provision for the testing of Gas supplied by the Company, and 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 Mr. L. Walton and Mr. F. Monahan.

A Petition of the Gas Light and Coke Company, 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 altering the Standard Price of Gas, and redeeming Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. W. O’Brien, Capt. Donelan, Mr. Crean, and Sir Robert Penrose and Sir Col. Carvill.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Harwich, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Harwich Gas Company to make provision as to a Bridge over the River Alton; and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Carvell and Mr. M. McKenna.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the City of London to the effect that they desire to bring in a Bill to authorize the Corporation to provide for the revision of the Rates payable in respect of the Lease of the Undertaking of the London and North Western Railway Company, to make certain divulsion Railways, and other Works; to raise additional Money, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Field, Mr. J. O’Connor, and Mr. Crewe.
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Great Central Railway.

A Petition of the Great Central Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to make further provision with respect to the Servants' Fund.

Great Northern and City Railway.

A Petition of the Great Northern and City Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to make further provision with respect to the Servants' Fund of the Great Northern Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Lowesley and Mr. Balderston.

Great Western Railway.

A Petition of the Great Western Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to make further provision with respect to the Servants' Fund.

Great Eastern Railway (No. 1.)

A Petition of the Great Eastern Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring further Powers on the Great Eastern Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Straw and Mr. Penn.

Great Eastern Railway (No. 2.)

A Petition of the Great Eastern Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction of new Railways by the Great Eastern Railway Company, in connection with their Undertaking; the construction of new Railways by the North Wales and Liverpool Railway Committee; and the acquisition of Lands by the Great Central and Midland Railway Companies, in connection with their Undertakings; the construction of a new Railway by the Great Central and Midland Railway Companies, in connection with their Skivocks Railway; the diversion of Traffic by the Great Western and Midland and Great Central Railway Joint Committees, in connection with their Undertakings; the establishment of a Pension Fund by the Great Central Company; the raising of further Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Alexander Henderson and Mr. Chapman.

Great Northern and City Railway.

A Petition of the Great Northern and City Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Great Northern and City Railway Act, 1902, and to authorize the Great Northern and City Railway Company to raise additional Capital for the purposes of their Undertaking, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Straw and Mr. Penn.

Great Southern and Western Railway.

A Petition of the Great Southern and Western Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Great Southern and Western Railway Company to construct certain new Railways; to acquire additional Lands; to enlarge and improve their Station at Waterford; to confer further Powers upon the Company; to enable them to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Geoffrey and Mr. John Gordon.

Great Western Railway.

A Petition of the Great Western 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 London and North Western Railway Company and the Midland Railway Company in respect of Undertakings in which they are jointly interested, and upon the Buckingham and Hounslow Railway and Harbours Company in respect of their Undertaking; for amalgamating the Elg Valley Railway Company with the Great Western Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Brassey and Mr. David Mather.

London and North Western Railway.

A Petition of the London and North Western Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to make certain Street work and Bridges, to construct additional Railways, 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 Sir Joseph Fearns, Sir Henry Seymour King, Mr. Charles Wilson, and Mr. James Woodhouse.

A Petition of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company and the London and North-Western Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Great Manchester Corporation to make provisions for the improvement of the Harbour entrance into the River Mersey.
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A Petition of the London County Council, for leave to bring in a Bill to make further provision with respect to the purchase of Electric Undertakings by Local Authorities in the Administrative County of London, and with respect to the supply of Energy from Stations of the London County Council, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. John Burns and Mr. Braufeldt.

A Petition of the London Hydraulic Power Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enlarge the Powers of the London Hydraulic Power Company as to the raising of Capital, the supply of Water, and the acquisition of a new Site for their Pumping Station at Westminster, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Frederick Mappin and Sir John Aird.

A Petition of the London United Tramways (1901), Limited, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring further Powers on the London United Tramways (1901), Limited, for widening and altering Roads and acquiring Lands in the Counties of Middlesex, Surrey, and London, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Shoccoe-Cox and Mr. Rowhani.

A Petition of the Market Drayton Gas Light and Coke Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers on the Market Drayton Gas Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Kenyon-Blasney and Mr. Arthur Heath.

A Petition of the Merthyr Tydfil Urban District Council for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Urban District Council of Merthyr Tydfil to construct additional Waterworks and a Sewage Improvement, and to make further and better provision for the good Government, Health, and Improvement of the District, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. David Alfred Thomas and Mr. Keir Hardie.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Plymouth, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Additional Powers of the North Eastern Railway Company to construct a Railway from Kingsnorth to Castleblayney, to acquire additional Lands, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Maclagan, Mr. Patrick White, and Mr. Cornwell.

A Petition of the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Company to construct a Railway from Kingsnorth to Castleblayney, to acquire additional Lands, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. McCann, Mr. Patrick White, and Mr. Cornwell.

A Petition of the Midland Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer additional Railway Powers upon the Midland Railway Company and upon the Norfolk and Suffolk Joint Railways Committee, and upon the Midland and Great Northern Railways Joint Committee for the construction of Works and the acquisition of Lands, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Frederick Mappin and Sir William Codddington.

A Petition of the Midland Railway Company, Midland for leave to bring in a Bill to confer additional Railway Powers upon the Midland Railway Company and upon the Norfolk and Suffolk Joint Railways Committee, and upon the Midland and Great Northern Railways Joint Committee for the construction of Works and the acquisition of Lands, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Frederick Mappin and Sir William Codddington.

A Petition of the North Eastern Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers upon the North Eastern Railway Company in regard to their undertaking of the North Eastern Railway Company and the provision of additional Electric Undertakings, and to acquire additional Lands, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Frederick Mappin and Sir William Codddington.

A Petition of the North, Pontardawe, and Neath, Bonymaen Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer additional Railway Powers upon the South, Pontardawe, and Bonymaen Railway Company for the construction of Railways; to authorize the Company to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. David Alfred Thomas and Mr. Samuel Jones.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Neath, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer additional Railway Powers upon the South, Pontardawe, and Bonymaen Railway Company, for the construction of Railways; to authorize the Company to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. David Alfred Thomas and Mr. Samuel Jones.

A Petition of the North-Eastern Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer additional Railway Powers upon the North-Eastern Railway Company for the construction of new Railways and other Works, and the acquisition of Lands, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Shackleton and Mr. Mitchell.

A Petition of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Electric Undertakings Company, Limited, and of the Walker and Pall Mall Union Gas Company, for leave to supply gas in a Bill to transfer the Electricity Undertaking of the Walker and Pall Mall Union Gas Company to the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Electric Supply Company, Limited, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Wharton, Sir James Kitchin, and Sir Edward Grey.

A Petition of the North Eastern Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer additional Railway Powers upon the North Eastern Railway Company, for the construction of new Railways and other Works, and the acquisition of Lands, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Shackleton and Mr. Mitchell.

A Petition of the North Eastern Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer additional Railway Powers upon the North Eastern Railway Company, for the construction of new Railways and other Works, and the acquisition of Lands, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Shackleton and Mr. Mitchell.

A Petition of the North Midlands Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Additional Powers of the North Midlands Gas Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Captain Ilmich, Mr. Joseph Howard, and Mr. Blackie.

A Petition of the North West London Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for empowering the North West London Railway Company to extend their Underground Railway to Victoria, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Price and Mr. Coxley.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Plymouth, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer additional Railway Powers upon the Corporation of Plymouth in regard to their Railway.
Tramway Undertaking, and the construction of such improvements; to transfer the Great Northern and Northern Counties Museum to the Corporation, and to make further provision in regard to the borrowing of Money from the Corporation, and the repayment of their Loans; and to the Health, Local Government, and Improvement of the Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Duke and Mr. Guest.

A Petition of the Scarborough Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Scarborough Gas Company to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Beckett and Mr. Compton Rickett.

A Petition of the Hon. the Under-Sheriff of the County of Lancashire and the City of Liverpool, for leave to bring in a Bill for making Railways in the County of Lancaster for connecting the Southport and Preston Lines Extension Railway with the Liverpool Overhead Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. John Howard.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of South Shields, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers on the South Shields Gas Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Lawrence Hardy and Mr. John Howard.

A Petition of a Committee of the Corporation of the Borough of South Shields, for leave to bring in a Bill to pass a Tramway in the Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Robson and Sir Charles Palmer.

A Petition of the British Electric Tract Company, Limited, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the British Electric Tract Company, Limited, to construct Tramways between South Shields and Sunderland and other places, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Guthrie and Mr. Secy.

A Petition of the North Eastern Railway Company, the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, the Great Northern Railway Company, the Midland Railway Company, and the Great Central Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for enabling the North Eastern, the Lancashire and Yorkshire, the Great Northern, the Midland, and the Great Central Railway Companies to construct or take over certain Railways in South Yorkshire authorised by the Shireoaks, Langthorpe, and Maltby Railway Act, 1891, and the North Eastern Railway Act, 1892; to construct other Railways and Works, for constituting a Joint Committee, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Wharton, Mr. Fielden, Mr. Fison, Sir Frederick Mappin, and Mr. Compton.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of the Metropolitan Borough of Stoke, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Metropolitan Borough of Stoke Newington, Hackney, and Islington with respect to the supply of Electricity in bulk, and to confer further Powers upon the Corporation, and to make further provision in regard to the purchase of Lands, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Boulfield and Captain Balfour.

A Petition of the Sutton Union Water Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Sutton Union Water Company to construct additional Waterworks, acquire Lands, and raise further Moneys, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Knowles and Mr. Loder.

A Petition of the Conservators of the River Thames, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer Conservancy, further Moneys, and other Powers on the Conservators of the River Thames for the deepening, widening, and improvement of its Bed and Channels as far as the Royal Albert Docks; to amend in various respects the Thames Conservancy Act, 1894, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Frederick Dieron-Hartland and Sir William Tasminson.

A Petition of the Thames Steamboat Company (1897), Limited, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate Trustees for the maintenance of a service of Steamboats on the River Thames; to transfer to them the Undertaking of the Thames Steamboat Company (1897), Limited, to provide for the transfer to them of certain Piers on the River Thames, and for the guarantee by the Corporation of the City of London, the London County Council, and the Conservators of the River Thames of Interest on Moneys to be borrowed by the Trustees, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Alan Gibbs and Sir Francis Florence.

A Petition of the North, Kendal, and Tyrone Electric Light Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to construct and operate an Electric Light Railway from Maguirebridge to Bushnag Road in the Counties of Fermanagh and Cavan; and of certain Railways at Arigna and Drumo, in the Counties of Roscommon and Leitrim; and the widening, and improvement of its Bed and Channels as far as the Royal Albert Docks; to amend in various respects the Thames Conservancy Act, 1894, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Harrington, Colonel Suckervou, Mr. Jonas O'Kelly, Mr. Marnagous, and Mr. Archdale.

A Petition of the Walker and Walsend Union Walker and Walsend Union Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Walker and Walsend Union Gas Company to enlarge and extend their existing Gasworks at Walker, and to construct a short line of Railway or Siding into their said Gasworks, to raise additional power for the purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Newby and Mr. Crawford Smith.

A Petition of the British Electric Tract Company, Limited, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the construction of a Railway from Maguirebridge to Bushnag Road in the Counties of Fermanagh and Cavan; and of certain Railways at Arigna and Drumo, in the Counties of Roscommon and Leitrim; and the widening, and improvement of its Bed and Channels as far as the Royal Albert Docks; to amend in various respects the Thames Conservancy Act, 1894, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Guthrie and Major Secy.

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A Petition of the West Cumberland Electric Tramways Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Periods for the commencement of the construction, and for the completion of the Tramways, Tramroads, and other Works, and for the taking of Lands authorised by the West Cumberland Electric Tramways Act, 1901; to extend the Area within which the West Cumberland Electric Tramways Company may supply Electricity, and to confer on that Company further and additional Powers with regard to such Supply, and for other purposes; was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Heider, Colonial Bein, and Mr. Houldie.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of West Ham, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers upon the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of West Ham, and to make further provision for the good Government of that Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Grey and Mr. David Morgan.

A Petition of theWinchester Water and Gas Corporation, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring further Powers upon the Winchester Water and Gas Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Edmund Fider, Mr. Myers, and Mr. Nicholson.

A Petition of the Wolverhampton and Cannock Chase 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 Wolverhampton and Cannock Chase Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Charles Shaw and Mr. Wolford Green.

A Petition of the Metropolitan Borough of Woolwich, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of the Metropolitan Borough of Woolwich to supply Electrical Energy in bulk to the Urban District Council of the Borough of Woolwich, and to make further provision for the purchase of Materials in the Borough of Woolwich, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Lord Charles Beresford and Mr. Poggi.

A Petition of the British Electric Tram Company, Limited, to construct further Tramways in the Counties of London, Surrey, and Kent, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of the Harrow Road and Paddington Tramways Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to construct new Tramways, to work their Tramways by Mechanical Power, to lease their Undertaking to the Metropolitan Electric Tramways, Limited, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.
"creases in Military Expenditure"—(Mr. Beckett);
And the Question being again proposed, That those words be there added:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
A Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Mr. Churchill)—it was resolved in the Negative. Ordered, That the Debate be resumed Tomorrow.

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

Tuesday, 24th February, 1903:

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that He will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of Parishes divided and Districts assigned to Churches by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, under the provisions of the Church Building Acts and the Parish of Manchester Division Act, 1856;—Of all Districts and New Parishes constituted by the same Commissioners under the New Parishes Acts:—Of all Districts or Parishes assigned or constituted by the same Commissioners under the Saint Leonard and Saint Mary Magdalen Church Districts Act, 1888, or any other local Act.—Of all the Benefices, Parishes, or parts of Parishes united by Order in Council, and of all Benefices or Parishes disunited by Order in Council:—Of all Chapelries, Hamlets, and other parts of Parishes severed from their mother Parishes, and of Extra-parochial Places, constituted separate Benefices by Order in Council:—And, of all Chapelries, Hamlets, or other parts of Parishes severed from their mother Parishes, and of Extra-parochial Places not constituted separate Benefices, but united to other Parishes, by Order in Council:—And, of Curacies and chapelries which have been erected into perpetual Curacies through the action of the Governors of the Bounty of Queen Anne, showing the full name of the Chapel, and of the mother Parish (if any), the County and Diocese, and the date of first augmentation by the Governors, and the Statutes or Statute under which such augmentation was made; (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 302, of Session 1897).—(Mr. Talbot.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that He will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of condemned during the period from the 2nd day of August 1894 to the 31st day of December 1902, stating the gross Sum realised by the sale of the Churches pulled down, their Situation, and the net Sum produced; what new Churches and Districts assigned to Churches by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners under the Church Districts Act, 1858, or any other local Act;—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Cruelty to Animals Act, 1876; and that Sir Frederick Banbury, Colonel Lockwood, and Mr. Swift MacNeill, do prepare, and bring it in.

A Bill to amend the Cruelty to Animals Act, 1876; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

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

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Tuesday, 24th February, 1903.
The House met at Two of the clock.

The Chairman informed the House, that the Chamber was not complete.

A Bill to authorise the Baker Street and Baker Street Waterworks Company to acquire additional lands, and to transfer the Undertaking (Transfer and Powers of that Company to the Great Northern Railway, at Tramway, and Brompton Railway Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to amend the provisions of the Barnsley Boundary Act, 1895, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Corporation of Bath to construct additional Waterworks, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorise the Urban District Council of Bromsgrove, in the County of Worcester, to carry out Street Improvements; to construct and work Tramways; and to make further provision in regard to the Electricity Undertaking of the Council, and for the Improvements, Health, Local Government, and Finance of the District, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to incorporate the Billingehurst and Billinge Hill District Gas Company, and to enable that Company to supply with Gas the Parishes of Billingehurst, Wadhurst, and other places in the County of Sussex, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confirm an Agreement for the Blackheath and Greenwich District Electric Light Company; for regulating and increasing the powers of that Company to the Great Northern Railway and Powers of that Company to the Great Eastern Railway, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for continuing the Bridgeport Gas Bridgeport Light Company; for regulating and increasing the powers of the Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for incorporating the Bristol, London, Bristol, and Southern Counties Railway Company, and for enabling the Commissioners to make and maintain Railways in the Counties of Bristol, Gloucester, and the Statutes or Statute under which such augmentation was made; (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 236, of Session 1895).—(Mr. Talbot.)
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A Bill for conferring further Powers on the Blondel Gas Company was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Burgess Hill and Saint John's Common Gas Bill.

A Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers on the Burgess Hill and Saint John's Common Gas Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Cablesthorpe, East Riding, and Armathwaite Railway (Extension of Tonys Hill) Bill.

A Bill to extend the time limited by the King's Norton, Keele, and Armathwaite Railway Act, 1900, for the Compulsory Purchase of Lands and for the Construction of certain of the Railways authorized by that Act, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Central London Railway Bill.

A Bill to empower the Central London Railway Company to construct new Railways, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Charing Cross, Euston, and Hampstead Railway Bill.

A Bill to confer further Powers upon the Charing Cross, Euston, and Hampstead Railway Company; to transfer to and vest in that Company the Powers of the Edgware and Hampstead Railway Company; to authorise Agreements with and the Lease of the Undertaking to the Underground Electric Railways Company of London, Limited; to transfer to and vest in the Great Northern, Piccadilly, and Brompton Railway Company the Undertaking and Powers of the Charing Cross, Euston, and Hampstead Railway Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Cheetham Lines Committee Bill.

A Bill to enable the Cheetham Lines Committee to make new Railways to run over the Liverpool Overhead Railway, to acquire additional Lands, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

City and North East Suburban Electric Railway Bill.

A Bill for incorporating the City and North East Suburban Electric Railway Company, and for empowering them to construct Railways from the City of London to Tottenham, and Chepuers Green, Southgate, and to Walthamstow, Epping Forest, and Waltham Abbey, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

City and South London Railway Bill.

A Bill for empowering the City and South London Railway Company to construct an extension of their Underground Railway to Euston, in the County of London, and for transferring to that Company the Powers of the City and Aristo Railway Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Clapham Junction and Marble Arch Railway (No. 1) Bill.

A Bill for incorporating the Clapham Junction and Marble Arch Railway Company, and for empowering them to construct a Railway from the Neighbourhood of Clapham Junction Railway Station to the Marble Arch, in the County of London, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Commercial Gas Bill.

A Bill to make provision for the testing of Gas supplied by the Commercial Gas Company, 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 amend the Acts relating to the Cork Harbour Commissioners, to confer further Powers on the Commissioners, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for making and maintaining Railways Coventry and in the County of Warwick, to be called the Arley Railway Coventry and Arley Railway, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorize the Coventry Electric Company Tramways Company to construct additional Tramways, 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 Crystal Palace Palace District Gas Company with respect to the purchase and holding of Lands, and to alter the provisions of the Acts of the Company with respect to the Illuminating Power of Gas supplied by them and the testing of Gas; and 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 amalgamate the Guinness Trust Dublin, (Dublin) Fund with the Dublin Improvement Improvement Bill (Dublin Area) Scheme; to vest the Property of the Guinness (Dublin) Trustees in the Trustees of the said Scheme; to change the Name of the last-mentioned Trustees; to confer further Powers on them, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to provide for the revision of the Dublin, Rent payable in respect of the Lease of the Wexford, and Wexford Railway Company to the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company; to make other provision as to those two Companies; to enable the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company to make certain diversion Railways and other Works; to raise additional Money, 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 East Anglsey upon the East Anglsey Gas 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 East Ham Urban District Council for the District of East Improvement East Ham, in the County of Essex, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorize the Urban District Council of Eltham Village to construct additional Waterworks and to provide additional Cemeteries, and to make further provision with regard to the Supply of Electricity, and for the Improvement of Health, Local Government, and Finance of the District, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorize the Urban District Council of Eltham, to construct additional Waterworks and work Tramways; to carry out Street Improvements; to transfer to the Council the Powers within the District of the Commissioners of Sewers for the Limits extending from Leonard's Wall to Gravesend Bridge; and to make further provision in regard to the supply of Electricity;
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Electricity; and for the Improvement, Health, Local Government, and Finance of the District, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

**Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Bill.**

A Bill to confer further Powers upon the Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Company in respect of Undertakings in which they are interested, and upon the Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Company in respect of their Undertaking; to enable the Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Company to guarantee Interest on the Capital of the Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

**Gas Light and Coke Company’s Acts Amendment Bill.**

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

**Gas Light and Coke Company Bill.**

A Bill to alter the Standard Price to be charged by the Gas Light and Coke Company for Gas supplied; to alter the prescribed Illuminating Power and to make provisions with respect to the supply of Burners; to make provisions with respect to a Capital Redemption Fund, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

**Great Central Railway Bill.**

A Bill to authorise the construction of new Railways and the acquisition of Lands by the Great Central Railway Company in connection with their Undertaking: the construction of new Railways by the North Wales and Liverpool Railway Committee or the Company in connection with the Undertaking of that Committee; the construction of a new Railway by the Great Central and Midland Railway Companies in connection with their Stourbridge Railway; the diversion of Footpaths by the Great Western and Great Central Railways Joint Committee in connection with their Undertaking; the establishment of a Pension Fund by the Great Central Company; the raising of further Capital, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

**Great Eastern Railway (No. 1) Bill.**

A Bill for conferring further Powers on the Great Eastern Railway Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

**Great Eastern Railway (No. 2) Bill.**

A Bill to authorise the Great Eastern Railway Company to widen their Cambridge and Norwich Main Line of Railway over the River Wensum, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

**Great Northern and City Railway Bill.**

A Bill to amend the Great Northern and City Railway Act, 1902, and to authorise the Great Northern and City Railway Company to raise additional Capital for the purposes of their Undertaking, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

**Great Northern, Piccadilly, and Brompton Railway Company Bill.**

A Bill to empower the Great Northern, Piccadilly, and Brompton Railway Company to construct Railways and Works, 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 Great Northern, Piccadilly, and Brompton Railway Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

**Great Northern Railway Company.**

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.

**Great Northern Railway Bill.**

A Bill to empower the Great Northern Railway Company to construct certain new Railways; to acquire additional Lands; to make their Station at Waterloo; to confer further Powers upon the Company; to enable them to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

**Great Southern and Western Railways and Harbours Company.**

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

**Great Western Railway Company.**

A Bill to make further provision with respect to the Servants’ Pension Fund of the Great Western Railway Company; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

**Great Western Railway Bill.**

A Bill for making Railways in the County known as Lainsdowne Common, Chigwell Common, Forest Bill.

**Great Western, Piccadilly, and Brompton Railway Company Bill.**

A Bill to authorise the Great Western Railway Company to raise additional Capital, to convert their existing Capital, to enlarge their Works, to amend their existing Acts, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

**Great Western, Piccadilly, and Brompton Railway Company.**

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

**Great Western Railway.**

A Bill to confer additional Powers on the Highland and Highland Railway Company and the Intercairn and Fort Augustus Railway Company; to enable the Highland Railway Company to erect a Hotel at Dunrobin, to apply their Capital thereto, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

**Great Western Railway Bill.**

A Bill to confirm an Agreement between the Highland and Highland Railway Company and the Intercairn and Fort Augustus Railway Company; to enable the Highland Railway Company to erect a Hotel at Dunrobin, to apply their Capital thereto, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
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the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to empower the 

Hyde Corporation Bill.

London

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works and the

Waterworks, and to

make further provision with respect to the Drainage of

Upper

Norwood; to confer Powers upon Metropolitan

Borough Councils with respect to Street Markets, the

firing of Premises of Consumers of Elec­

tricity, and the provision and maintenance of

public Clocks, and for other purposes, was read

the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enlarge the Powers of the London

Hydraulic Power Company as to the raising of Hydraulic

Capital; the Supply of Water; and the acquisi­
tion of a new Site for their Pumping Station at

Westminster, and for other purposes, was read

the first time; and referred to the Examiners of

Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to authorize the London, Tilbury, and

Southend Railway Company to construct new Tilbury,

and Railways and Works, 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 on the London

London United Tramways (1801), Limited, for further

widening and altering Roads and acquiring

lands in the Counties of Middlesex, Surrey, and

London, and for other purposes, was read the

first time; and referred to the Examiners of

Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to authorize the Maidstone Gas Com­

pany to convert their existing Capital; to raise Gas

additional Capital, and for other purposes, was

read the first time; and referred to the Exam­

iners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers on the Market

Drayton Gas Company, was read the first time; and referred to the Ex­

aminers of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to empower the Urban District Council Member of

Worthing to construct additional Water-­

works and a Street Improvement; and to make Coun­cil Bill.

A Bill to empower the Metropolitan District Metropolitan

Railway Company to construct Railways and

Works, and for other purposes, was read the

first time; and referred to the Examiners of

Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to make further provision with respect Mid­le­brough

to the Health and good Government of the Corporation

County Borough of Middlesbrough and the col­
lection of Rates within the said Borough, and

for other purposes, was read the first time; and

ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to provide for the vesting of the Midland and

End Undertaking of the Belfast and Northern

Coastal Railway Company, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private

Bills.

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Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Bill

A Bill to enable the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Company to construct a Railway from Kingscourt to Castleblaney; to acquire additional Lands, and for other purposes, 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 Newfyl and Suffolk Joint Railways Committee, and upon the Midland and Great Northern Railways Joint Committee for the construction of Works, and the acquisition of Lands, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mullinger, Kelly, and Ingledale Railway Bill

A Bill to incorporate the Mullinger, Kelly, and Ingledale Railway Company; and for making Railways and other Works in the Counties of Westmorland, North and South; and to confer the Extension and other Powers on certain existing Railway Companies, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Neath, Pembridge, and Brynamyrn Railway Bill

A Bill to authorize the Urban District Council of Neath, Pembridge, and Brynamyrn Railway Company for the construction of Railwayworks, and to supply Water within the District, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Nelson Corporation Bill

A Bill to confer further Powers upon the North, Pentcarden, and Brynamyrn Railway Company; and for the Company to raise additional Capital, 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 transfer the Electricity Undertaking of the Walker and Wallhead Union Gas Company to the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Electric Supply Company, Limited, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Newhampton Improvement Bill

A Bill to authorize the Urban District Council of Newhampton to acquire Land for Water and Gas purposes; to construct an Outfall Sewer, and to make further provision in regard to the Supply of Water, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

North Eastern Railway Bill

A Bill to confer additional Powers upon the North Eastern Railway Company for the construction of new Railways and other Works and the acquisition of Lands, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

North Middlesex Gas Bill

A Bill to extend the Powers of the North Middlesex Gas Company was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

North West London Railway Bill

A Bill for empowering the North West London Railway Company to extend their Underground Railway to Victoria, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
the Thames Steamboat Company (1897), Limited; to provide for the transfer to them of certain Fiers on the River Thames; and for the guarantee by the Corporation of the City of London, the London County Council, and the Conservators of the River Thames of interest on Money to be borrowed by the Trustees, 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 Railway from Magnifico bridge to Hawley Road, in the Counties of Fermanagh and Queen; and for the working of such Railways and the Clogger Valley and Cass and Lidlet Railways, and other Railways in connection therewith, as one Railway, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to empower Walker and Walland Union Gas Company to enlarge and extend their existing Gasworks at Walker; and to construct a short line of Railway or Sidings into their said Gasworks, 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 empower the British Electric Tramway Company (Limited) to construct a new Tramroad 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 extend the Periods for the commencement of the construction and for the completion of the Tramways, Tramroads, and other Works, and for the taking of Lands authorised by the West Cumberland Electric Tramways Act, 1861; to extend the Area within which the West Cumberland Electric Tramways Company may supply Electricity, and to confer on that Company further and additional Powers with regard to Markets in the Borough of West Derby, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to constitute and incorporate a Joint Board, consisting of representatives of the Urban District Councils of Abercorn, Abertillery, Elow Vale, Nantyglo, and Blaina and Risca, all in the County of Monmouth; and to authorise the Board to construct Main Trunk Sewers and other Works for the disposal of the Sewage of such Districts, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to confer further Powers upon the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County 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 incorporate the West Sussex Water Company, and to enable the Company to supply Water within the Parish of Pulborough and certain other Parishes in the County of Sussex, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for conferring further Powers upon the Winchester Water and Gas Company, and for Water and Gas Bills, 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 purchase of Lands for the construction and completion of the Waverhampton and Cannondale Chase Railway, for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to enable the Urban District Council of Wood Green of Wood Green to acquire part of Wood Green Urban District Common for the purposes of a Dust Destructor; and to make further provision with regard to the Electric Light Undertaking of the Council, and for the Improvement, Health, and Local Government of the District, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorise the Mayor, Aldermen, Councillors, and Councillors of the Metropolitan Borough of Woolwich to extend the Area within which the said Electric Tramways Company (Limited) may supply Electricity, and to confer further Powers upon, the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors; and to make further provision with respect to Markets in the Borough of Woolwich, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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

Mr. Austen Chamberlain presented,—Return Post Office Telegraphs, for the instant February, for a Return relative to Post Office Telegraphs. Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Hayes Fisher presented, by His Majesty's Civil Service Command.—Estimate of the Further Sums required to be voted for the Civil Service during the year ending 31st March 1903. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Hayes Fisher also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for Navy Services for the year 1901-2; 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 Navy. Ordered, That the said Paper and Estimate do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Viscount Cowardine presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2899 to 2935. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir William Anson presented, pursuant to the Technical directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Instruction Minutes by the Board of Education, mentioning the Subjects to be taught under Clause 8 of the Technical Instruction Act, 1899, for the following Counties:—

County of Cardigans (Second Minute), dated 24th November 1902.

County of Rutland (Fifth Minute), dated 24th November 1902.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Rates of Taxation now paid by Natives in the several parts of British South Africa.—(Mr. Herbert Samuel.)

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented, by His Majesty's 20,000 and under 30,000; 30,000 and under 50,000; 50,000 and under 100,000; 100,000 and under 150,000; 150,000 and under 200,000; 200,000 and under 250,000; 250,000 and under 300,000; 300,000 and under 350,000; 350,000 and under 400,000; 400,000 and under 450,000; 450,000 and under 500,000; 500,000 and under 600,000; 600,000 and under 700,000; 700,000 and under 800,000; 800,000 and under 900,000; 900,000 and under 1,000,000; 1,000,000 and under 1,500,000; 1,500,000 and under 2,000,000; 2,000,000 and over; and showing separately, in each Class, the Quantities of Malt, Unmalted Corn, Rice, &c., Sugar, including its equivalent of Syrups, &c., Hops and Hop Substitutes, paying for the same, and Lents of Syrups, &c., Hops and Hop Substitutes, used by Brewers of Beer for Sale, and of Malt and Sugar used by Brewers not for Sale, from the 1st day of October 1901 to the 30th day of September 1902:—Of the Amount of Licence Duty paid and Beer Duty charged from the 1st day of October 1901 to the 30th day of September 1902, distinguishing Brewers for Sale from other Brewers:—Of the Number of Brewers for Sale, who use Malt and Hops, or Hop Substitutes only, and (ii.) who use Malt with Substitutes for same, and Hops or Hop Substitutes, paying for Licences, from the 1st day of October 1901 to the 30th day of September 1992, separating them into Classes, according to the Number of Barrels of Beer charged with Duty calculated at 100 lbs. for a barrel of 31 gallons; (a) under 35 lbs., (b) 35 lbs. and under 40 lbs., (c) 40 lbs. and under 45 lbs., (d) 45 lbs. and under 50 lbs., (e) 50 lbs. and under 55 lbs., (f) 55 lbs. and under 60 lbs., (g) 60 lbs. and under 65 lbs., (h) 65 lbs. and under 70 lbs., (i) 70 lbs. and under 75 lbs., (j) 75 lbs. and under 80 lbs., (k) 80 lbs. and under 90 lbs., (l) 90 lbs. and under 100 lbs., (m) 100 lbs. and under 125 lbs., (n) 125 lbs. and under 150 lbs., (o) 150 lbs. and under 200 lbs., (p) 200 lbs. and under 250 lbs., (q) 250 lbs. and under 300 lbs., (r) 300 lbs. and under 350 lbs., (s) 350 lbs. and under 400 lbs., (t) 400 lbs. and under 450 lbs., (u) 450 lbs. and under 500 lbs., (v) 500 lbs. and under 600 lbs., (w) 600 lbs. and under 700 lbs., (x) 700 lbs. and under 800 lbs., (y) 800 lbs. and under 900 lbs., (z) 900 lbs. and under 1,000 lbs., (AA) 1,000 lbs. and under 1,500 lbs., (BB) 1,500 lbs. and under 2,000 lbs., (CC) 2,000 lbs. and over; and showing separately, in each Class, the Quantities of Malt, Unmalted Corn, Rice, &c., Sugar, including its equivalent of Syrups, &c., Hops and Hop Substitutes, used and stating also the Number of Barrels of Beer charged with Duty calculated at 100 lbs. for a barrel of 31 gallons; and, of the Number of Barrels of Beer exported from the United Kingdom, and the declared Value thereof, and where exported to, from the 1st day of October 1901 to the 30th day of September 1902, distinguishing England, Scotland and Ireland (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 71, of Session 1902).—(Mr. Hogg Fisher.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Statements for each Month of the year 1903 of the Number of PAPERS (except Monthly Laminates in County and Borough Asylums, Maternities, Registered Hospitals, and Licensed Houses, and Vagrants) in receipt of Relief in England and Wales (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 121, of Session 1903).—(Mr. Grant Lawson.)

The Order of the day being read, for the second Reading of the Congested Districts (Scotland) Act (1897) Amendment Bill;—(Mr. Campbell.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Colonel Lockwood, supported by Sir John Sinclair Bill. Greenaway and Mr. Henry Joseph Wilson, presented a Bill to provide for the Punishment of Incest: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Herbert Roberts, supported by Sir Alfred Liquor Traffic Thomas, Mr. Lloyd-George, Mr. William Abres Local Vase, (Rhondda), Mr. Samuel Evans, and Mr. William Jones, presented a Bill to enable Owners and Occupiers in Wales and Monmouthshire to have effectual Control over the Liquor Traffic: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 1st day of May next; and to be printed.

Sir Francis Sharp Powell, supported by Mr. Prevention of Wilson-Todd, Mr. Henry Holland, Sir John Dighton, Dr. Forsyth, Mr. Driggs, Sir John Brunner, and Sir Walter Foster, presented a Bill to make further and amended provisions to prevent the Pollution of Rivers and Streams: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of March next; and to be printed.

Sir Francis Sharp Powell, supported by Sir public Health Walter Foster, Mr. Talbot, Dr. Forsyth, Mr. Wilson Local Government in Ireland (except (Monthly Bill. 54.

Mr. Henry Holland. Johnstone, Sir Michael Foster, and Sir John Ditty, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Qualification and Tenure of Office of Medical Officers of Health and Inspectors, and to make further provisions relating to Superannuation Allowances for such Officers and Inspectors, and for other purposes: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of March next; and to be printed.

Sir Charles Dilke, supported by Mr. Bell and Trade Unions Mr. McAreavey, presented a Bill to legalise the peaceful Conduct of Trade Disputes, and to alter the Law affecting the Liability of Trade Unions Funds: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Duffy, supported by Mr. Reddy, Mr. Local Comer O'Kelly, and Mr. Reavey, presented a Bill to amend the Local Government (Ireland) Acts: (Governmental Bill:—(Mr. Reddy.) And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 20th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Samuel Roberts, supported by Sir Frederick Miller, Sir Howard Vincent, and Mr. Parkinson Randless, presented a Bill to provide Pensions for the Aged Deserving Poor: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 22nd day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. O'Meara, supported by Mr. John Red-buck Rejibers supported, Mr. William O'Brien, Mr. Dillos, Mr. Coloma, Talbot, W. T. Russell, and Mr. Seppin Henry Rossit, presented a Bill to make provision for a recess Day in Ireland on the Seventeenth day of every
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Light Locomotives (Ire.) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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

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Wednesday, 25th February, 1903.

The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Clerk at the Table informed the House the Chairman of the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Ways and Means.

A Bill to authorise the Corporation of Dover to borrow Money for the Purchase of the Corporation Undertaking of the Dover Electricity Supply Company, Limited, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Corporation of Kingston upon-Hull to borrow Money for the Purchase of the Corporation Undertaking of the Kingston upon-Hull Corporation, Limited, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Standing Orders do consist of Thirteen Members:—Sir John Brunner, Sir William Ged- dington, Mr. John Edward Ellis, Sir Thomas Emmott, Dr. Farquharson, Mr. Halsey, Mr. Humphreys-Owen, Mr. James Lockhart, Sir James Rankin, Mr. William Redmond, Sir Mark Troughton Stewart, Mr. Whitmore, and Mr. Wodehouse, were accordingly nominated Members of the Committee. (Mr. Halsey.)

Ordered, That the Committee of Selection do select consist of Eleven Members:—Mr. Blake, Mr. Sydney Buxton, Sir John Dorington, Sir William Hart Dyke, Dr. Farquharson, Mr. Fenwick, Mr. McKenna, Sir Mark Troughton Stewart, Mr. Whitmore, Mr. Wodehouse, and the Chairman of the Select Committee on Standing Orders were accordingly nominated Members of the Committee. (Mr. Halsey.)

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Bills read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.
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Mr. Secretary Acheson-Douglas also presented—Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 18th day of this instant February, for a Return relating to Parliamentary Constituencies (Electors, &c.) (United Kingdom).

Mr. Secretary Acheson-Douglas also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made by the County Council of Southampton, altering certain Polling Districts in the Hants & Isle of Wight Parliamentary Division.

Copy of Order, dated 8th November 1902, made by the County Council of the County Palatine of Lancaster, altering certain Polling Districts in the Ayr, Lanark, and West Kilbride Parliamentary Division.

Copy of Order made by the County Council of the County Palatine of Lancaster, altering certain Polling Districts in the Ayr, Lanark, and West Kilbride Parliamentary Division.

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Mr. Asquith Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Women’s Franchise Act, 1902 (New South Wales).

Copy of the Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Act, 1902 (New South Wales), and that the Paper relating to the New South Wales (Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Act, No. 53, be printed.

Mr. Hayes Fisher presented a Bill to restrict the Hours of Labour of Tramway Workers in the United Kingdom: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 22nd day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Weir, supported by Mr. Lovat, supported by Plumbers' Registration Bill.

Sir Frederick Dino-Bartlett, supported by Sir James Rankin, Sir John Holland, Colonel, presented a Bill to provide for the eradication of Disease and of Injurious Insects amongst Fruit Trees in Nursery Gardens: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 31st day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. James Rankin, supported by Mr. Henry Percussion, presented a Bill to restrict the Hours of Labour of Tramway Workers in the United Kingdom: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 15th day of May next; and to 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,—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 ended 5th January 1900, showing what Amount of such Bills, before the making up of this Account, has been paid off and discharged, and the 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 Balances of Sums issued, 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 before

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Main Question (Orphans for an Address), proposed upon the 17th day of this instant February, That an Honorable Address be presented to His 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. Gretton);

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, "And we humbly represent to Your Majesty that it is in the highest interest of the State that advantage should be taken of the unprecedented opportunity created by the Land Conference Agreement for putting an end to the question of land purchase proposals in Ireland, by giving the fullest and most generous effect to the Land Conference Report in the Irish land-purchase proposals announced."

The House agreed to the Amendment:—(Mr. Groote).

The Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said Adjourned Debate.

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

 Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Coal Exports, a Return giving, for the year 1902, the Exports of Coal from each Port in the United Kingdom to each Country Abroad, together with summary Statements showing the Export of Coal in every period of three months from the principal Districts of the United Kingdom to the principal Groups of Foreign Countries; and also showing the Quantity of Coal shipped at each Port in the United Kingdom for ships' use on Foreign Voyages during the like period (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 138, of Session 1902.)—(Mr. David Alfred Thomas.)

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

—[No. 8.]

Thursday, 26th February, 1903.

This House met at Two of the clock.

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

Mr. John Morley, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His 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 ordered to lie upon the Table.

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

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

Mr. John Morley, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His 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 ordered to be read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.
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learning and useful knowledge as to the House shall seem meet.
Ordered, That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Inscription Acts, 1879 to 1899 (Rules for Inscription) (Ireland) be printed.

Mr. Secretary Aber-Douglas presented,—Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 23rd day of this instant February, for Returns relative to Arthur Afraid Eyash.
Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Hayes Fisher presented.—Return to an Order, dated the 24th day of this instant February, for Returns relative to Brewers’ Licences.
Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Further Correspondence relating to Affairs in South Africa.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Howard Vincent, supported by Major Broohfield, Sir Henry Secon-Kerr, and Mr. Field, presented a Bill to amend the Merchandise Marks Act, 1887, and to restrain the False Marking of Foreign Goods as British-made: And the same was ordered to be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed.

Sir Howard Vincent, supported by Mr. Henry David Greene, Mr. Howard, and Colonel Pryde, presented a Bill for the appointment of a Public Trustee and Executor: And the same was ordered to be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Main Question proposed upon the 17th day of this instant February, That an humble Address be presented to His 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. Grotton); 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, “And we humbly represent to Your Majesty that the great increase of late in the immigration of destitute aliens into the East End of London, coupled with the considerable numbers of such aliens who become a charge on the Criminal Law of this Country, constitute a grave national danger, seriously affecting the employments, the welfare, and the housing of the working classes, and calls, therefore, for the immediate fulfilment of the repeated promises of legislation upon the subject, on behalf of His Majesty’s Government, and notably of that of 10th February 1897, declaring that not only individual members, but the Government as a whole, were pledged to some legislation on the subject.”—(Sir Howard Vincent.)

And the Question being again proposed. That those words be there added:—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 “And, having regard to the great military poverty of the Indian people, and to the fact that 30,000 troops of the Indian Army have been used in other parts of the world in which India has no direct or substantial interest, we humbly express our regret that Your Majesty’s Speech contains no recommendation for the reduction of the military expenditure of the Indian Empire.”—(Mr. Caine.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there added:—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 represent to Your Irish Railway Majesty that the railway charges for agricultural and other produce in Ireland are excessive, and that the general management of Irish railways is such as to require immediate inquiry and reform.”—(Mr. O’Mara.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put;
Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His 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 His Majesty by such Members of this House as are of His Majesty’s Most Honourable Privy Council or of His Majesty’s Household.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday Ways and Means next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

Ordered, That the Civil Services (Supplementary Estimates, 1902-3), presented to this House on the 24th day of this instant February, be referred to the Committee of Supply.—(Mr. Hayes Fisher.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.—(Mr. Hayes Fisher.)

And, there being no further Business set down Mr. Speaker left the Chair until the Evening Sitting.

Evening Sitting.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 25th day of this instant February, That the Bank Holidays (Ireland) Bill be now read a second time;

And the Question being again proposed:—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Friday, 27th February, 1903.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report from the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in respect of the following Bills introduced pursuant to the provisions of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1889, and which the Chairman of Ways and Means had directed to originate in the House of Lords, they have certified that the Standing Orders have been complied with, viz.:—

Fife Electric Power Company.

Life Association of Scotland.

Scottish American Mortgage Company Limited.

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, introduced pursuant to the provisions of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1889, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:—

Lanarkshire and Dumbartonshire Railway Bill.

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

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

Mr. Secretary Abercrombie Douglas presented, by His Majesty's Command—Copy of Report by Major A. Cooper-Key, His Majesty's Inspector of Explosives, to the Secretary of State for the Home Department, on the circumstances attending an Explosion of partly mixed Cordite Paste, which occurred at the Factory of Menzies, Curtis and Harvey, Limited, at Lower Hope Point, near Crieff, Perth, on the 15th December 1902.

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

Mr. Walter Long presented, Return to an Order, dated the 24th day of this instant February, for a Return relative to Pauperism (England and Wales) (Monthly Statements).

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

Mr. Secretary Brodrick presented, by His Majesty's Command—Supplementary Estimate of the further Amount that will be required during the year ending 31st March 1903 to meet Expenditure in excess of that provided for in the original Army Estimates for the year for the Pay, &c., of the Army.

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Army Estimates of Effective and Non-Effective Army Services for the year ending 31st March 1904, No. 48.

Estimate of the Sum required for the year ending 31st March 1904, to defray the Expenses of the Ordnance Factories. Ordered, That the said Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

No. 44.

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

Copy of Report of the Commissioners and Lord Land Commissioners (Account), No. 45, together with the Account for the above period, and that from 22nd August 1981 to 31st March 1902.

Copy of all Applications made by the First Bank of England, Exchequer to the Governor and Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, for Advances to Government authorised by Parliament, from the 5th January 1902 to the 5th January 1903.

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The County Courts Jurisdiction Extension County Courts (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.

The Outdoor Relief (Friendly Societies) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Order of the day being read, for the Solicitors Bill, Second Reading of the Solicitors Bill; and a Debate arising thereupon;

And Notice being taken, at a quarter past Eleven of the clock, that Forty Members were not present, the House was 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 Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, with:

Standing Order No. 62 has been complied with,

Standing Orders have not been complied with,

Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, with:

Ordered, That the said Petitions be referred to the Standing Committee on Bills, Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Solicitors Bill, Second Reading of the Solicitors 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. Glyn.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question.

And a Debate arising thereupon;

And Notice being taken, at a quarter past One of the clock, that Forty Members were not present, the House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Fifteen 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 Sixteen Members only being present, the House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker without a Question first put till Monday next.

Monday, 2nd March, 1903.

The House met at Two 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, referred on the First Reading thereof, with:

Standing Order No. 62 has been complied with,

Bridgewater Gas Bill.

Greenock Gas Bill.

Central London Railway Bill.

Clarington, Exton, and Hampton Railway Bill.

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Order, 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 Petition for the following Bill, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz. —

London County Council (Tramways and Improvements),

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

A Petition of the Coventry Electric Tramways Company, praying that Provision may be made in the Coventry Electric Tramways Bill, authorising the Corporation of Coventry to work the Tramways when acquired, and to demand Tolls, Rates, and Charges for the use of the same, and of the Carriages thereon, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Petition of the Lanarkshire and Dumbarton—Lanarkshire Railway Company and the Caledonian Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Lanarkshire and Dumbartonshire Railway Company to raise further Moneys to enable the Caledonian Railway Company to subscribe for additional Shares or Stock, to maintain certain existing Railways, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

The Clerk at the Table informed the House The Chairman was absent. The Table informed the House The Chairman was absent. The Clerk at the Table informed the House The Chairman was absent. The Table informed the House The Chairman was absent.

The Barkers Corporation (Water) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

The Corporation (Water) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Order, That the City and North East City and burial Electric Railway Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Order, That the Chatham Junction and Marble Arch Railway (No. 1) Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 10th day of this instant March.

The Cork Harbour Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Coventry and Ather Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Dublin Improvement (Bill Alley Area) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Engineer and Ather Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Metropolitan District Railway (Works) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The New Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Woolwich, in the room of Vice-Admiral Charles William de la Pover Beresford, commonly called Lord Charles Beresford, who, since his election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Manor of Northwood, in the County of York.—(Sir Alexander Acton, M.P.)

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

The District Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Select Committee on Standing Orders.
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Mr. Austen Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Telegraph (Foreign-Written Anglo-Norwegian and Anglo-Swedish Press Telegram) Regulations, 1903. Dated 9th February 1903. Copy of the Telegraph (Foreign-Written Anglo-Danish Press Telegram) Regulations, 1903. Dated 8th February 1903. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to the Pensions and风光sions under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, and the General Pier and Harbour Act (1861) Amendment Act, Session 1903. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Bradlow presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Training Return of Imperial Yeomanry for 1902. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir William Anson presented, by His Majesty's Board of Education, Report on Elementary Schools and Training Colleges, 1901-2. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Henry Fisher presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Estimates for Civil Services and Revenue Departments for the year ending 31st March 1904, together with a Copy of the 1903-4. Memorandum by the Financial Secretary to the No. 48. Treasury relating thereto.

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

Mr. Austen Chamberlain presented, by His Colonial Office, Report on Colonial Affairs, No. 382 (Trinidad and Tobago, Report for 1901-2). Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wyndham presented, pursuant to the Committee directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Ordinance Returns from the Clerks of the Crown and Peace in Ireland of the Number of Persons committed for Trial in the year 1902. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Chief Inspector of the Schools in the Northern Division of Scotland, for the year 1903-4, with Explanation of Differences. No. 49. x 4 Copy
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1903. [No. 10.]

The Order for reading a second time, upon Congested Districts (Scotland) Act (1897) Amendment Bill as read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That the adjourned Debate on the Solicitors Bill Amendment, which, upon the 27th day of February last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Solicitors Bill be now read a second time, be resumed upon Friday next.

Mr. Walter Long presented a Bill to amend Local Government (Transfer of Powers) Bill.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, supported by Mr. Nannetti, supported by Mr. Joyce, Mr. Trade Disputes Arbitration Bill.

Mr. Crean presented a Bill to provide for Arbitration in Trade Disputes; and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 8th day of May next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the words "no Writ for the City of Galway has been issued in this present Session"—(Sir George Bartley)—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 Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, | Tellers for the Noses.
Sir Alexander Acland, | Sir George Bartley,
Mr. Amor, | Mr. Malcolm,
345. | 45.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative. And the Main Question being put; Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Writ 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 City of Galway, in the room of Arthur Alfred Lynch, adjudged guilty of high treason.—(Mr. Attorney General);

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 Writ for the City of Galway has been issued in this present Session"—(Sir George Bartley)—instead thereof.

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

Civil Services (Supplementary) Estimates, 1899-1900.

Class I.

1. £ 7,500 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1903, for Expenditure in respect of Royal Palaces and Marlborough House.

Class III.

2. £ 20,300 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1903, to repay to the India Office the Expenses of the Entertainment in this Country of Indian Representative Visitors at the Coronation of His Majesty.

Class VII.

3. £ 70,000, the year ending on the 31st day of March 1903, to repay to the India Office the Expenses of the Entertainment in this Country of Indian Representative Visitors at the Coronation of His Majesty.
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Class II.

4. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £2,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1903, for the Salaries and Expenses of certain services transferred from the Mercantile Marine Fund, and other services connected with the Mercantile Marine:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress; and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Gibson Bowles):

—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Sir Alexander Acland-

Hood,

Mr. Austruther:

137.

Tellers for the
Mr. E. Keeling,

Mr. Charles Hobhouse:

155.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £10,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1903, for the Expenses in connection with His Majesty’s Embassies, Missions, and Consular Establishments Abroad, and other Expenditure chargeable on the Consular Vote:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £9,900, be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Charles Hobhouse):

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Mr. Charles Hobhouse,

Mr. E. Keeling:

108.

Tellers for the
Sir Alexander Acland-

Hood,

Mr. Austruther:

132.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £28,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1903, for the Salaries and Expenses of the General Valuation and Boundary Survey of Ireland:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £2,000, be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Balatoun):

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Sir Alexander Acland-

Hood,

Mr. Austruther:

128.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The Deputy Chairman 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.

Evening Sitting.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Outdoor Relief Bill (Friendly Societies) Bill.

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Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That 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 Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill;
2nd—3rd March.

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 Act; 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 March, 1903 : Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Incest 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 Merchandise Marks Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 11th day of this instant March.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 12th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Bank Holidays (Ireland) Bill; and ordered, that this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Light Locomotives (Ireland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses, No. 1 to No. 4, agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman 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.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Trustee Act, 1893: And that Mr. Galloway, Lord Hugh Cecil, Sir Charles Bénesco, and Mr. John Hutton do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law for Libel in connection with the Newspaper Press: And that Major Rasch, Colonel Lockwood, Mr. Ernest Grey, and Mr. Stratton do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Galloway presented a Bill to amend the Trustee Act, 1893: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Major Rasch presented a Bill to amend the Law for Libel in connection with the Newspaper Press: 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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City and Suburban Electric Railway Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the City and North East Suburban Electric Railway Bill ; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 12th day of this instant March, at the Evening Sitting.

Middlesbrough Corporation Bill.

The Middlesbrough Corporation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time ; and committed.

Watford and Edgware Railway Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Watford and Edgware Railway Bill ; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Wood Green Urban District Council Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wood Green Urban District Council Bill ; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

London County (Tramways and Improvements) Bill.

A Petition of the Empire Electric Light and Power Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Empire Electric Light and Power Company, Limited, to construct Tramways in Romford and the adjoining Districts in the County of Essex, and for other purposes, was presented, and read ; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Lewis Saul and Mr. Price.

A Petition of the London County Council, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the London County Council to construct and work Tramways in the County of London ; to make Street Improvements ; and to acquire and use Lands for the purposes of a Station or Stations for generating Electric Energy ; to empower the Council of the Metropolitan Borough of Woolwich to widen and improve West Hall Road, 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.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Wages and Expenses of the Officers of Customs, which was presented upon the 23rd day of February last, be printed.

Mr. Wyndham presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Returns of the Official Amusees of the Court of Bankruptcy in Ireland, and the Local Courts at Belfast and Cork, for the year ending on the 31st day of December 1892.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Translation of the new General Customs Tariff of Germany, with comparison, as far as possible, of the Rates at present in force on Imports into Germany from the United Kingdom.

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Certificate under the Railway Companies Powers Act, 1894, of the Board of Trade authorising the Axminster and Lyme Regis Light Railway Company to raise additional Capital.

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

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The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to University of Aberdeen for the year ending 18th September 1902.

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

Mr. Secretary Aker-Douglas presented,—Alterations in Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 27th day of November, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return relative to Alterations in the Book of Common Prayers.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Foreign Trade and Commerce of certain Foreign Countries and British Possessions. (Mr. Gerald Balfour.)

Mr. Halley reported from the Committee of Selection ; That they had selected the following Members to serve on the Standing Committee for the consideration of all Bills relating to Trade, including Agriculture and Fishing, Shipping, and Manufactures, which may, by Order of the House, be committed to such Standing Committee :—Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. Beale, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Gerald Balfour, Mr. Beckett, Mr. Boland, Mr. Griffith-Booton, Mr. John Burns, Mr. Hirst, Sir Charles Cayzer, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Channing, Mr. Cockram, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Jesse Collings, Sir John Colomb, Mr. Cronin, Mr. Cumbria, Mr. Dillon, Sir Frederick Dixon-Hartland, Mr. Dougall, Mr. Farrall, Sir Fortescue Flewney, Sir Henry Fowler, Mr. Galsworthy, Mr. Galsworthy, Sir Alfred Hickman, Sir William Holdsworth, Sir James Joicey, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Donan Lines, Sir Elliott Lines, Mr. Lloyd-George, Colonel Long, Mr. Walter Long, Mr. Charles McArthur, Mr. Macdonnell, Mr. William McQuillan, Sir William Mather, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. T. P. O'Connor, Mr. Perkes, Mr. Pikes Pease, Colonel Pittington, Sir James Ramsay, Sir George Ramsay, Mr. Herbert Roberts, Sir Albert Rollett, Sir Round, Mr. Runciman, Mr. T. W. Russell, Mr. Stuart Samuel, Sir Henry Seton-Kerr, Mr. Thomas Shaw, Sir John Barrington Simeon, Sir Thomas Sharpe, Mr. Theodore Taylor, Mr. Tynan, Mr. Whitehead, Mr. Whitehead, Colonel Williams, Mr. Frederick Willis, Mr. John Wilson (Durham), Mr. Wolf, and Mr. Samuel Young.

Mr. Halley 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 Law, etc., and Courts of Justice, and Law and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, which may, by Order of the House, be committed to such Standing Committee :—The Lord Advocate, Mr. Secretary Aker-Douglas, Mr. Asquith, Mr. Atterbury-Jones, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Balfour, Sir George Baring, Mr. Baxter, Mr. Carew, Lord Hugh Cecil, Mr. Cholmeley, Mr. Coghill,
Local Captain Authorities' Supply, The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. According to Order, 

Mr. Halley further reported from the Committee :—That in pursuance of the provisions of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, they had selected the following Fifteen Members to form the Parliamentary Panel of Members of this House to act as Commissioners :—Mr. Emmott, Mr. John Edward Gordon (Elgin), Mr. Charles Hobbson, Mr. Alfred Hutten, Mr. Brynam Jones, Mr. Lord, Mr. William Lawrence, Sir Joseph Lease, Mr. Lloyd Morgan, Mr. Loder, Mr. Leatham, Mr. Swift MacNeil, Mr. Middlemore, Mr. William Moore, Mr. Mortin, Mr. Neudigge, Captain Norton, Sir Francis Sharp Panel, Lieutenant-Colonel Pryce-Jones, Sir Robert Reid, Mr. Remnant, Mr. Matthew White Ridley, Mr. Byron Roberts, Mr. Parker Smith, Mr. Naunton, Mr. Solicitor General, Sir Ernest Spencer, Mr. Stevenson, Sir Benjamin Stone, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Ure, Sir Howard Vincent, Mr. Robert Wallace, Mr. Whiteley, and Sir James Woodhouse.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received tomorrow. It is to be printed.

The Deputy Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again. Resolved, That this House will, tomorrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Chanceller of the Exchequer reported Supply, to be printed. The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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(See the Committee.)

Civil Services (Supplementary Estimates), 1902-3.

Class I.

1. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £7,600, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1903, for Expenditure in respect of Royal Palaces, Marlborough House, and the British Legations and Embassies.

2. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £20,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1903, for the Expenses of the Prisons in England and Wales (Supplementary).

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £70,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1903, to repay to the India Office the Expenses of the Entertainment in this Country of Indian Representative Visitors at the Coronation of His Majesty.

4. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £2,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1903, for the Salaries and Expenses of certain Services transferred from the Mercantile Marine Fund, and other Services connected with the Mercantile Marine (Supplementary).

5. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £10,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1903, for the Expenses in connection with His
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**His Majesty's Embassies, Missions, and of Consular Establishments Abroad, and other Expenditure chargeable on the Consular Vote.**

The said Resolution, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd day of this instant March (Evening Sitting) several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Services (Supplementary) Estimates, 1903-3.

1. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £50,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1903, for the Grants in Aid of the British Protectorates in East Africa.

2. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £2,820, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1903, for the Salaries and Expenses of the General Valuation and Boundary Survey of Ireland.

3. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £292,807, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1903, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Education.

4. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £29,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1903, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Education.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

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.

There being no further Business set down during the day, the House met at Two of the clock, and sat till ten minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

**HOUSE OF COMMONS.**

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

The Right Honourable Arthur Frederick Jefferys,

The Right Honourable Charles Hailey

Stuart-Wortley,

The Right Honourable Henry Holford,

Mr. John Edward Ellis, and

Mr. Edward Blake,

to act during this Session as temporary Chairmen of Committees when requested by the Chairman of Ways and Means.

WILLIAM COURT GUILTY, Speaker.

3rd March 1903.

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**Wednesday, 4th March, 1903.**

**ORDER E.D.** That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to (Eastern or Bye Division), in the room of Colonel Arthur Montagu Brockfield, who, since his election for the said County, hath accepted the Office of His Majesty's Consul at Monte Video. (Sir Alexander Acton-Hood.)

The Clerk at the Table informed the House that the Chairman of the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Ways and Means.

Ordered, That the Billingshurst and District Billingshurst Bill be a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order made, upon the 24th day of February last, That the London Building Acts (Amendment) Bill be a second time, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the West Susquehanna Water Bill be a second time upon Wednesday next.

A Bill to authorise the Empire Electric Light and Power Company, Limited, to construct Tramways in Romford and the adjoining Districts in the County of Essex, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Seaforth and Westferry Division Railway Bill be a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of this instant March.

Ordered, That the West Susquehanna Water Bill be a second time upon Wednesday next.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Index to the Reports of the Royal Commission on Local Taxation.

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Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 3rd day of this instant March, for a Return relative to Foreign Trade and Commerce.

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made by the Board of Trade, under the provisions of the Sea Fisheries Regulation Act, 1888, for the variation of their Order creating the Devon Sea Fisheries District, together with Report by Inspector on Inquiry.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to Foreign Trade and Commerce and the Sea Fisheries Regulation Act, 1888, be printed.

Census of Scotland, 1900. The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Eleventh Decennial Census of the Population of Scotland, taken 31st March 1901, with Report (Vol. II.) Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Viscount Cranborne presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Further Correspondence respecting the Affairs of South Eastern Europe (Reforms in the Administration of the Vilayets of Salonic, Monastir, and Kosovo.) Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, No. 2941. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hayes Fisher presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 25th day of February last, for a Return relative to Post Office (Contract for Accelerated Mail Service to and from Ireland via Carlisle, Strausburg, and Latrobe.)

Mr. Hayes Fisher also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account showing the Money issued from the Consolidated Fund, under the provisions of the Land Registry (New Buildings) Act, 1900, and of the Expenditure; the Money expended and borrowed and the Secrecy created under the said Act, for the period ended the 31st March 1902; 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. Secretary Brodtick presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Annual Report of the Inspector General of Recruiting for 1902.

Copy of Memorandum of the Secretary of State for War, relating to the Army Estimates of 1903-4. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that He will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return giving Mola Fracek, adopted with regard to Consular Jurisdiction in International Settlement at Shanghai. (Mr. Joseph Walton.)

Colonel Long, supported by Mr. Lee, Mr. Market Reaymond Greene, Sir Thomas Erskine, and Members' Compensation Bill. Mr. Channing, presented a Bill to remove certain Doubts as to the meaning of the Market Gardener's Compensation Act, 1892; and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of this instant March; and to be printed.

Mr. Walter Long, supported by Mr. Grant County Lawson, presented a Bill to amend the Local Cemeteries Act, 1888, by empowering County Councils to promote Bills in Parliament; and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of this instant March, and to be printed.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain reported from the Supply Committee of Supply, of the 3rd of this instant March, several Resolutions, which were read, as follows:

Civil Services (Supplementary) Estimates, 1902-3.

Class II.

1. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding Colonel £ 5,709, be granted to His Majesty, to defray payment of the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1903, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Class V.

2. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding Colonel £ 1,016,600, be granted to His Majesty, to defray payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1903, of the variation of their Order creating the Sea Fisheries District, together with Report by Inspector on Inquiry, s

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 Nos to the Left;

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland—Humbert, 163.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Hobhouse, 120.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative, Then the Third Resolution was agreed to.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Naval Forces to provide for the Constitution of a Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, the Bill to be printed.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented,—Return showing annually, for each year since 1870, inclusive, in a Summarised Form, the importation of (1) Wheat, Wheat Meal, and Flour; (2) Meat, including Animals for Food; and (3) Sugar retained for Home Consumption; and the Countries from which these Supplies of Food were derived. (Mr. David Alfred Thomas.)
Mr. Arnold-Forster and Mr. Pretyman do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Arnold-Forster accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the Constitution of a Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, and a Force of Royal Marine Volunteers, and otherwise amend the Law relating to His Majesty’s Naval Forces; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Licensing (Scotland) Acts, 1826 to 1897; And that the Lord Advocate, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, and Mr. Asst. Solicitor do prepare, and bring it in.

The Lord Advocate accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Licensing (Scotland) Acts, 1828 to 1897: 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 with regard to the Sale of Adulterated Butter: And that Mr. Hanbury and Mr. Secretary Abers-Douglas do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Law with regard to the Sale of Adulterated Butter: 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 make better Provision for regulating the Employment of Children: And that Mr. Secretary Abers-Douglas and Mr. Cashmore do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Secretary Abers-Douglas accordingly presented a Bill to make better Provision for regulating the Employment of Children: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That it is expedient that a Select Committee 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. Balfour)—And a Debate arising thereupon; And, it being half an hour after Seven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed tomorrow.

Evening Sitting.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a Committee be appointed to inquire into the existing Law as it affects Trades Unions, and report what, if any, alterations should be made therein—(Mr. Pemberton): An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "Committee," and inserting the word "Commission"—(Mr. Gollan)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the word "Committee" stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment and Motion were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That, in the opinion of this House, the unnecessarily long Hours of Labour in Shops are Injurious to the Health and well-being of all concerned; that it is desirable that Borough and District Councils should be authorized to obtain Provisional Orders making such Regulations in respect to the closing of Shops and the limitation of the Hours of Labour of Shop Workers as may seem to them to be necessary for the Areas under their jurisdiction; thus effectually carrying out the Recommendation of the Select Committee of the House of Lords on Early Closing of Shops, as embodied in paragraph 13 of the Report of 1901.—(Mr. Price.)

The Order of the day being read, for the School Board Second Reading of the School Board Electorate (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

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

Thursday, 5th March, 1903:

The Order of the day being read, for resuming truly to the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed amidst Bill, upon the 2nd day of this instant March, That the Cruelty to Animals 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 Treaties Act (1893) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

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

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

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

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till two minutes after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.
The Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Ways and Means.

Ordered, That the Dover Corporation Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 2nd day of April next.

The Kingston-upon-Hull Corporation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Stoke Newington Borough Council Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Fifty-fifth Report from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with an Appendix.

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

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to 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 Dorset; and (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 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 1857; (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 Reports be printed.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that He will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Cases of Labourers Male Prisoners in China, Poisoning reported as occurring in China and Earthenware Works during the years 1889 to 1902, showing (1) the Number of Cases in the several Classes of Works and in the various Processes, the Number of Persons employed, and the proportion of Cases to Persons employed; (2) the Number of Cases occurring in each month of the year; (3) Particulars as to the Character of the Attacks; (4) The Number of Persons suspended in certain Districts by the Certifying Surgeons (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 61, of Session 1892.—(Mr. Cockrane.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Inquiry into Charities in the County Borough of Barrow-in-Furness 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 Borough; or of any part thereof, together with the Report on those Endowments of the Commissioners for Inquiring concerning Charities, 1818 to 1857; (2) a Digest showing whether any, and, if any, what such Endowments are recorded in the Books of the Charity Commissioners in the County Borough; and (3) an Index, alphabetically arranged, of Names and Places mentioned in the Report.—(Mr. Griffith-Boscawen.)

Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had added to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Law Extension Bill.—Mr. Attorney General, Mr. J. Buchanan, Mr. Coates, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Green, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Under
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. William Jones, Member for North Carmarthen, 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 severe privation and loss arising from the struggle in the Penrhyn Quarry District; the recent grave recommendations of the Carmarthen Standing Joint Committee in reporting thereon, and the failure to be sent in the provisions of the Consolidation Act to terminate the dispute; and, the pleasure of the House having been signified, the Motion stood over, under Standing Order No. 10, until the Evening Sitting, this day.

Mr. Crispin, supported by Sir William Holdsworth, Mr. Henry Hobhouse, Mr. Florence Gibson, Mr. Lawrence Hardy, Mr. Jephson, Mr. Whitley, Mr. Duke, Mr. Watson, Sir John Derington, Sir Francis Sharp Powell, and Mr. Griffiths-Roseouen, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Church Discipline: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 13th day of this instant March; and to be printed.

Mr. Broadhurst, supported by Mr. Thomas Bayley, Sir John Rolleston, Mr. Channing, and Mr. Cornell Grant, presented a Bill to amend the Vaccination Acts: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Broadhurst, supported by Sir John Brauns, Sir Walter Scott, Mr. Levy, Mr. Braley, and Mr. Herbert Lewis, presented a Bill to abolish Tied Houses: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Clapham Hay, supported by Sir John Dickson-Poynder, Sir John Grant, Mr. Peel, Major Evans-Gordon, and Mr. Gaudling, presented a Bill to extend the period for the repayment of Loans relating to the Housing of the Working Classes, and for other purposes connected therewith: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Cathcart Watson, supported by Sir Andrew Agnew, Sir William Arrol, Mr. Alexander Cross, Mr. James Reid, Mr. John Dewar, Dr. Fargher, Mr. Harmsworth, Mr. Eugene Waas, and Mr. Weir, presented a Bill to amend the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1894: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Walter Lang, supported by Mr. Grant Lawran, presented a Bill to amend the Borough Funds Act, 1872: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Lambert, supported by Mr. Scoble-Hogge, Mr. Snare, Mr. Allen, Mr. Mansefield, and Mr. Herbert Samuel, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Tenure of Land: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 13th day of this instant March; and to be printed.

Sir John Stirling-Maxwell, supported by Sir Public House William Doun, Mr. Cameron Forbes, Mr. Bryce, Hon. Hope, Sir John Long, Mr. Shaw-Stewart, and Mr. Hunter Cray, presented a Bill to amend the Bill. Public House (Hours of Closing) (Scotland) Act, 1887: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That this day the Motion on the Business of Paper relating to the appointment of the Committee of Defence have precedence of the Committee of Supply—(Mr. Balfour).

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Motion be now adjourned—(Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman):—It passed in the Negative.

And the Original Question being put It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, the growing needs of the Empire require the establishment of the Committee of Defence on a permanent footing.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply
Committee of Supply;
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 4th day of this instant March, That it is expedient that a Select Committee 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 to local authorities for industrial enterprise within or without the area of their jurisdiction—(Mr. Balfour):

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the County
Second Reading of the County Councils (Bills in
Parliament) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Monday next.

The Naval Forces Bill was, according to Naval Forces
Order, read a second time; and committed to a Bill
Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways
and Means:
Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday
next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And, there being no further Business set down
for the Afternoon Sitting, Mr. Speaker left the
Chair until this Evening's Sitting.

Evening Sitting:
A Motion was made, and the Question being adjourned put, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. William Jones):—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Nays to the Left.

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House of Commons

Local Law, &c.

Incest Bill.

Animals Bill.

Cruelty to Animals Bill.

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Sir James Bailey,

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Dr. George Ormsby-Nicol,

MacDonnell,

Mr. Jacoby,

Mr. Sir Dalziel,

Mr. Sir Horatio Cremer,

Mr. Bullard,

pointed to control the Arrangements for the

Committee do classify and prepare abstracts of

contents, and do report the same from time to

time to the House; and that the Reports of the

day.

adjourned.

Ordered,

That Three be the Quorum.—(Sir Alexander Acland-Hood.)

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

[No. 14.]

Friday, 6th March, 1903.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Standing Orders not complied with, viz.—

Leominster and Greenwell District Electric Light 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 Standing Orders not complied with, viz.—

Blackheath and Greenwich District Electric Light Bill.

Market Drayton 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 Standing Orders not complied with, viz.—

Croydon to Banbury Bill.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his War Office Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for War Office, the County of Fermanagh (North Fermanagh), in the room of Edward Mervyn Archdale, Esquire, who, since his election for the said County, has accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of His Majesty's Three Chilling Hundreds of Stoke, Drogheda, and Boreham, in the County of Buckingham,—(Sir Alexander Acland-Hood.)

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.—(Sir Alexander Acland-Hood.)

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Seventeen Members.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to control the Arrangements for the Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms in the Department of the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House.

Ordered, That the Committee be resumed this day.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Clerk of the House,—Further Return Charities from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

House of Commons

(Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms.)

Public Petitions.

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 adjournment of the Debate on the Question proposed upon the 2nd day of this instant March, That the Cruelty to Animals Bill be now read a second time;

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

And, it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Committee do set forth the Number of Signatures to which Addresses are affixed:—

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Herbert Roberts, Mr. Bryan Jones: 127.

Tellers for the Nays, Mr. Andrus: 127.

So it passed in the Negative.

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

Mr. Hayes Fisher presented, by His Majesty's Civil Service Command,—An Estimate showing the several Civil Services and Revenue Departments for the year ending 31st March, 1904.

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

The following Paper was laid upon the Table:—The Inquiry into the Conduct of the Clerk of the House, Further Return to an Order, dated the 12th of February 1900, 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, 1863 to 1894, and appropriated
The Chairman of Ways and Means.  

The Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Ways and Means.

Merchandise Marks Bill.  

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Merchandise Marks Bill was read, and discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Innkeepers' Liability Bill.  

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Innkeepers' Liability 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. Nannetti.)  

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question.—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Colonel桑德森 rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put."  

And the Question being put, "That the Question put be now put":  

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Left;  

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Sloan, 106.  

Mr. O'Shaughnessy: 77.  

Mr. Patrick O'Brien: 79.

Noes, 76.  

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. Sloan, 103.  

Mr. O'Shaughnessy: 101.  

Mr. Patrick O'Brien: 79.

Noes, 76.  

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Main Question be now put.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Licensing Second Reading of the Solicitors Bill;  

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Commissions of Oyer and Terminer of the Convicts' Inquests (Ireland) Bill;  

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Vaccination Second Reading of the Vaccination Prosecution Bill;  

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Plumbers' Second Reading of the Plumbers' Registration Bill;  

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Solicitors Bill, resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 27th day of February last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Solicitors Bill be now read a second time;  

Ordered,
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 2nd day of this instant March, That the Cruelty to Animals Bill be now read a second time:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Sir James Ferguson reported from the Chairman's Panel; That they had appointed Lord Edmund FitzGerald to act as Chairman of the Standing Committee for the consideration of Bills relating to Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure.

Sir James Ferguson further reported from the Chairman's Panel; That they had agreed to the following Resolution—That any Member of the Chairman's Panel be and he is hereby empowered to ask any other Member of the Chairman's Panel to take his place in case of necessity.

Ordered, That the Report be laid upon the Table.

And then the House, having continued to sit till five minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

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Monday, 9th March, 1903.

The House met at Two 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, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 92 has been complied with, viz.——

Great Eastern Railway (No. 1) Bill.
Great Eastern Railway (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

The Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Ways and Means.

Bridgewater Gas Bill.

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

Bournemouth Gas Bill.

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

Central London Railway Bill.

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

Charing Cross, Euston, and Hampstead Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Charing Cross, Euston, and Hampstead Railway Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next (Evening Sitting).

City and South London Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the City and South London Railway Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next (Evening Sitting).

Commercial Gas Bill.

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

Coventry Electric Tramways Bill.

The Coventry Electric Tramways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Crystal Palace District Gas Bill.

The Crystal Palace District Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

East Ardsley Gas Bill.

The East Ardsley Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Gas Light and Coke Company Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Garston and Southow (gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Great Northern and City Railway Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Great Northern, Piccadilly, Great Northern, Piccadilly, and Brompton Railway (New Lines and Extensions) Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Great Northern, Piccadilly, and Brompton Railway (Various Powers) Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Great Northern Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Great Southern and Western Railway Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next (Evening Sitting).

The Great Western Railway (Pension Fund) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Hemsh Commercial Railway and Dock Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The London, Tilbury, and Southend Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

Ordered, That the Metropolitan District Railway (Works) Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Midland and Belfast and Midland and Northern Counties Railway Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Midland Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The North, Pontardawe, and Brynaman Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Newcastle - upon - Tyne Electric Supply Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The North Middlesex Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the North West London Railway Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
General upon the Account of the Irish Land Commission in respect of Church Temporalities in Ireland, for the year ended 31st March 1902, and that from 26th July 1869 (the Date of the Irish Church Act) to the 31st March 1902.

Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Amounts and Values of Savings Banks, Government Stock, Bills and Bonds, Annuities, and other Securities standing in the Names of the National Debt Commissioners on account of the Post Office Savings Bank Fund on 31st December 1902, together with any Dividends accrued but not received up to such date.—(Mr. Channing.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Public Elementary Schools, classified into Board, Church, and Other Religious Denominations—Wesleyan, Roman Catholic, British, and other by Government Un denominational Schools, which have received for the years 1900–1, 1901–2 (1) Annual Grants, (2) Contributions from the Commissioners of Woods and Forests or any other Government Department, not being the Board of Education, together with the Total Sum in each case given to each Class of School.—(Mr. Trevelyan.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that He will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Laws, if any, in force in France, Germany, Austria, Italy, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, and the United States: (1) for regulating or restricting the exhibition of Posters, Bills, and other Public Advertisements; and (2) for the Taxation of such Advertisements.—(Mr. Bryce.)

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the Local Authorities’ Offices’ Superannuation Bill was read, and discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 24th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Byngman Jones, supported by Mr. Baring, Mr. Price, and Mr. Harry Samuel, presented a Bill to amend the Bankruptcy Act, 1861: and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Macdonald, supported by Mr. Talbot, Mr. Ensign, Mr. Ratteckhill, Sir Joseph Dimsdale, Mr. Churchill, Lord Hugh Cecil, Captain Norton, Mr. T. P. O’Connor, Mr. Samuel Evans, Dr. Fortherson, Mr. Stuart Samuel, and Mr. Haywood Johnston, presented a Bill for the better safeguarding of British Subjects in their intermarriage with Foreigners: And the same was ordered to be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Johny, supported by Sir James Hadley, Mr. O’Malley, Mr. Clancy, Mr. Cog an, and Mr. T. W. Russell, presented a Bill to provide for Superannuation Allowances to certain Local Officers and Servants in Ireland, for Contributions towards such Allowances by such Officers and Servants, and to make other relative provisions: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 23rd day of this instant March; and to be printed.
The Order of the day being read, for the Employment Second Reading of the Employment of Children Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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 this day.

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 next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Municipal the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed Trading, upon the 4th day of this instant March, That it is expedient that a Select Committee 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. Balfour) ; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Employment Second Reading of the Employment of Children Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sales of Intoxicating Liquors Bill ;
Ordered, That the House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government Second Reading of the County Councils (Bills in Parliament) 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 (London) Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing of the Working Classes (Repayment of Loans) 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 (Scotland) Act (1894) Amendment Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing (Scotland) Act Amendment Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Licensing Second Reading of the Licensing (Ireland) Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.
Tuesday, 10th March, 1903.

The House met at Two of the clock.

The Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 2nd day of this instant March, That the Solicitors Bill be now read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

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

Public Business:

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


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

Mr. Hayes Fisher presented, by His Majesty's Queen Anne's Command,—Annual Report and Accounts of the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty for the year ending 31st December 1902.

Mr. Hayes Fisher also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Accounts showing the Moneys issued under the provisions of the Public Offices (Acquisition of Site) Act, 1885, Session 2; the Public Offices (Westminster) Site Act, 1894; the Public Offices (Whitehall) Site Act, 1897; and the Public Buildings Expenses Act, 1898, &c. Printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing (1) the Total Rateable Value of each of the Urban Districts in Ireland; (2) the Borrowing Powers of each, distinguishing between their Powers under the Public Health (Ireland) Act and Local Acts (if any); (2) the Amount borrowed by each Urban District on the security of the Rates, distinguishing Loans from (a) Local Loans Fund, (b) Stock, (c) other sources (exclusive of Loans entirely repaid on the 1st day of January 1902); (4) the Amount of Loans repaid up to the 1st day of January 1902 (exclusive of Loans entirely repaid on the 1st day of January 1902); (5) the Rate in the Pounds for all purposes levied in each Urban District during the years 1899, 1900, and 1901; and (6) the Income (if any) of each Urban District from sources other than the Rates.—Vide Second Report.

Mr. Halley reported from the Committee of Selection; 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 Inkeepers' Liability Bill:—Mr. Bowditch, Mr. Inglis, Mr. Johnstone, Mr. Wilmot, Mr. Vickers, Mr. Boycott, Mr. Joules, Mr. Powell, Mr. Goulton, Mr. Gorton, Mr. Brampton, Mr. O'Shea, Mr. O'Shea, Mr. Nunnari, Mr. Charles, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Walker, Mr. Goodall, Mr. Halsey, Mr. Nannetti, and Mr. White.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Halley reported from the Select Committee standing on Standing Orders several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That, in the case of the Metropolitan District Railway (Various Powers) Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with, so that the Parties be permitted to proceed with Powers.
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the London County Council to construct and work Tramways in the County of London; to make Street Improvements; and to acquire and use Lands for the purposes of a Station or Stations for generating Electric Energy; to empower the Council of the Metropolitan Borough of Woolwich to widen and improve West India Road, and for other purposes:

And that Mr. John Burns and Captain Norris do prepare, and bring it in.

The House was moved, That the Report from Strabane and Letterkenny Railway 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. 2 and 3 be 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 London County Council (Tramways and Improvements) 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, 8, 8A, 9, and 9A be struck out of the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with.

4. That, in the case of the Strabane and Letterkenny Railway 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. 2 and 3 be struck out of the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with.

5. That, in the case of the Sheffield 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 Tramways Nos. 2 and 3 be struck out of the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with.

6. That, in the case of the Harrow Road and Paddington 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 and 2 be struck out of the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with.

7. That, in the case of the Mullingar, Kells, and Drogheda Railway Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that the Powers contained in Clause 62 of the Bill authorising the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Company and the Great Northern Railway Company (Ireland) to subscribe to the Undertaking 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 Laurencashire and District Electric 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 and Electric Tramways Nos. 9, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18A, 18B, 14, 15, and 16 be struck out of the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with.

9. That, in the case of the Crewe and District Electric 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 and Electric Tramways Nos. 9, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18A, 18B, 14, 15, and 16 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 Petition for leave to bring in the London County Council (Tramways and Improvements) Bill might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise the construction of Railways in the Counties of Tyrone and Donegal between Strabane and Letterkenny, and for other purposes:

And that Mr. Serjeant Hemphill, Mr. Hugh Law, and Mr. M'Padden do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Rus, supported by Mr. Thomson, Mr. Eild Houses,
Yewall, Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Layland-Brown, Mr. (Yewall)
Bell, Mr. Screes, and Mr. Rigg, presented a Bill to secure freedom for holders of Licences for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquor; And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 3rd day of April next; and to be printed.

Sir Henry Seton-Kerr, supported by Sir Salmon
William Tulliamain, Mr. Aberly-Jones, Colonel
Nolan, Colonel Stewart, and Mr. Tarry, presented a Bill to amend the Salmon Fisheries Acts (Ireland) Acts; And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 31st day of this instant March; and to be printed.

Mr. McCre, supported by Mr. Bryce, Sir John
John Long, Sir William Dunn, Mr. J. W. Russell,
Mr. Eugene Wason, Mr. John Deane, and Mr. Robert Wallace, presented a Bill to amend the Lands Valuation (Scotland) Act, 1854; And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 5th day of May next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Public
proposed, That the Committee of Public Accounts do consist of Fifteen Members—(Sir
Alexander Astle-Macalister);
And, the Motion being opposed, after a brief Mr. Speaker
explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker called the Question, in 209. No. 11.)
And the Question being again proposed—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And the Main Question being put, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1903-4.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Number of Land Forces, not exceeding 255,761, all ranks, be maintained for the Service of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland at Home and Abroad, excluding His Majesty's Indian Possessions, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Number of Land Forces, not exceeding 266,751, be maintained for the said Service—(Mr. Guest)—Debate arising—To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman 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.

Evening Sitting.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That in the opinion of this House, it is desirable to make provision, similar to that made for Scotland and Ireland, for a National Museum in Wales—(Mr. William Jones); And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee on the Bank Holidays (Ireland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses, No. 1, amended, and agreed to.

Clauses, No. 2, agreed to. Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Sir Frederick Banbury 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 Second Reading of the Trustee Act (1863) Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Houses (Hours of Opening) (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 Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present:—The House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present:—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, at half an hour after Ten of the clock, without a Question first put, till To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Houses (Hours of Opening) (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise the British Electric Traction Company, Limited, to construct further Tramways in the Counties of Lincoln, Kent, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Greville and Major Seely 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 Sheffield Corporation Bill might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers on the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Sheffield with respect to their Water Undertaking and their Electrical Undertaking; to authorise the construction of additional lines of Tramways, and the execution of various Street Widings, and other Works in the City; to consolidate into one Township certain Townships in the City; to make further and better provision for the Improvement, Health, and Good Government of the City; and for other purposes: And that Mr. Stuart-Wortley and Mr. Betty Longley 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 Lanarkshire and Dumfriesshire Railway Bill might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise the Lanarkshire and Dumfriesshire Railway Company to raise further Moneys; to enable the Caledonian Railway Company to subscribe for additional Shares or Stock; to make certain existing Railways, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Wyke and Colonel Denzy 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 Metropolitan District Railway Bill might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to empower the Metropolitan District Railway Company to deviate the Railway authorised by the Metropolitan District Railway Act, 1897, and to construct other Railways; to acquire Lands; to lay down Electric Cables; to raise further Capital; to acquire the Accrington and Metropolitan Railway, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Perkins and Sir Charles Dalrymple 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 of the Urban District Council of Milling, Kelso, and Dregthen Railway Bill might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Petition of the Urban District Council of Rochakhan, praying that Provision may be made in the Rochakhan Urban District Council Bill authorising the Council to acquire additional Lands necessary for the purposes of the said Bill, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Ways and Means.

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

Mr. Hayes Fisher presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Annual Accounts for the year 1901-2, of Shipbuilding and Dockyard Transactions, &c., including Manufactures; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account, prepared by the Auditor under the direction of the Comptroller and Auditor General, respecting the Vessels of the National Works, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, and 1901 (58 & 59 Vict. c. 35, s. 2, 9 & 63 Vict. c. 42, s. 1, and 1 Edw. 7, c. 39, s. 1), showing the Amount of Money issued out of the Consolidated Fund; the mode in which it was provided; the Amount and Nature of the Securities created in respect thereof; the Amount of the Surplus of Income above Expenditure for the financial year ended 31st March 1896, set apart in the Exchequer Account in accordance with Section 4 of the National Works Act, 1896, and the application thereof: The Amount of Money expended in pursuance of the Acts, and the purposes for which Money was expended, distinguishing the Expenditure under each of the Heads in the Schedule of the Acts during the year ended 31st March 1902; 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. Secretary Brightwick presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return showing the Number and Ranks of all Commissioned Officers compulsorily retired or dismissed for the Service during the years 1900 to 1902.

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,—Abstract of Accounts of Loan Societies in England and Wales to 31st December 1898, furnished to the Central Office for the Registry of Friendly Societies.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that He will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of the Representations made to the Bishop of every Diocese in England and Wales under the eighth section of the Public Worship Regulation Act, 1874, from the 31st day of December 1899 up to the end of the year 1902; and also the Number of Cases in which the Bishop, to whom the Representation was made was of opinion that Proceedings should not be taken on the Representation; and also for a Copy in the last-mentioned Cases of the Representation and of the Statement deposited in the Registry of the Diocese showing the reason for the Opinion of the Bishop (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 215, of Session 1899).—(Mr. Meyvood Johnstone.)

Sir James Ferguson reported from the Chairman's Committee (Standing Committee for the consideration of Bills relating to Trade (including Agriculture, Trade, & Fishery, Shipping, and Manufactures).
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Petitions Select Committee on Public Petitions; That (First Public Sir
Relief Mr. Bill. ORDERED,
Public Houses' BiU?810n • gusson, • Outdoor Colonel
(•Scotland) To-morrow. (Hours of Closing) •

Plumbers' The Order for reading a second time, upon
Registration Friday next, the Plumbers' Registration Bill
Accounts. ]

Mr.Public Sir
Cohen,
Supply. The House, according to Order, resolved
assent. then to put that Question:—Debate resumed.
Closure Major
withholds his the Chairman withheld his assent, and declined

1, was read, and discharged.

presented a Bill to empower Boards of
Bill 94.

1 , was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Public Houses (Hours of
Closing (Scotland) Bill be read a second time
To-morrow.

Colonel Blundell, supported by General Laurio, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Parkinson, Mr. James Ferguson, Mr. George Ormsby-Gore, and Colonel Nolan, presented a Bill to empower Boards of Guardians to grant Outdoor Relief to Pensioners of the Army and Navy: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Sir Frederick Babour, Mr. Blake, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Cameron Collett, Mr. Thomas Eason, Mr. H. Fisher, Mr. Goddard, Sir William Brampton Gordon, Sir Arthur Hughes, Mr. Herbert Lewis, Mr. Arthur Morton, Sir Robert Monbray, Mr. Eyre, Mr. Peacock, Williams, and Mr. Verney, were nominated Members of the Committee of Public Accounts.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.—(Sir Alexander Acland-Hood.)

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

(In the Committee.) Army Estimates, 1903-4.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Number of Land Forces, not exceeding 235,761, all ranks, be maintained for the Service of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland at Home and Abroad, excluding His Majesty's Indian Possessions, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Number of Land Forces, not exceeding 235,761, all ranks, be maintained for the said Service—(Colonel Welby) —Debate arising: Major Jammes rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put": but the Chairman withheld his assent, and declared then to put that Question:—Debate resumed.

Question put:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Guest, Yes, [Major Esmonde
Yea, 154. Gordon :[

Tellers for the Mr. Alexander Acland-
Noes, [Hand, 245.

Original Question again proposed:

And, being after half-past Seven of the clock, the Chairman proceeded to interrupt the Business;

Vot. 158.

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

Question, "That the Question be now put," Question put, and agreed to.

Question, That a Number of Land Forces, not exceeding 235,761, all ranks, be maintained for the Service of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland at Home and Abroad, excluding His Majesty's Indian Possessions, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904, put accordingly, and agreed to.

Recallation to be reported.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The Deputy Chairman 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.

Evening Sitting.

The Order of the day being read, for the Gas Light and Second Reading of the Gas Light and Coke Company's Acts Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill upon Tuesday next (Evening Sitting).

The Order of the day being read, for the London Second Reading of the London County Council (General Powers) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill upon Tuesday next (Evening Sitting).

The Order of the day being read, for the Charing Cross, Euston, and Hampstead Railway 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. Claude Hay.)

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 City and South London Railway Bill was, City and South According to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Great Southern and Western Railway Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Great Southern and Western Railway Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that where any officer is removed or retired from the Army, or placed on half pay, for some specific act or omission concerning which a charge can be framed under the Army Act, His Majesty may be graciously pleased to direct that an option may be given to such officers of having their cases heard and adjudicated upon by court martial.—(Mr. Peter.)

The House proceeded to a Division.

Thursday, 12th March, 1903:

The Yeas to the Right;

The N0es to the Left.

1 2 Tellers.
Tellers for the [Mr. Pirie, 
Yea, (Colonel Wylly: 
Tellers for the 
No, [Sir Alexander Acland- 
So is passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Board Electorate (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 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 Coroner's Inquests (Railway Fatalities) 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 Foreigners' Marriages Bill. 

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Board Electorate (Ireland) Bill, take into consideration the Bank Holidays.

Bank Holidays (Abolition) Bill. 
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Bank Holidays (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee. 

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 Second Reading of the Coroner's Inquests (Railway Fatalities) 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 Foreigners' Marriages 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 9th day of this instant March, That the Local Government (Transfer of Powers) Bill be now read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question, proposed upon the 4th day of this instant March, That it is expedient that a Select Committee 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 Provisionsal Orders to municipal and other local authorities for industrial enterprise within or without the area of their jurisdiction—(Mr. Balfour); 
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question, proposed upon the 9th day of this instant March, That the Local Government (Transfer of Powers) Bill be now read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question, proposed upon the 4th day of this instant March, That it is expedient that a Select Committee 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 Provisionsal Orders to municipal and other local authorities for industrial enterprise within or without the area of their jurisdiction—(Mr. Balfour); 
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question, proposed upon the 9th day of this instant March, That the Local Government (Transfer of Powers) Bill be now read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question, proposed upon the 4th day of this instant March, That it is expedient that a Select Committee 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 Provisionsal Orders to municipal and other local authorities for industrial enterprise within or without the area of their jurisdiction—(Mr. Balfour); 
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question, proposed upon the 9th day of this instant March, That the Local Government (Transfer of Powers) Bill be now read a second time this day.
A Bill to empower the Horrocks and Paddington Tramways Company to construct new Tramways; to work their Tramways by Mechanical Power; to lease their Undertaking to the Metropolitan Electric Tramways, Limited, 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 Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Sheffield, with respect to their Water Undertaking and their Electrical Undertaking; to authorize the construction of additional Lines of Tramways, and the execution of various Street Widening and other Works in the City; to consolidate into one Township certain Townships in the City; to make further and better Provision for the Improvement, 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 authorize the Lanarkshire and Dumfriesshire Railway Company to raise further Money; to enable the Corporation Railway Company to subscribe for additional Shares or Stock; to sanction certain existing Railways, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to empower the Metropolitan District Railway Company to deviate the Railway authorised by the Metropolitan District Railway Act, 1897, and to construct other Railways; to acquire Lands; to lay down Electric Cables; to raise further Capital; to acquire the Hounslow and Metropolitan Railway, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

Viscount Cranborne presented, by His Majesty's Command, — Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, No. 3942.

Copy of Reports on the Laws on Marriage and Divorce in Foreign Countries (in continuation of Miscellaneous, No. 2, 1894).

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 5th day of this instant March, for a Return relative to Inquiry into Charities (County Borough of Barrow-in-Furness).—Ordered, That the said Return be printed.

Mr. Holroyd 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 Incest Bill:—Colonel Blundell, Incess bill; Sir John Brewer, Mr. Hart, Mr. Charles Douglas, Sir Samuel Howe, Mr. Joseph Howard, Sir John Kinnaway, Colonel Lockwood, Mr. Nussey, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Pym, Mr. Talbot, Mr. Trotten, Mr. George White, and Mr. Henry Joseph Wilson. Ordered, That the said Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Ley, supported by Mr. Crombie, Mr. Dalziel, Mr. Price, and Mr. Hunter Craig (Scotland), presented a Bill to abolish Dealers' or Grocers' Licences in Scotland: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 5th day of May next; and to be printed.

Sir William Holland, supported by Mr. County Courts Committee, presented a Bill to provide for Superannuation (Scotland): And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 25th day of this instant March; and to be printed.

Sir John Halsbury, supported by Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland and Mr. Austerlitz, presented a Bill to consolidate the Laws relating to Licensing Acts in Scotland: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Lord Advocate, supported by Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, presented a Bill to consolidate the Town of Dumbarton and the Burgh or County Town of Berwickshire: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Maxwell, supported by Mr. Nicol, Mr. Kingsley Wason, Mr. Forgachison, Mr. Hosier, and Sir Charles Renoune, presented a Bill to make further provision for Local Government in Counties in Scotland, and for other purposes: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of this instant March; and to be printed.

Mr. Maxwell, supported by Sir William Arrol, Mr. Nicol, Mr. Forgachison, Mr. Cross, Colonel Deas, Mr. Ure, and Sir Charles Renoune, presented a Bill to provide for Superannuation and Pensions to Poor Law Officers and Servants: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of this instant March; and to be printed.

Mr. Emmett, supported by Mr. James Heath, supported by Mr. Sir Alfred Hickman, Sir William Holland, and Mr. Walter Palmer, presented a Bill for the Registration of Firms and Firms carrying on Business under Trade Names: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of this instant March; and to be printed.

Resolved, That as humble Addresses be presented to His Majesty, that He will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of all Military Expeditions in which British or Native Troops have been employed during the last Ten Years, in the following form:—

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was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday
the 8th day of May next; and to be printed.

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

(In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1903-4.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a
Sum, not exceeding £ 9,647,000, be granted to
His Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Pay,
Allowances, and other Charges of His Majesty’s
Army at Home and Abroad (exclusive of India)
(General Staff, Regiments, Reserve, and De­
partments), which will come in course of pay­
during the year ending on the 31st day of
March 1904;

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put,
That Item A (Pay, &c. of General Staff) be re­
duced by £ 60,000—(Mr. Courtney Warner);
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Yeas, (Mr. Charles Hobhouse) ;
Noes, (Mr. Austruther) ;
Original Question again proposed :—
Whereupon Motion made, and Question put,
That a Sum, not exceeding £ 8,587,000, be
granted for the said Service—(Mr. Labouchere) ;
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Yeas, (Mr. John Bright) ;
Noes, (Mr. Austruther) ;
Original Question again proposed :—
Whereupon 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
(Yeas, (Sir Alexander Acland) ;
Noes, (Mr. Austruther) ;
Original Question again proposed :—
Whereupon 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
(Yeas, (Sir Alexander Acland) ;
Noes, (Mr. Austruther) ;
Original Question again proposed :—
Whereupon 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
(Yeas, (Mr. Robert Spencer) ;
Noes, (Mr. Sinclair) ;
Original Question put accordingly ;
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
(Yeas, (Sir Alexander Acland) ;
Noes, (Mr. Austruther) ;
Original Question again proposed :—
Whereupon Motion made, and Question pro­
posed, That Item C (Half-Pay of Regimental
and Departmental Officers eligible for Employment)
be reduced by £ 7,680.—(Mr. Pirie) ;
The Committee proceeded to a Division.

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. Vicary Gibbs) ;

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. Forde Ridley) ;
Noes, (Mr. John Bright) ;

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.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Com­
mitee on the City and South London
Railway Bill to omit, in Clause 5, the words “without
being required to purchase the same or any case­
ment therein or thereunder” — (Mr. Griffith-Boscawen) ;

A Motion was made, and the Question being City
and South London
Railway Bill put, That it be an Instruction to the Committee
on the City and South London Railway Bill to omit, in Clause 4, the words “without
being required to purchase the same or any case­
ment therein or thereunder” — (Mr. Griffith-Boscawen) ;

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the
Yeas, (Mr. Pirie) ;
Noes, (Col. Lucas) ;

So it passed in the Negative.

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

(In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1903-4.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a
Sum, not exceeding £ 1,698,000, be granted to
His Majesty, to defray the Charge for Retired
Pay, Half-Pay, and other Non-Effective Charges
for Officers, &c. which will come in course of pay­
during the year ending on the 31st day of
March 1904;

Motion made, and Question put, That the
Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to
sit again—(Mr. Brodrick) ;
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Yeas, (Mr. Herbert Gladstone) ;
Noes, (Mr. Caution) ;

Ordered, That the Report be received To­
morrow.

The Deputy Chairman 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 Evening,
again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Bristol, London, and Southern Counties
Railway Bill was, according to Order, read a second
time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the City and North East
Suburban Electric Railway 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. Vicary Gibbs) ;

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. Forde Ridley) ;
Noes, (Mr. John Bright) ;

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.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Com­
mitee on the City and South London
Railway Bill to omit, in Clause 6, the words “without
being required to purchase the same or any case­
ment therein or thereunder” — (Mr. Griffith-Boscawen) ;

A Motion was made, and the Question being City
and South London
Railway Bill put, That it be an Instruction to the Committee
on the City and South London Railway Bill to omit, in Clause 4, the words “without
being required to purchase the same or any case­
ment therein or thereunder” — (Mr. Griffith-Boscawen) ;

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the
Yeas, (Mr. Pirie) ;
Noes, (Col. Lucas) ;

So it passed in the Negative.

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

(In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1903-4.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a
Sum, not exceeding £ 1,698,000, be granted to
His Majesty, to defray the Charge for Retired
Pay, Half-Pay, and other Non-Effective Charges
for Officers, &c. which will come in course of pay­
during the year ending on the 31st day of
March 1904;
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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Adulterated Butter Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Employment of Children 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 the Employment of Children Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government (Transfer of Powers) Bill.
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Licensing Act 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 Question proposed upon the 10th day of this instant March, That the Public Houses (Hours of Closing) (Scotland) 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 2nd day of this instant March, That the Cruelty to Animals Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Poor Bill to make Provision for the Defence of Poor Prisoners;
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Mr. Bowesfield presented a Bill to make provision for the Defence of Poor Prisoners; and the same 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. Rossefield presented a Bill for the better prevention of giving False Characters to Servants, and of Offences connected therewith: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 26th day of this instant March; and to be printed.

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

[No. 19.]
Friday, 13th March, 1903.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, — Return to an Order, dated the 12th day of this instant March, for a Return relative to Railway, &c. Bills. Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and to be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command, — Copy of Code of Regulations for a Return relative to Railway, &c. Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 62 has been complied with, viz.:— 

Lancashire and Yorkshire and London and North Western Railways (Steam Vessels) Bill.

North Eastern Railway Bill.

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 County of Chertsey, Surrey (North Western Division), in the room of Henry Currie Leigh-Bennett, Esquire, deceased.

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

Mr. Secretary Aske-Douglas presented, by His Majesty's Command, — Copy of General Report and Statistics for the year 1901: Part IV., Colonial and Foreign Statistics; Statistics relating to Persons employed, Output, and Accidents at Mines and Quarries in the British Colonies and in Foreign Countries.

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

Mr. Secretary Brodrick presented, by His Majesty's Command, — Copy of Evidence of Lieutenant-Colonel D. A. Kitchin, C.B., M.V.O., before the Court of Inquiry held by the Order of the General Officer Commanding the Home District on 14th December 1902.

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

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.:—

North Eastern Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

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

Mr. Secretary Aske-Douglas presented, by His Majesty's Command, — Report and Statistics for the year 1901; Part IV., Colonial and Foreign Statistics; Statistics relating to Persons employed, Output, and Accidents at Mines and Quarries in the British Colonies and in Foreign Countries.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time after the Adjournment on Monday.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Sir
The House met at Two 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 Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 63 has been complied with, viz.:

Great Central Railway Bill.
Great Western Railway Bill.
Lancashire and Dumbartonshire Railway Bill.
Metropolitan District Railway (Various Powers) 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, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 63 has been complied with, viz.:

Croydon and District Electric Tramways Bill.
South Shields, Sunderland, and District Tramways Bill.
Wellingborough and District Tramroads 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, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

Jewish Colonisation Association 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 following Bills, revised in the Lords, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

Great Eastern Railway (No. 1) Bill.

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

The Great Eastern Railway (No. 1) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Great Eastern Railway (No. 2) Bill was read a second time; and committed.
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 Bray and Dunleary, and the Counties of Dublin, Waterford, and Wicklow: 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 a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board for Ireland, relating to the County of Waterford: 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. Hayes Fish presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 9th day of this instant March, 1893, made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department in pursuance of Section 40 (4) of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1891, extending the special exception as to Meal Hours to Young Persons at the age of Sixteen Years and upwards.

Mr. Secretary Abers-Douglas presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Royal Commission on Physical Training in Ireland, Vol. I., Report and Appendix, and Vol. II., Minutes of Evidence and Index.

Mr. Secretary Abers-Douglas also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 11th March 1903, made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department in pursuance of Section 40 (4) of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, extending the special exceptions as to Meal Hours to Young Persons above the age of sixteen years employed in Electrical Stations.

Copy of Order, dated 11th March 1903, made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department in pursuance of Section 54 (4) of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, extending the special exception under that section (subject to certain conditions) to the Employment at Night in Electrical Stations of Male Young Persons of the age of Sixteen Years and upwards.

Copy of Licence under the Penal Servitude Act, 1864, granted by His Majesty to John Leng, a Convict, permitting him to be at large, 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.

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Three Orders under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 and 1896, numbered 6626, 6621, and 6633, respectively, relating to the lancing of Foreign Animals in Great Britain.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Reports of the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies, County of Middlesex; for the year 1897, on Friendly Societies, Workmen's Compensation Schemes, Industrial and Provident Societies, and Trade Unions.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.
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Naval Training.

add the words "the new scheme of Naval
Training embodied in the Memorandum of the
First Lord of the Admiralty, dated 18th
December 1902, is calculated, in its present
form, seriously to impair the efficiency of the
Navy, and that, before being carried into
effect, it should be reconsidered and modified;"
(Mr. Gibson Bowles),—instead thereof.

Ordered, That the Report be received To­
morrow.

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply
the Report from the Committee of Supply of the
11th day of this instant March;—Ordered, That the Report be received 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 Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the
adjourned Debate on the Question proposed
Teasing
upon the 4th day of this instant March, That it
is expedient that a Select Committee 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. Balfour);—
And the Question being again proposed—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And, it being half an hour after Seven of the
dusk, the Debate stood adjourned till this
Evening.

Evening Sitting.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the
Chair—The House accordingly resolved itself
into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the
adjourned Debate on the Main Question
proposed upon the 16th day of this instant March,
That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—
(Mr. Arnold-Forster)—(for Committee of Supply
upon the Navy Estimates);—And the Main Question being again proposed;—
The House resumed the said adjourned De­
bate.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the
Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee
had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received To­
morrow.

The Deputy Chairman also acquainted the
House, that he was directed to move, That the
Resolution be reported.

The Order of the day being read, for the Licensing
Second Reading of the Licensing Acts Amendment
Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of
Adulterated Butter Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Employment
Second Reading of the Employment of Children
Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local
Government (Transfer of Powers) Bill;—Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned
until this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Adulterated
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this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the County
Second Reading of the County Councils (Bills in
Parliament) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Marine
Councils (Bills in Parliament) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval Forces
Committee on the Naval Forces Bill;—Resumed, That this House will, this day, re­
solve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply
the Report from the Committee of Supply of the
12th day of this instant March (Afternoon Session);
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Ordered,
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Law 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 Libel Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 25th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing of the Working Classes (Entitlement of Leases) 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 Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Debate on the Question proposed upon the 2nd day of this instant March, That the Cruelty to Animals 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 Local Authorities' Officers' Superannuation 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 Foreigners' Marriages 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 Working Men's Homes 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 Solicitors Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Debate on the Question proposed upon the 2nd day of this instant March, That the Cruelty to Animals Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

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Copy of Order in Council, under the Green-
wich Hospital Acts, 1800 and 1808, amending the Regulations as to Greenwich Hospital Pensions and Allowances to Widows and Children of Seamen or Marines killed on duty, or who died from injuries received.

Copies of Orders in Council, under the Winter Amisses Act, 1876, of 13th March 1903, relating to Spring Amisses Counties Nos. 2 and 3.

Copies of Orders in Council, under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, of 12th March 1903, entitled (a) the Foreign Marriages Order in Council, 1903; (b) the Somaliland Order in Council, 1903; (c) the Weihai-Wei Order in Council Amendment Order, 1903.

Copy of Order in Council, under the Elementary Education Act, 1870, and the Young Offenders Act, 1901, of 12th March 1903, applying certain provisions of the Young Offenders Act, 1901, in Day Industrial Schools.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Acts, 1877, be printed.

Trade Reports (Annual Series).

Viscount Cranborne presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, No. 245.

Viscount Cranborne presented,—Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 4th day of this instant March, for a Return relative to Shanghai (Consular Jurisdiction) (China, No. 2, 1903).

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

Wines Imported.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Quantity of Wines, at the various degrees of Strength, which were imported into the United Kingdom in 1902 from Spain, Portugal, Madeira, France, Germany, Holland, Italy, Australasia, and other Countries (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 154, of Session 1902).—(Sir Thomas Dixon.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that He will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Victuallers, Beerhouse, and other Licences for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors, the renewal of which has been refused at the General Annual Licensing Meetings and adjournments thereof held in England and Wales during February and March 1903, showing in each case the ground of such refusal, especially where such ground was in any instance that the Licence was not required, with the Number of Cases in which Notice of Appeal was given, and the Result of such Appeal, if determined (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 355, of Session 1901).—(Mr. Cerc- rene.)

James Henry Mussen Campbell, Esquire, Member for Dublin University, was sworn.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Casualties to Ships, in the form set out below, showing the Date; Name and Class of the Ship damaged; Nature of the Accident; the Number of Persons injured; the Number of Deaths (if any); the Result of any Inquiry that may have been held into the circumstances; and Time in Dockyard for Repairs, during the year ending the 31st day of December 1902:

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(in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 404, of Session 1902).—(Mr. Lough.)

Mr. Halsey reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; orders, which were read, as follow:

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2. That, in the case of the Thames and Thames River Steamboat Service, Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that Clause 27 be 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 Coventry Electric Tramways 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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10. That, in the case of the Hove, Worthing, and District Tramways Bill [Lords], 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. 3, 4, 11, 12, 15, 17, 18, be struck out of the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with.

11. That, in the case of the Manchester Southern Tramways (Lancashire) Bill [Lords], 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, 7, 8, and 9 be struck out of the Bill, unless the necessary consents of the local and road authorities be proved before the Committee on the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with.

12. That, in the case of the Manchester Southern Tramways Bill (Lancashire) [Lords], 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 be struck out of the Bill, unless the necessary consents of the local and road authorities to the said Tramways be proved before the Committee on the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with.

13. That, in the case of the Gosport, Fareham, and Cosham Tramways Bill [Lords], 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 be struck out of the Bill, unless the necessary consents of the local and road authorities be proved before the Committee on the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with.

14. That, in the case of the Hammersmith, City, and North East London Railway, the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with.

The first Thirteen 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 Thames River Steamboat Service Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the acquisition and construction of Piers and Landing Places on the River Thames, in the Administrative County of London, by the London County Council, and to make provision for a Service of Vessels for Passengers and Freight, and for other purposes; and that Mr. John Rusca and Mr. Whitehead do prepare, and bring it in.
ments, where necessary, in order to safeguard the - trade of the Empire. (Mr. Charles M'Arthur.)

And Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, at twenty-five minutes before Eleven of the clock, without a Question first put, till To-morrow.

[No. 22.]

Wednesday, 18th March, 1903.

The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE House then proceeded to Prayers.

The North Eastern Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Billingshurst and Piercen Gas Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House was negatived by the Clerk of the House, (Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas) supported by Mr. Secretary Bull, Mr. Secretary Atherley-Jones, Mr. Albert Rollit, Bill—[No. 193.]

Ordered, That the Return relative to Shanghai (Consular Jurisdiction) (China, No. 2, 1903), which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant March, be printed.

Mr. Secretary Aker-Douglas presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of Licence under the Penal Servitude Acts, granted by His Majesty to James Johnstone, a Convict under detention in Wormwood Scrubs Prison, permitting him to leave the Prison on condition of his proceeding to the Middlesex Hospital, there to be examined and, if necessary, to undergo an operation, and there remaining in the custody of a prison officer, and afterwards returning, when fit to do so, to Wormwood Scrubs Prison.

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

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Sir William Anson presented, by His Majesty's Board of Command, —Copy of Provisional Code of Regulations for Public Elementary Schools and Training Colleges, with Schedules, by the Board of Education, 1902.

Copy of Reports from University Colleges, Board of Education, 1902.

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 on Tuesday next, by the Clerk of the House, (Admiralty.)—Copy of 10th Schedule containing a List and Particulars of Classes of Documents which have been removed from the Office of the Commissioners 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 of sufficient public value to justify their preservation therein.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Report of the Board of Trade on the Chinese and Japanese Trade of the Empire—(Mr. Charles M'Arthur.)

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

The Deputy Chairman informed the House Railway Bills not being appointed to meet until Tuesday next, the parties promoting the Covery and County and Arley Railway Bill, which was set down for Arley Railway consideration upon the first day of the meeting of the Committee, had appeared before him and proved that the evidence of Arthur Henry Stokes, of Greenhill, Derby, one of His Majesty's Inspectors of Mines, was essential to their case, and that his attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House.

Ordered, That Arthur Henry Stokes do attend the Committee on Group 2 of Railway Bills on Tuesday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

The Deputy Chairman informed the House Private Bills that, the Committee on Group B of Private Bills (Group B) not being appointed to meet until Tuesday next, the parties promoting the Cork Harbour Bill, by the Cork Steamship Company, Clerk, was essential to their case, and that his attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House.

Ordered, That Joseph Pilk do attend the Committee on Group B of Private Bills on Tuesday next, at Twelve of the clock.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into Church a Committee, upon Monday next, on the Church Discipline Bill was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday the 18th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order for reading a second time, To-Contracts (India Office) Bill was read, and discharged.

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

The Order for reading a second time, To-Borough Borough Funds Bill was read, and discharged.

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

Mr. Bull, supported by Mr. Burns, Sir Thomas Loyal Records Esmodule, Mr. Albert Jones, Sir Albert Rollit, Bill 108, presented
Mr. Weir, supported by Mr. John Dewar, Mr. Leesona-Gower, Mr. Calowstair Waite, Mr. Bignold, Mr. Harmworth, and Mr. Caldwell, presented a Bill to amend the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act, 1886: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 7th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported from the Committee of Supply of the 17th day of this instant March, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £.7,715 5s. 5d., be granted to His Majesty, to make good an Excess on the Grant for National Gallery of Ireland for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1902.

2. £. 350,100, for Civil Pensions and Gratuity.

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The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The Deputy Chairman 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. Secretary beadbrook reported from the Committee of Supply, of the 11th day of this instant March, a Resolution; which was read, as follow:

Army Estimates, 1903-4.

That a Sum, not exceeding £. 9,647,000, be paid, Allowances, and other Charges of His 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 1904.

Ordered, That the Second Resolution be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acton— Year,] 246.

Tellers for the [Mr. Amstather] 73.

So it was resolved in the Negative.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported from the Committee of Supply, of the 12th day of this instant March (Evening Sitting), a Resolution; which was read, as follow:

Army Estimates, 1903-4.

That a Sum, not exceeding £1,635,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge for Retired Pay, Half-Pay, and other Non-Effective Charges for Officers, &c. which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904.

The said Resolution being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported from the Committee of Supply of the 19th day of this instant March (Afternoon Sitting), a Resolution; which was read, as follow:

Army Estimates, 1903-4.

That a Sum, not exceeding £2,947,000, be paid, Allowances, and other Charges of His 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 1904.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Evening Sitting.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Local Government for the Pay, Allowances, and other Charges of His 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 1904, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Market Gardener's Compensation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce 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 the Second Reading of the School Board Electorate (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Vaccination Bill.

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 Monday next.

Tied Houses (Abolition) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tied Houses (Abolition) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Housing of the Working Classes (Repayment of Loans) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing of the Working Classes (Repayment of Loans) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Local Government (Scotland) Act (1894) Amendment Bill.

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 next.

Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Saturdays (Ireland) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Saturdays (Ireland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the House be appointed to join with a Committee of the Privy Council for the time being, to consider and report as to the Princ­iples which should govern the definition of what is intoxicating liquor within or without the area of their jurisdiction; 
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Outdoor Relief (Pensioners) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Outdoor Relief (Pensioners) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

County Courts Bill.

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 Wednesday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Trustee Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 27th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government Franchise and Representation (Extension to Companies) 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 Local Government Franchise and Representation (Extension to Companies) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Board Electorate (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Adulterated Butter Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Saturday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Church Discipline (No. 2) 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 Housing of the Working Classes (Repayment of Loans) 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 (Scotland) Act (1894) Amendment Bill; 
Ordered, That the House be appointed to join with a Committee of the Privy Council for the time being, to consider and report as to the Principles which should govern the definition of what is intoxicating liquor within or without the area of their jurisdiction; 
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Adulterated Butter Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
Employment of Children Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employment of Children Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

County Councils (Bills in Parliament) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Councils (Bills in Parliament) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Naval Forces Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Naval Forces Bill;
Resolved, That the House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

[No. 23]

Thursday, 19th March, 1903.

The House met at Two 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.,—Cashmere Lines Committee Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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.—(Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice.)

The Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of the Chairmen of Ways and Means.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 16th day of this instant March, for a Return relative to the North, Pentland, and Brynmaman Railway Bill.
Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Hayes Fisher presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Annual Accounts of the Royal Army Clothing Factory for the year 1901-2, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.
Copy of Annual Accounts of the Ordnance Factories for the year 1901-2, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Mr. Hayes Fisher also presented, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 4th March 1879,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 16th March 1903, under Section 5 of "The Appropriation Act, 1862," authorising the temporary application of Surpluses on certain Army Votes for the year 1862-3, to defray Excesses on certain other Army Votes for the same year.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Charles Frederick Hutchison, Esquire, M.D., New Member for the County of St Austell (Eastern or Kernow, Rye Division), was sworn.

Sir Richard Jebb, supported by Mr. Brand, Addenbrooke's Sir Robert Pearson-FitzGerald, Sir John Gerst, Hospital Bill.
Mr. Raymond Gresley, Mr. Griffith-Beresford, and Mr. Rose, presented a Bill to confirm a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners for the management of the Charity called Addenbrooke's Hospital, in the Town of Cambridge, in the County of Cambridge, regulated by the Act of the seventh year of George the Third, chapter ninety-nine: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Shackleton, supported by Mr. Crooks, presented a Bill to provide for the Regulation of Traffic in Streets: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 8th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Ure, supported by Colonel Drury, Mr. Petre, Mr. John Burns, and Mr. Trench, presented a Bill to amend the Petroleum Act, 1879; and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Ure, supported by Mr. Brougham and Mr. Seccombe, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Solicitors in Scotland: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Committee of Ways and Means be not interrupted this Evening under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) and may be entered upon at any hour though opposed.—(Mr. Balfour.)

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

(Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1903-4 (Vote on Account).)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £20,265,000, be granted to His 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 1904, viz.—

Civil Services.

CLASS I.
Colonial Office — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — £2,500

CLASS IV.
Board of Agriculture — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 60,000

CLASS III.
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Royal Palaces and Marlborough House — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 40,000

Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 50,000


 Miscellaneous Legal Buildings, Great Britain — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 20,000

Diplomatic and Consular Buildings — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 18,000

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Harbours under the Board of Trade — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 7,000

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Public Works and Buildings, Ireland — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — 110,000

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman 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 again resolve itself into the said Committee.

**Evening Sitting.**

The London United Tramways Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and Passed.

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

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- Uganda, Central and East Africa, &c.
- Telegraph Subsidies and Pacific Cable

Class VI

- Revenue Departments
- Inland Revenue
- Post Office
- Post Office Telegraphs

Class VII

- Total for Civil Services
- Total for Civil Services

- Total for Revenue Departments
- Total for Revenue Departments

- Grand Total

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item, Class 4, Vote 1 (Board of Education) be reduced by £100.—(Dr. Macnamara):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed:

Resolved, Friday, 20th March, 1903:

And, it being Midnight, the Chairman pro tem. put the Question not carried in pursuance of Standing Order No. 15 (resumed to put the Question necessary to dispose of the said Question to be put).

Original Question put, and agreed to. Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Deputy Chairman 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.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Ways and Means.

(Resolution.)

1. Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the years ending on the 31st day of March 1902 and 1903, the Sum of £1,295,018 1s. 5d. be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

2. Resolved,
Friday, 20th March, 1903.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A PETITION of the Maidstone Gas Company, praying that Provision may be made Bill, in the Maidstone Gas Bill, authorising the inclusion of the Parish of Barkham within the limits of supply of the said Gas Company, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Ways and Means.

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

Mr. Wyndham presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Two Orders in Council, under the Peace Preservation Act, 1891, dated 16th March 1891, with respect to the Importation of Arms and Ammunition, for the purpose of adding Arklow to the Ports at which Explosives may be landed.

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

Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made by the County Council of the West Riding of the County of York, 1892, altering certain Polling Districts in the Shipley, Sowerby, Holmforth, and Morley Parliamentary Divisions.

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

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Crofters Commission for the year 1902.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rating of Machinery 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. David Alfred Thomson.)

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. Chapman, Yeo,]

[Mr. Emmott]: 157.

Tellers for the Noes,

[Mr. David Alfred Thomson, Colonel Kenyon-Slayter]: 139.

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Monday, 23rd March, 1903.

The House met at Two of the clock.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examining Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Orders, Standing Orders referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 40 has been complied with, viz:—

West Cumberland Electric Tramways Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Clerk at the Table informed the House The Chairman of the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Ways and Means.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Dublin Improvement (Bull Alley Area) (Bull Alley Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Great Western Railway (Pension Fund) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Croydon and District Electric Tramways Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Great Central Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time; and committed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Lanarkshire and Dumbartonshire Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time; and committed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the South Shields, Sunderland, and District Tramways Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Thames River Steamboat Service Bill be read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Weilngborough and District Tramways Bill be read a second time; and committed.
Ordered, That the Committee of Selection do nominate a Committee, not exceeding Eleven Members, to be called the Police and Sanitary Committee, to whom shall be committed all Private Bills promoted by municipal and other local authorities by which it is proposed to create powers relating to Police or Sanitary Regulations in conflict with, deviation from, or excess of the provisions of the general Law.

Ordered, That Standing Orders Nos. 150 and 173 A do apply to all such Bills.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Four be the Quorum of the Committee.

Ordered, That if the Committee consider that any Clauses of any Bill referred to them (other than Clauses containing Police and Sanitary Regulations) are such as, having regard to the terms of the reference to the Committee, it is not necessary or advisable for them to deal with, they may at any time make a Special Report to the Committee of Selection to that effect, and the Committee of Selection shall then refer the Bill to a Select Committee, who shall consider those Clauses and the Preamble and report the whole Bill to the House, specifying in their Report which Clauses have been considered by the Police and Sanitary Committee and which Clauses have been considered by the Select Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee have power, if they so determine, to sit as two Committees, and in that event to apportion the Bills referred to the Committee between the two Committees, each of which shall have the full powers of, and be subject to the instructions which apply to, the undivided Committee; and that Three be the Quorum of each of the two Committees. — (Mr. Cochrane.)

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

Mr. Wyndham presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Sixty-fifth Annual Report of the Loan Fund Board of Ireland, 1892.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, in pursuance of Standing Order 184 A,—Copy of Report by the Board of Trade respecting the Charing Cross, Euston, and Hampstead Railway Bill, and the objects thereof.

Ordered, That the said Report be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

Supreme Court: 8th June, 1894.

Mr. Hepsey Fisher, presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1884, dated 18th March 1903, declaring that William Barker, Artificer, Royal Small Arms Factory, Enfield, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate through inadvertence on the part of the Head of his Department.

Mr. Hepsey Fisher also presented, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 4th March, 1879,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 16th March 1893, authorising the temporary application of Surpluses on certain Navy Votes for the year 1902-3 to meet Excesses on other Navy Votes for the same year.

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

Mr. Secretary Atkins-Douglas presented,—Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 6th day of this instant March, for a Return relative to Aliens. Vol. 159.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table and 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.—Abstract of the General Annual Account of the Commissioners of Bridlington Piers and Harbour, for the year ending 26th July 1892.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that He will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of (Gallons,) all Deaths in the Administrative County of Bridlington, in the year 1902, 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. 342, of Session 1903.) — (Mr. Talbot.)

The Order for reading a second time, To-liquor, the Liquor Traffic Local Veto (Scotland) Local Veto (Scotland) Bill was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, upon Friday the 24th day of April next.

The Deputy Chairman informed the House, that the Committee on Group B of Private Bills (Group B) not being appointed to meet until To-morrow, the parties opposing the Bath Corporation Water Bill, which was set down for consideration on Corporation the first day of the meeting of the Committee, Water Bill, had appeared before him and proved that the evidence of Samuel Frederick Andrews, (General Manager of the West Gloucestershire Water Company,) was essential to their case, and that his attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House.

Ordered, That Samuel Frederick Andrews do attend the Committee on Group B of Private Bills To-morrow at Twelve of the clock.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Criminal Friday next, the Criminal Aliens Bill was read, Aliens Bill, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, upon Friday the 24th day of April next.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Report Stage of from the Committee of Ways and Means be not interrupted this evening under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House,) and may be entered upon at any hour though opposed. — (Mr. Balfour.)

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported Supply from the Committee of Supply of the 16th day of this instant March, a Resolution which was read, as followeth:

Navy Estimates, 1903-4.

That 127,100 men and boys be employed for Navy (including the Sea and Coast Guard Services for the years ending on the 31st day of March 1904, including 19,806 Royal Marines.

And the said Resolution being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made hereunto, by leaving out "127,100" and inserting "122,500". — (Mr. Lough)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Resolution.The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Resolution was agreed to. L 4.
Ordered, That the Resolution which, upon the 18th 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 follows:—

**Land Forces.** That a number of Land Forces, not exceeding 255,761, all ranks, be maintained for the Service of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, both at Home and Abroad, excluding His Majesty’s Indian Possessions, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904.

**Army (Annual) Bill.**

Mr. Arnold-Forster accordingly presented a Bill to provide, during Twelve Months, for the Discipline and Regulation of the Army: And that Mr. Secretary Bradlaugh, Mr. Arnold-Forster, and Lord Stanley do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Arnold-Forster accordingly presented a Bill to provide, during Twelve Months, for the Discipline and Regulation of the Army: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Second of the Resolutions which, upon the 17th day of this instant March, were reported from the Committee of Supply, and which Resolution was then postponed; and the same was again read, as follows:


That a Sum, not exceeding £.6,312,900, be granted to His 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 1904.

**Supply (16th March) Report.**

Mr. Hayes Fisher reported from the Committee of Supply of the 16th day of this instant March, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

Navy Estimates, 1903–4 (Vote on Account).

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £.284,300, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of Half Pay, Reserved 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 1904.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £.350,100, be granted to His 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 1904.

**Supply (19th March) Report.**

Mr. Hayes Fisher reported from the Committee of Supply of the 19th day of this instant March, a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1903–4 (Vote on Account).

That a Sum, not exceeding £.20,265,000, be granted to His 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 1904, viz.:—

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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 it be an Instruction to the Committee on the London County Council (General Powers) Bill to omit Clauses 63 and 64—(Sir Frederick Banbury, Bp). The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Yeas, Sir William Tomlinson; 126.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Burns; 109.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Supply, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [6th March] upon the 23rd day of this instant March, That in Account, the House did agree with the Committee in the Resolution:

That a Sum, not exceeding 20,265,000, be granted to His 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 1904, viz.:

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CLASS IV.

United Kingdom and England—
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Scotland—

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National Gallery—

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Total for Civil Services—

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Inland Revenue—
Post Office—
Post Office Postage Services—
Post Office Telegraphs—

Total for Revenue Departments—

Grand Total—

And the Question being again proposed:—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Tuesday, 24th March, 1903:

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, several Resolutions, which were read, as follow:

1. That, towards making good the Supply Consolidated granted to His Majesty for the service of the years ending on the 31st day of March 1902 and 1903, the Sum of £3,520,704 1/2d. be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

2. That, towards making good the Supply Consolidated granted to His Majesty for the service of the Fund, the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904, the Sum of £38,997,200 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

And 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 the Deputy Chairman, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Hayes Fisher do prepare, and bring in.

Mr. Hayes Fisher accordingly presented a Consolidated Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending on the Thirty-first day of March 1902, One thousand nine hundred and one, One thousand nine hundred and two, One thousand nine hundred and three, and One thousand nine hundred and four: And the said Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Contracts, Second Reading of the Contracts (India Office) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Borough Funds Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Licensing Acts Second Reading of the Licensing Acts Consolidation (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Berwickshire Second Reading of the Berwickshire, County Town Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Mooted the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed Trading, upon the 4th day of this instant, March, That it is expedient that a Select Committee 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...
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prevention of Pollution of Rivers and Streams 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 Public Health 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 (London) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time bill 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 Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Foreigners' Marriages 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 Authorities' Superannuation 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 Plumbers Registration Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

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

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Tuesday, 24th March, 1903.

The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Waterloo Baker Street Light Railways Bill.
Ulster and Louth Light Railways Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

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

Baker Street and Waterloo Railway (Transfers) Bill.
Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table—Report 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.—

Maidstone Gas Bill.

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

The Clerks at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Ways and Means.

The Chairmen of Ways and Means.

Cheshire Lines Committee Bill.

Influential and District Gas Bill.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Metropolitan District Railway (Various Powers) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

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

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

Mr. Grant Lawson presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Barnet, Barnet-upon-Trent, Castle Ward (Rural), Metchley-Bath and Nintch-Dick, Newton Abbot, Purth, Stroud, Warlingham, and Yardley (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.

Mr. Grant Lawson presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Counties of Oxford and Worcester: 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. Grant Lawson presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board relating to Bolton: 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 ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Public Accounts (Navy Votes), which was presented upon the 23rd day of this instant March, be printed.

Mr. Secretary Aber-Douglas presented, by Order of the Secretary of State for the Home Department, a Petition from J. A. Anderson, Inspector of Explosives, at the National Debt Office, London, praying that the Act, 50 & 51 Vic., c. 51; and 51 & 52 Vic., c. 43, may be amended, in order to enable him to proceed with the business of his office.

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

Mr. Hayes Fisher presented, pursuant to the Suggestion of several Acts of Parliament, to the House of Commons, the Report of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and the Paper relative to National Debt Annuities be printed.
The Deputy Chairman reported the East Riding Gas Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Bridgewater Gas Bill.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the Bridgewater Gas Bill: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, 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.

Winchester Water and Gas Bill.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the Winchester Water and 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. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Member from the Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures:—Mr. Attorney General; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Solicitor General.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Standing Orders.

Backworth Urban District Council Bill.

Leigh Corporation Bill.

North Eastern Railway Bill.

Wigan Corporation Tramways Bill.

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 Bank Holidays (Ireland) Bill, with Amendments.

The Lords have agreed to the Bank Holidays (Ireland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Light Locomotives (Ireland) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present.—The House was told by Mr. Clerk, that Forty Members not being present.—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, at Eleven of the clock, without a Question first put, till To-morrow.

Wednesday, 25th March, 1903.

The House met at Two of the clock.

PLEAS.

TH E Order made upon the 9th day of this instant March, That the London County Council (Electric Supply) Bill be read a second time this day, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order made upon the 2nd day of this instant March, That the West Ham Corporation Bill be committed, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Ways and Means.

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

VOTE SECOND REPORT.

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports and Papers relating to the Training of Teachers in Scotland, for the year 1901-2.

The Lord Advocate also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Act, 1889 (Ordinance) relating to the Training of Teachers in Scotland, No. 93.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the Universities Act, 1889 (Ordinance), be printed.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain presented.—Return to an Order, dated the 18th day of this instant March, for a Return relative to the American Mail Service. No. 94.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Resolutions and Statement adopted by the Irish Landowners' Convention on the 10th day of October 1902, and Report of the Irish Land Conference, dated the 3rd day of January 1903, and Minute on the Land Conference Report adopted on the 7th day of January 1903 by the Executive Committee of the Irish Landowners' Convention. (Mr. Wyndham.) Mr. Wyndham 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, a Return showing, as far as practicable, for each year (or other stated period) (1) the lowest and highest Prices (in each calendar Year) of Ordinary Land Stock; and (2) the Number and Amount of Loans under the Land Purchase Acts (as defined in Section 48 (1) of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896), together with the Total Amount of the Acreage purchased.—(Mr. Wyndham.) Mr. Wyndham 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, a Return showing, according to Provinces and Counties, the Number of Cases in which Judicial Rents have been fixed by all the methods provided by the Land Law Acts for a first and second Statutory term, respectively, to the 31st day of December 1902, with particulars as to Acreage, former Rents of Holdings, and percentages of reduction in Rents.—(Mr. Wyndham.) Mr. Wyndham 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, a Return relative to the Wyndham Convention, (Group A 1, and Section 12,) by the Executive Committee of the Wyndham Landowners' Convention.—(Mr. W. F. Bailey, Joint Secretary.) Mr. Wyndham accordingly presented the said Return.

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

Mr. Compton Rickett reported from the Committee on the Charing Cross, Euston, and Hampstead Railway Bill; That in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 12th day of March last, the Committee had omitted from Clause 8, p. 7, all the words before the words "the Company," in l. 32, and all the words after the word "respectively," in l. 36.

Mr. Compton Rickett 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 a recital relative to a proposed transfer of the undertaking to the Great Northern, Piccadilly, and Brompton Railway Company, and amending the recital relative to the proposal to lease the undertaking of the Company to the Underground Electric Railways Company of London, Limited, and otherwise 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 Vote, and be printed.

Mr. Kimber reported the Great Northern Great Southern Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Vote, and be printed.

Edward Mitchell, Esquire, Member for the New Member of County of Ferns (North Ferns Division), was sworn.

Colonel Bowles reported from the Committee on the Cockey and Arley Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, but the same had not been made proved to their satisfaction.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Vote, and be printed.

Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher reported from the Committee on Group A of Private Bills; That, in pursuance of the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Friday, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered,
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses, No. 1 to No. 4, agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman 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 tomorrow.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the occupation and ownership of Land in Ireland, and for other purposes relating thereto; and to amend the Labourers (Ireland) Acts: And that Mr. Wyndham, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Attorney General for Ireland do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Wyndham accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the occupation and ownership of Land in Ireland, and for other purposes relating thereto; and to amend the Labourers (Ireland) Acts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of April next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of this instant March, That the County Councils (Bills in Parliament) Bill be now read a second time;

And the Question being again proposed:—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. 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 the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure.

The Berwickshire County Town Bill was, Berwickshire according to Order, read a second time; and County Town committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Army

Second Reading of the Army (Annual) Bill; (Amend) Bill.

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

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Second Reading of the Army (Annual) Bill; (Amend) Bill.

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

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Second Reading of the Army (Annual) Bill; (Amend) 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 reading upon the 4th day of this instant March, That the Local Government (Transfer of Powers) Bill be now read a second time:

And the Question being again proposed:—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. 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 the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure.

The Order of the day being read, for the Licensing Acts Amendment Bill; 8  Butter Bill.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed reading upon the 9th day of this instant March, That the County Councils (Bills in Parliament) Bill be now read a second time:

And the Question being again proposed:—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And the Question being put;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Adulterated Butter Bill:

Ordered,
25th—26th March.

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 Forces Bill; 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 Naval Forces Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday 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, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, while welcoming the recent War Office Memorandum regarding the character of recruits, is of opinion that, in order to adequately fit the British soldier for his duties at Home and Abroad, greater efforts should be made and precautions taken to secure a higher standard of physique of recruits accepted; and that as regards age a birth certificate or other reliable evidence should, wherever possible, be required, no man being accepted or retained who is but believed to be under the age of eighteen years—(Mr. Pirie). An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "secure" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "as an adequate standard of physique of recruits accepted; and that as regards age no man should be accepted who is known or believed to be under the age of eighteen years"—(Mr. Secretary Brodrick).—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 "as an adequate standard of physique of recruits accepted; and that as regards age no man should be accepted who is known or believed to be under the age of eighteen years" be there added:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, as amended, being put; Resolved, That this House, while welcoming the recent War Office Memorandum regarding the character of recruits, is of opinion that, in order to adequately fit the British soldier for his duties at Home and Abroad, greater efforts should be made and precautions taken to secure an adequate standard of physique of recruits accepted; and that as regards age no man should be accepted who is known or believed to be under the age of eighteen years.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

Thursday, 26th March, 1903:

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (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 Local Government (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 Poor Law Officers' Superannuation (Scotland) 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 Local Government
Franchise and Representation (Extension to
Companies) 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 16th day of this instant March, That
the School Board Electorate (Ireland) 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 Poor Law Superannua-
tion Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Poor Law Superannua-
tion (Ireland) 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 2nd day of this instant March, That
the Cruelty to Animals 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 Local Government (Ire-
land) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
this day.

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

[No. 28.]

Thursday, 26th March, 1903.

The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table—Res-
port from one of the Examiners of Peti-
tions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the
following Bill, referred on the First Reading
thereof, Standing Order No. 63 has been com-
piled with, viz. —

Thomas Steamboat Trust Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Dublin Improvement (Bill Alley Area)
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 Western Railway (Pension Fund)
Bill was read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to
the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Chairman of Ways and
Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his War-
rent 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
Cornwall (North Western or Camborne Division),
in the room of William Sprunt Caine, Esquire,
deceased. —(Mr. Herbert Gladstone.)

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

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented,
by His Majesty's Command—Copy of Corre-
spondence relating to the Entertainment of
Indian and Colonial Guests visiting this Country
by invitation of His Majesty's Government.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton also pro-
posed the Return to an Address to His Majesty.
(Scotland) Dated the 4th day of this instant March, for a
Return relative to East India (Income and Expenditure).
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the
Table; and that the Return relative to East
India (Income and Expenditure) be printed.

Mr. Arnold-Forster presented, by His Ma-


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

Mr. Wyndham presented, by His Majesty's Irish Land
Command,—Copy of Statement showing Estimates,
probable effect on the Programmes of Shipbuild-
Reconstruction, Repairs, Maintenance, &c.,
due to the Re-Appropriation of Cash Provision, Shipbuilding,

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

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

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Ma-


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

Viscount Cranborne presented, by His Mac-
Trades and the Maintenance of Leasing in
compassing, Annual Series, No. 2944 to

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Lunatic
Return showing in respect of each Asylum Session
District in Ireland for each of the last twenty-
three years, 1882 to 1902, inclusive, the Contribu-
tions towards the provision of District Asylums
and Alterations); (c) Clothing; and (d)
other Expenses, including minor Repairs
and Alterations;

(1) Year ;
(2) Charges for Maintenance—(a) Fuel,
Water, and Light; (b) Salaries and
Supernumerations; (c) Clothing; and (d)
other Expenses, including minor Repairs
and Overhead;

(3) Repayments, including Principal and
Interest to Commissioners of Public
Works, of Loans advanced in respect of
Expenditure on New Works, Additions,
and Alterations, purchase of additional
Land, &c. (exclusive of minor Repairs
and Alterations); 

(4) Total
Resolved, that the Bill as amended (as in the Standing Committee) be taken into consideration.

Ordered, that the Bill, as amended (as in the Standing Committee), be taken into consideration To-morrow; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, that the Report be received upon No. 97 Table; and be printed.

Ordered, that the House, according to Order, resolved itself duly into the Committee of Supply. (In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1903-4.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £.4,800,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Staff for Engineer Services, and Expenditure for Royal Engineer Works, Buildings and Repairs, at Home and Abroad (including Purchases), which shall come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £.4,800,000, be granted to the said Service—Mr. Lough: The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. Lough,

Mr. Whitley

Sir Alexander Askew

Hood

Mr. Fellowes

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £.4,800,000, be granted to the said Service—Mr. Lough: The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. Lough,

Mr. John Burns

Sir Alexander Askew

Hood

Mr. Fellowes

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £.4,800,000, be granted to the said Service—Captain Norton: The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. John Burns

Sir Alexander Askew

Hood

Mr. Fellowes

Original Question again proposed:

And, it being after half-past Seven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, that the Report be received upon No. 97 Table; and be printed.

Ordered, that the House, according to Order, resolved itself duly into the Committee of Supply. (In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1903-4.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £.1,920,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Staff for Engineer Services, and Expenditure for Royal Engineer Works, Buildings and Repairs, at Home and Abroad (including Purchases), which shall come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £.1,759,000, be granted for the said Service—Mr. Lough: The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. Lough,

Mr. Whitley

Sir Alexander Askew

Hood

Mr. Fellowes

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £.4,820,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Supply and Repair of Warships and other Vessels, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £.1,759,000, be granted for the said Service—Mr. Lough: The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. Lough,

Mr. Whitley

Sir Alexander Askew

Hood

Mr. Fellowes

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £.4,820,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Supply and Repair of Warships and other Vessels, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £.4,800,000, be granted to the said Service—Mr. Lough: The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. Lough,

Mr. Whitley

Sir Alexander Askew

Hood

Mr. Fellowes

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £.4,800,000, be granted to the said Service—Mr. Lough: The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. Lough,

Mr. Whitley

Sir Alexander Askew

Hood

Mr. Fellowes

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £.1,920,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Staff for Engineer Services, and Expenditure for Royal Engineer Works, Buildings and Repairs, at Home and Abroad (including Purchases), which shall come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £.1,759,000, be granted for the said Service—Mr. Lough: The Committee divided.

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Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £.1,759,000, be granted for the said Service—Mr. Lough: The Committee divided.

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Hood

Mr. Fellowes

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £.4,820,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Supply and Repair of Warships and other Vessels, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £.1,759,000, be granted for the said Service—Mr. Lough: The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. Lough,

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Sir Alexander Askew

Hood

Mr. Fellowes

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £.4,820,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Supply and Repair of Warships and other Vessels, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £.1,759,000, be granted for the said Service—Mr. Lough: The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. Lough,

Mr. Whitley

Sir Alexander Askew

Hood

Mr. Fellowes

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £.4,820,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Supply and Repair of Warships and other Vessels, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £.1,759,000, be granted for the said Service—Mr. Lough: The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. Lough,

Mr. Whitley

Sir Alexander Askew

Hood

Mr. Fellowes

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £.4,820,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Supply and Repair of Warships and other Vessels, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £.1,759,000, be granted for the said Service—Mr. Lough: The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. Lough,

Mr. Whitley

Sir Alexander Askew

Hood

Mr. Fellowes

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £.4,820,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Supply and Repair of Warships and other Vessels, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £.1,759,000, be granted for the said Service—Mr. Lough: The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. Lough,

Mr. Whitley

Sir Alexander Askew

Hood

Mr. Fellowes
Resolved, That this House will, this Evening, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Evening Sitting.

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

(N. in the Committee.)

Navy Estimates, 1903-4.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £1,186,200, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expenses 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 1904: Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £1,186,200, be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Kearley); The Committee divided; Tellers for the (Mr. Kearley), Yeas, [Mr. Reginald Lucas: 61, Tellers for the] Sir Alexander Acland- Hood, Noes, [Mr. Fellowes: 43.]

Original Question put, and agreed to.

2. £259,000, for Medical Services, including the Cost of Medical Establishments at Home and Abroad.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £15,200, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of Naval Prisons at Home and Abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904: Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £15,400, be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Kearley); The Committee divided; Tellers for the (Mr. Kearley), Yeas, [Mr. Rennie: 135, Tellers for the] Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, Noes, [Mr. Austenricker: 125.]

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Recolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to several Recolutions. Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Deputy Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Friday morning:

Friday, 27th March, 1903:

The Consolidated Fund (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.

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 Second Reading of the False Characters Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next. Vol. 168.
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 this day.

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

[No. 29.]
Friday, 27th March, 1903.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Land Drainage Act, 1861, relating to Lands in the Parish of Aslackby and Dowsby, in the County of Lincoln: And that Mr. Hanbury and Mr. Hughes Fisher do prepare, and bring in such a Bill.

Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Land Drainage Act, 1861, relating to Lands in the Parish of Aslackby and Dowsby, in the County of Lincoln: 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 Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Ways and Means.

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

Mr. Hanbury, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Annual Report for 1902, of the Board of Agriculture, of Proceedings under the Tithe Acts, Copyhold Act, 1894, the Enclosure Acts, the Agricultural Holdings Acts, the Universities and College Estates Acts, the Drainage and Improvement of Land Acts, the Glebe Lands Act, 1888, &c., &c., together with a Summary of the Powers and Duties of the Board of Agriculture under those Statutes and of the method of Administration;

Copy of Annual Reports for 1902, of the Board of Agriculture, of Proceedings under the Diseases of Animals Acts, the Markets and Fairs (Weighing of Cattle) Acts, &c., &c.

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

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report on the Emigration's Information Office for the year ended 31st December 1892.

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

Mr. Wyndham, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return of Prices of certain classes of Irish Agricultural Products and Live Stock for the year 1892.

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

Mr. Walter Long, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Census of England and Wales, 1901; Summary Tables, Area, Houses, and Population; also Population classified by Ages, Condition as to Marriage, Occupations, Birth Places, and Infirmities.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords has been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follow:

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, an Act for specifying the Law relating to Marine Insurance; to which the Lords desire the consent of this House.

A Message was delivered by Thomas Dacre, Royal Agent, Sealer, Esquire, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His 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 His 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 His Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Act, 1903.
2. Bank Holidays (Ireland) Act, 1903.
3. Light Locomotives (Ireland) Act, 1903.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Values Assessment and Rating 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. Griffith-Boscawen.)

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. Caithness, 170.
Tellers for the "Nees, [Sir Alexander Acland, 182."

So it passed in the Negative.

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

Hall-Marking of Foreign Plate Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Hall-Marking of Foreign
Plate Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Friday next.

Local Tenure Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Local Tenure Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Tuesday next.

Public Trustee Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Public Trustee Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Wednesday next.

Church Discipline (No. 2) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Church Discipline (No. 2)
Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Tuesday 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 Friday the 1st day of May next.

Furniture Registration Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Furniture Registration Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Tuesday next.

County Courts Bill.
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 Wednesday next.

County Courts Jurisdiction Extension Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for taking
into consideration the County Courts Jurisdiction
Extension Bill, as amended in the Standing
Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into
consideration upon Friday the 10th day of June next.

Local Government (Ireland) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Local Government (Ire-
land) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Monday next.

Six Henry Aspery-Fletcher reported from the
Committee on Group A of Private Bills; That
the parties promoting the Walker and Wallsend
Gas Bill had stated that the evidence of
Thomas Messor Sturgess, Clerk to the Walker
Urban District Council, was essential to their
case; and, it having been proved that his attend­
ance could not be procured without the inter­
vention of the House, he had been instructed to
move that the said Thomas Messor Sturgess, Clerk to the Walker Urban District Council, do
attend the said Committee on Monday next, at
Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Committee on Group A of Private Bills on Monday next, at Eleven of the clock.

Mr. Transat reported the Cork Harbour Bill, Cork Harbour with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the
Visi Supplement to the
Votes.

Mr. Kinder reported from the Committee on Railway Bills Group No. 1 of Railway Bills; That the parties
opposing the North Eastern Railway Bill had
stated that the evidence of E. B. Cargill, Fishing
Vessel Owners, Billington Gate, Hull, 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 in­
structed to move that the said E. B. Cargill do
attend the said Committee on Monday next, at
half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That E. B. Cargill do attend the
Committee on Group No. 1 of Railway Bills on
Tuesday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

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 passed a Bill, intituled, An Act
to empower the Urban District Council of
Nantwich to supply Gas; and to provide for the
transfer of the Undertaking of the Nantwich Gas
Company, Limited, to the Council; and to make
further and better provision with regard to the
supply of Electricity; and for the Improvement,
Health, Local Government, and Finance of the
District, and for other purposes; to which the
Lords desire the concurrence of this House,
And then the House, having continued to
sit till twenty minutes before Six of the
clock, adjourned till Monday next.
Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

The Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of the Clerk of the House.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the East Ardsley Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Winchester Water and Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Baker Street and Waterloo Railway (Transfer) Bill be read a second time to-morrow (Evening Sitting).

The South Yorkshire Joint Railways Bill was read a second time and committed.

The West Cumberland Electric Tramways Bill was read a second time and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Thames Conservancy Bill, Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 27th day of April next.

The Woolwich Borough Council Bill was read a second time and committed.

The Committee on the Metropolitan Cattle Market Bill [Lords'] was read the first time.

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

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

Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order made by the Council of the Borough of Huddersfield, altering certain Polling Districts in the Borough.

Copy of Order made by the Council of the Borough of Reading, altering certain Polling Districts in the Borough.

Accounts of the Corporation of the City of London in respect of the Metropolitan Cattle Market for the year 1902; also an Account of Extraordinary Works executed, other than the General Repairs, for the same period.

Ordered, That the said Papers lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence and Report of Mr. William Stables, C.M.G., F.R.E.S. in regard to the condition of the Harbour of Port Ness, Island of Lewis.


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

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented,—Veto Third Report of the Port of Newhaven (Island of Lewis.)

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

Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher reported from the Committee on the Newhaven-upon-Tyne Submarine Electric 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.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table:—Copy of a Statement of the Funds of the Museum of the late Sir John Soane on 5th January 1903.

The Deputy Chairman reported the Burgess Hill Bill and Saint John's Common Gas Bill, with Amendments.

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

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Broadstairs Committee on the Broadstairs 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.

The Deputy Chairman reported the Market Monday Gas Bill, with Amendments.

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

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Ipswich Gas Committee on the Ipswich Gas Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, 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.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Newcastle upon Tyne Borough Council 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, 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 the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher reported from the Committee on the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Electric 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. Tennant reported from the Committee on the Poole Group B of Private Bills; That, at the meeting of the Committee this day, a letter was received from...
from Mr. Osmond Williams, one of the Members of the said Committee, stating that he was unable, on account of illness, to attend the Committee this day.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

New Member sworn.

John Arthur Fyler, Esquire, Member for the County of Surrey (North Western or Chertsey Division), was sworn.

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 for the better Prevention of Corruption; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for enabling the Western Trust, Limited, to re-arrange its Capital; and to provide for the extinction of its B Shares, and for issuing ordinary Shares in lieu thereof; and for altering the Memorandum and Articles of Association 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 for conferring further Powers on the Plymouth and Stonehouse Gas Light and Coke Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitulated, An Act for enabling the Queensland Investment and Land Mortgage Company, Limited, to pay off Capital paid in advance of Calls, 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.

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Deferred, until the wooded day.
Mr. Speaker's Indisposition. Mr. Speaker's Absence. Mr. Speaker's Means of the Chair.

The Clerk at the Table informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, owing to indisposition, to resume the Chair:

Whereupon Mr. Jeffreys, the Deputy Chairman, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, in pursuance of Standing Order No. 1.

And Mr. Grant Lawson reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received Tomorrow.

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, tomorrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjourned.

Mr. Speaker's Indisposition.

The House being met, the Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidably absence of Mr. Speaker, owing to indisposition; and of the unavoidably absence of the Chairman of Ways and Means:

Whereupon Mr. Jeffreys, the Deputy Chairman, proceeded to the Table, and, after Prayers, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

Ordered, That the Thames Steamboat Trust Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next (Evening Sitting).

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


The Deputy Chairman reported from the Great Northern and City Railway Bill; That they had examined the Bill, and 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.

Mr. John Edward Ellis reported from the Trade, &c. Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, to whom the Inland navigation 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 No. 99. be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday the 14th day of June next; and be printed.

A Motion being made, That this House will, tomorrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of a Grant for the Development of Ireland.—(Mr. Wyndham).

Mr. Wyndham, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

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

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

Mr. Gerald Ralston presented, in pursuance railways of Standing Order 108,—Copy of Report by Abandonment, the Board of Trade respecting the number Commercial Railway and Dock 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 Return by Districts and Counties for the years ended the 31st day of March 1900, 1901, and 1902, respectively, showing the Number of Seizures and Detections of illicit Plant, Materials, &c. in Ireland by Members of the Royal Irish Constabulary; the Number of Persons prosecuted; the Number convicted; the Number committed to Prison; the Amount of Fines imposed; the Amount of Fines recovered; and the Amount of Rewards paid to Members of the Royal Irish Constabulary; also similar Information as to Seizures and Detections by Inland Revenue Officers in England, Scotland, and Ireland during the same periods.—(Mr. O'Mara.)
Mr. Holley reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That, in the case of the *Mainstone Gas Bill*, Petitions 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 *Baker Street and Waterloo Railway (Extension of Time) Petition* for leave to deposit a Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to deposit that Petition for a Bill.

3. That, in the case of the *Jealous Colonisation Association 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 *Birmingham District Tramways Bill* ([ Lords ],) 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, 1a, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 be struck out of the Bill, unless the consent of the County Councils of Worcestershire and Worcestershire be proved before the Committee on 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.

Mr. Holley 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 County Councils (Bill in Parliament):—Mr. Abel Smith, Mr. Alfred Thomas, and Mr. Abraham (Rhodd); Mr. Francis Sharp Powell, Mr. Sir Crawford Mackenzie, Mr. Sir Henry Seton-Karr; Mr. John Leng, Mr. Sir M. Healy, Mr. Timothy Foster, Mr. John Gorst, Mr. Walter Long, Mr. Mr. John Leng, Mr. Sir M. Healy, Mr. Sir Crawford Mackenzie, Mr. Sir Henry Seton-Karr; Mr. John Leng, Mr. Sir M. Healy, Mr. Timothy Foster, Mr. John Gorst, Mr. Walter Long, Sir James Joyce, Sir William Tomlinson, Sir Walter Baker, Mr. Joseph Howard, Mr. Sir Crawford Mackenzie, Mr. Sir Henry Seton-Karr; Mr. John Leng, Mr. Sir M. Healy, Mr. Timothy Foster, Mr. John Gorst, Mr. Walter Long, Mr. Sir James Joyce, Sir William Tomlinson, Sir Walter Baker, Mr. Joseph Howard, Mr. Sir Crawford Mackenzie, Mr. Sir Henry Seton-Karr; Mr. John Leng, Mr. Sir M. Healy, Mr. Timothy Foster, Mr. John Gorst, Mr. Walter Long, Sir James Joyce, Sir William Tomlinson, Sir Walter Baker, Mr. Joseph Howard, Mr. Sir Crawford Mackenzie, Mr. Sir Henry Seton-Karr; Mr. John Leng, Mr. Sir M. Healy, Mr. Timothy Foster, Mr. John Gorst, Mr. Walter Long, Sir James Joyce, Sir William Tomlinson, Sir Walter Baker, Mr. Joseph Howard, Mr. Sir Crawford Mackenzie, Mr. Sir Henry Seton-Karr; Mr. John Leng, Mr. Sir M. Healy, Mr. Timothy Foster, Mr. John Gorst, Mr. Walter Long, Sir James Joyce, Sir William Tomlinson, Sir Walter Baker, Mr. Joseph Howard, Mr. Sir Crawford Mackenzie, Mr. Sir Henry Seton-Karr; Mr. John Leng, Mr. Sir M. Healy, Mr. Timothy Foster, Mr. John Gorst, Mr. Walter Long, Sir James Joyce, Sir William Tomlinson, Sir Walter Baker, Mr. Joseph Howard, Mr. Sir Crawford Mackenzie, Mr. Sir Henry Seton-Karr; Mr. John Leng, Mr. Sir M. Healy, Mr. Timothy Foster, Mr. John Gorst, Mr. Walter Long, Sir James Joyce, Sir William Tomlinson, Sir Walter Baker, Mr. Joseph Howard, Mr. Sir Crawford Mackenzie, Mr. Sir Henry Seton-Karr; Mr. John Leng, Mr. Sir M. Healy, Mr. Timothy Foster, Mr. John Gorst, Mr. Walter Long, Sir James Joyce, Sir William Tomlinson, Sir Walter Baker, Mr. Joseph Howard, Mr. Sir Crawford Mackenzie, Mr. Sir Henry Seton-Karr.

Mr. Holley further reported from the Committee of Selection; 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 Employment of Children Bill:—Mr. Secretary Aker-Douglas, Mr. Asquith, Sir George Bartley, Mr. Broadhurst, Sir Walter Foster, Sir John Gart, Mr. Gray, Mr. Timothy M. Heely, Sir John Lang, Dr. Macnamara, Mr. Pease, Sir Gurney Sharp Powell, Mr. Crawford Smith, Mr. Parker Smith, and Mr. Spence.

Mr. Holley further reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from the Parliamentary Panel of Members of this House to act as Commissioners in pursuance of the provisions of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899:—Mr. Abel Smith; and had appointed in substitution: Sir John Tuke.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Bowles reported from the Committee on the Great Central 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.

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31st March, 1903. [No. 31.]

Mr. Secretary Aber-Douglas reported from the Committee of Supply of the 30th day of this instant March (Afternoon Sitting), several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £4,820,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Supply and Repair of Warlike and other Stores, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £17,450,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge for Civil Superannuation, Compensation, and Compassionate Allowances and Gratuities, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £255,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Supplies of the Army, including the Cost of Martial Law, including the Cost of Naval Prison, at Home and Abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Mr. Secretary Aber-Douglas reported from the Committee of Supply of the 26th day of this instant March (Evening Sitting), several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,186,300, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expenses 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 1904.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,502,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense for Royal Engineer Works, Buildings, and Repairs, at Home and Abroad, including the Cost of Superintendence, Purchase of Sites, Grants in Aid, and other Charges connected therewith, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,292,500, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense 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 1904.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Mr. Secretary Aber-Douglas reported from the Committee of Supply of the 30th day of this instant March, instant March (Afternoon Sitting), several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,920,000, be granted to His Majesty, 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, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £547,500, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Supply and Repair of Warlike and other Stores, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Mr. Secretary Aber-Douglas reported from the Committee of Supply of the 26th day of this instant March (Evening Sitting), several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,347,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Supply and Repair of Warlike and other Stores, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,347,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Supply and Repair of Warlike and other Stores, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £15,440,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Supply and Repair of Warlike and other Stores, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Mr. Secretary Aber-Douglas reported from the Committee of Supply of the 26th day of this instant March (Evening Sitting), several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,347,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Supply and Repair of Warlike and other Stores, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,347,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Supply and Repair of Warlike and other Stores, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £15,440,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Supply and Repair of Warlike and other Stores, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904.
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 Army (Annual) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Acts Consolidation (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time

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

Mr. Deputy Speaker leaves the Chair till this Evening's Sitting.

Baker Street and Waterloo Railway (Transfer) Bill.

There being no further Business set down for the afternoon, Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair till this Evening's Sitting.

Evening Sitting.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Baker Street and Waterloo Railway (Transfer) 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. Claude Hope.)

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; and committed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in London, containing the following Paragraph:—

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in London, containing the following Paragraph:—

"That the Bill be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

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

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The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Medical Act (1886) 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 House of Lords (London) 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 (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 Licensing (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Friday the 12th day of June next.

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 Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Law 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 Amendment which,
upon the 27th day of February last, was proposed
to be made to the Question, That the Solicitors
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 Vaccination Precautions 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 (Repayment of Loans) 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
Precautions and Representation (Extension to Companies) 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 18th day of March last, That the School
Board Electorate (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
Second Reading of the Elementary Education Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
this day.
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Wednesday, 1st April, 1903.

The House met at Two of the clock.

The Chairman of Ways and Means.

The Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Ways and Means.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bideford Corporation Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bideford Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Ulster and Connaught Light Railways Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of this instant April (Evening Sitting).

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

Mr. Hayes Fisher presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 17th day of March last, for a Return relative to Wines imported.

Mr. Hayes Fisher also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of all Moneys received, and of the disposal thereof, and of all Contracts for the Grant of Deferred Life Annuities, and for Payments on Death, made during the year ended 31st December 1902.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Translation of the New General Customs Tariff for the European Frontiers of Russia, with Comparison, as far as possible, of the Rates of Customs Duty contained in the Tariff with the Rates at present in force on Imports into European Russia from the United Kingdom.

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

Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Fifteenth Report of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales, being for the year 1902.

Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas also presented,—Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 5th day of March last, for a Return relative to Lead Poisoning in Earthenware and China Works.

Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under Section 7 of the Cremation Act, 1902, with reference to the Maintenance and Inspection of Crematoria, the condition under which Cremations may take place, &c.

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

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Forty-First Annual Report of His Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland, for the year ended 31st December 1902.

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

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The Naval Forces 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 Contracts (India Office) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clauses, No. 1 to No. 4, agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman 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 Supply 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 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 Licensing Acts Amendment Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Licensing Acts Amendment (Scotland) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

To-morrow.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; — The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yes. (Mr. Herbert Gladstone) 103. (Mr. Courtney)

Tellers for the Noes. (Mr. Anstruther) 178.

So it was 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 Yes. (Sir Alexander Acland-Howard) 187.

Tellers for the Noes. (Mr. Anstruther) 107.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That it is expedient that a Select Committee 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 enterprises within or without the area of their jurisdiction — (Mr. Balfour.)

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 which of such powers should be conferred by a general Local Government Act."— (Mr. Whiteley.)

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 Yes. (Mr. Herbert Gladstone) 103. (Mr. Courtney)

Tellers for the Noes. (Mr. Anstruther) 178.

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 Yes. (Sir Alexander Acland-Howard) 187.

Tellers for the Noes. (Mr. Anstruther) 107.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Ireland Development Grant [Consolidated Fund].

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of the Consolidated Fund, of an annual Sum, not exceeding £185,000, for providing a Special Grant to be used for the purposes of the Development of Ireland.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The Army (Annual) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire whether any plan can be advantageously adopted for enabling the House by Select Committee or otherwise more effectively to make an examination, not involving criticism of policy, into the details of National Expenditure.—(Mr. Balfour.)

Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection, (Standing Member from the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure):
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, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.—Local Government Provisional Order (Housing of the Working Classes) 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, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.—Local Government Provisional Order (Housing of the Working Classes) Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Kent Ardingley 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 Winchester Water and 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 Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dover Corporation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 30th day of this instant April.

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

Viscount Crewe, presented by His Majesty's Command, —Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 3947 to 2949.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Number of Workhouse Infirmaries in Ireland in which Nuns are Employed in any capacity, showing for each Vol. 185.

The Clerk at the Table informed the House The Chairman of the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Ways and Means.

Lord Edmond Fitzgerald reported from the Law, &c. Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, to whom the Incest Bill was referred; That they had gone into consideration of the Incest Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of No. 104, the Standing Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Bill 134, Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Trade Disputes; a Return showing Statistics of Strikes and Putes. Lock-outs in each of the Ten years 1893-1902, in the following form—

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Selection (Standing Committee).

Mr. Halany 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. Solicitor General and Mr. Boland; and had appointed in substitution:—Mr. Attorney General and Mr. O'Mara.

Mr. Halany further reported from the Committee; That they had added to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures the following Members:—Mr. Secretary Abers-Dougall, Major Boekel, Mr. Penn, Mr. Austen Chamberlain, Mr. Pratt, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Trenchard, Mr. Wilde, Mr. Keane, Mr. Keating, Mr. Keating, Mr. O'Neill, and Mr. O'Shaughnessy.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Post Office Bill.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain presented a Bill to enable His Majesty's Postmaster General to acquire Lands in London and Bristol for the Public Service, and for other purposes:—And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mail-marking of Foreign Plate:—And the same was ordered to be read a second time this evening; and to be printed.

Highways Bill:—And the same was ordered to be read a second time on Monday; and to be printed.

Supply (Civil Service Estimates):—And the Chair—(Mr. Hayes Fisher) for Committee on the Civil Service Estimates.

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 insert in the words "in the opinion of this House, the same "—(Mr. Claude Hay)—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 Supply.

Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(I in the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1903—4.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman 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.

Sir Alexander Acland-Hood reported from the Committee on Ireland Development Grant [Consolidated Fund], a Resolution; which was read as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of the Consolidated Fund, of an annual Sum not exceeding £185,000 for providing a special Grant to be used for the purposes of the Development of Ireland.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland-Hood], the Chair—(Mr. Hayes Fisher) (Mr. Austen Chamberlain).

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Ireland Development Grant, and committed.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Ireland Resolution: And that Mr. Wyndham, Mr. Development Grant.

Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Attorney General for Ireland do prepare and bring in.

Mr. Wyndham accordingly presented a Bill to Ireland Development Grant Bill, to provide for a Special Grant to be used for the purposes of the Development of Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of this instant April; and to be printed.

Easing Sitting.

The Order of the day being read, for the great Second Reading of the Great Western Railway Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 21st day of this instant April (Evening Sitting).

The Thames River Steamboat Service Bill Thames River was, according to Order, read a second time; and the Chairman committed.

The Thames Steamboat Trust Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and the Chairman committed.

The Thames Steamboat Trust Bill, was, according to Order, read a second time; and the Chairman committed.
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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Army (Annual) Bill.

(Order in the Committee.)

Clauses, No. 1 and No. 2, agreed to.

Clauses, No. 3 (Prices in respect of billeting), Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 5, after the first word "the," to insert the words "good and sufficient."—(Colonel Welby.) Question, that those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

A Clause (Amendment of 44 & 45 Vic. c. 58, s. 4)—(Colonel Welby)—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 "Yeas":—
Sir Charles Dilke, Mr. Asstruther

Tellers for the "Noses":—
Mr. Asstruther, Mr. Asstruther

Another Clause (Amendment of 44 & 45 Vic. c. 58, s. 4)—(Colonel Welby)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Lord Hugh Cecil); The Committee divided.

Tellers for the "Yeas":—
Sir Alexander Acland, Mr. Asstruther

Tellers for the "Noses":—
Mr. Asstruther, Sir Charles Dilke

Original Question put, and negatived.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Deputy Chairman 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 on 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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Acts Consolidation (Scotland) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing (Scotland) Acts Amendment Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday 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 on Thursday the 23rd day of this instant April, Vol. 158.

The Order of the day being read, for the Market (Gardeners' Compensation) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time

To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Prevention of Cruelty to Wild Animals 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 (London) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Prevention of Cruelty to Wild Animals Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Licensing Acts Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government Franchise and Representation (Extension to Compulsory) Bill;

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The Order of the day being read, for the Public Trustee Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Trustee Bill;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation (Scotland) Bill;

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Elementary Education Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time: Education, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday the 23rd day of this instant April.
Cruelty to Animals Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 2nd day of March last, That the Cruelty to Animals Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

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

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Friday, 3rd April, 1903.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

Orders.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the ease 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.:—

Nantwich Urban District Council Bill (Lords).
Queensland Investment and Land Mortgage Bill (Lords).
Old Broughton Burying Ground Bill (Lords).
Plymouth and Stonehouse Gas Bill (Lords).
Western Trust Bill (Lords).

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

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The House proceeded to take into consideration the North Middlesex Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Pressure of Gas) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Local Government Provisional Order (Housing of the Working Classes) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 3) 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.

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Mr. Secretary Brans-Douglas presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,

Copy of Recommendation of the Secretary for the Home Department, that the Sum of Money contributed out of moneys provided by Law for the Home Department shall, under certain conditions, be paid in respect of Children absent owing to an Epidemic.

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

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return showing:

1. The Expenditure from the Grant for Public Education in Scotland in the year 1902.
2. A List of Day Schools aided from Parliamentary Grant, with Statistics relating thereto for the year ended 31st August 1902.
3. Summarised Statistics of Day Schools in receipt of Annual Grants under the Code, for the year ended 31st August 1902.

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

Mr. Hayes Fisher presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 2nd day of March last, for a Return relative to the British Museum. No. 105.

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

Mr. Hayes Fisher also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,

Abstract Account of the Receipts and Payments of the Treasury Solicitor in the year ended 31st December 1902, in the Administration of Estates on behalf of the Crown under the authority of the Treasury Solicitor Act, 1876, and Alphabetical List of Intestacies 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.

Copy of Treasury Minute, under the Super-Supersession Act, 1898, dated 26th March 1903, declaring that for the due and efficient discharge of the Duties of the Office of Director of Naval Education, 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 Papers relative to the British Museum and the Crown's Nominees Account be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping (Lighthouses) 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 Yeas, [Mr. Charles M'Arthur, Sir Charles Reusch,].

Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Bunsen, Sir John Stirling-Maxwell].

So it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Drunkenness and Regulation of Opium (Ireland) Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time;

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The House divided.

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

Mr. T. W. Russell, 79.

Mr. McLoughlan, 102.

The House being met, the Clerk at the Mr. Speaker's Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, owing to indisposition;

Whereupon Mr. James William Leatham, the Prayers.

Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table, and, after Prayers, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

The Bath Corporation Water Bill was read a 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 Bridgewater Reinforcement Bill be now read the third time;

The Lord Advocate, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therin 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 Broadstairs Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Burgess Bill, in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
Orders (No. 1) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Highland and Invergarry and Fort Augustus Railway Companies Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Remford and District Tramways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 2) 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 the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Mitchelstown, in the County of Cork; and that Mr. Bonar Law 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 Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Auckland (Rural), Catterick and Northwood, Drayton-in-Hales, Illogan, Ingleton, Port Dinorwel, Sevenoaks, South Shields, Tidworth, Sidmouth, and Yeovil: And that Mr. Bonar Law 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 Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Briston, Brecon, and Pontypool, in the County of Cardiff; and that Mr. Bonar Law and Mr. Gerald Balfour do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Bonar Law presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Briston, Brecon, and Pontypool, in the County of Cardiff; 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.

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

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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 Petition relative to Certified Day Industrial Schools (Parliamentary Grant), which was presented upon the 3rd day of this instant April, be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command, —Copy of Forty-fifth Annual (Scotland) Report of the General Board of Commissioners in Lunacy for Scotland.


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

Mr. Secretary Brodrick presented, by His Majesty's Command, —Copy of Report of the Committee on Expenses incurred by Officers of the Army.

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

Mr. Secretary Abec-Douglas presented, by J. H. Thomson, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, the Commissioner appointed for the Trial of the Petition against the Election of a Town Councillor for the Castle Fields Ward of the Borough of Shrewsbury, held on the 1st November 1902.


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

Mr. Wyndham presented, by His Majesty's Command, —Copy of Report made by W. Lyttleton, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, the Commissioner appointed for the Trial of the Petition by the Army.

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

Mr. Hays Fisher presented, pursuant to the 6th Greek Loan Act 48 Vic. c. 11, in respect of the Sums paid in or towards the repayment of any money so issued.

Mr. Hays Fisher presented, pursuant to the 6th Greek Loan Act 48 Vic. c. 11, in respect of the Annuity of £15,000, which was guaranteed by Her late 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 1903, 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 late 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.

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

Viscount Cranborne presented, by His Majesty's Command, —Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports.
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Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2500 and 2501.

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

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Post Office Suffix Bill with respect to compliance with the Standing Orders relative to Private Bills.—(Mr. Austen Chamberlain.)

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) 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, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the Midland Gas Bill; That, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House on the 31st of March, the Committee had inserted in the Bill the additional Provision referred to in such Resolution.

The Deputy Chairman 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 thereunto.

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

The Deputy Chairman reported the London Hydraulic Power Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Deputy Chairman reported the Midland Railway Bill, with Amendments.

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

The Deputy Chairman reported the Sittingbourne District Gas Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Holley reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members in the Parliamentary Panel of Members of this House to act as Commissioners in pursuance of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899.—Mr. Charles Rem­shane; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Maxwell.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Major Seely, supported by Sir James For­guson, Sir Barrington Simeon, Mr. Gallaway, and Mr. Flower, presented a Bill to enable Courts to suspend the Certificates of Travellers convicted of illegal Travelling: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 27th day of this instant April; and to be printed.

Mr. Bignold, supported by Mr. Irwin Cranston, Mr. Lennox-Graner, Mr. John Edward Gordon, and Mr. Cathcart Watson, presented a Bill to enable owners of ships to sue the Commissioners of the Port of London in respect of vessels of which they were owners: And the Bill was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 18th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Cramer, supported by Mr. Bort, Mr. William Abraham (Bhondo), Mr. John Wilson (Durham), Mr. Pownall, Mr. Corrie Grant, and Vol. 159.

Mr. Pickard, presented a Bill to amend the Law for the Registration of Voters and other purposes pertaining to Elections: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 21st day of this instant April; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish a Commission for the administration of the Port of London, and for transferring to the Commission the Undertakings of certain dock companies, and certain Powers and Duties of the Conservators of the River Thames and the Watermen's Company, and for other purposes connected therewith—(Mr. Gerald Balfour); And, the Motion being opposed, after a brief Debate the Speaker brought the Question (Contrary to the Resolution in pursuance of Standing Order No. 11.) And the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That, Mr. Gerald Balfour and Mr. Bower do prepare, and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Gerald Balfour accordingly presented a Bill to establish a Commission for the administration of the Port of London, and for transferring to the Commission the Undertakings of certain dock companies, and certain Powers and Duties of the Conservators of the River Thames and the Watermen's Company, and for other purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 21st day of this instant April; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing (Scotland) Acts Amendment Bill.

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 all the words from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "no measure dealing with Licensing reform in Scotland will be satisfactory which fails to include provisions securing direct popular control of the liquor traffic"—(Mr. Urquhart)—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 half an hour after Seven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned till this Evening.

Evening Sitting.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Licensing the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, as upon the 6th day of this instant April, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Bill licensing (Scotland) Acts Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

Which Amendment was, to leave out all the words from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and add the words "no measure dealing with Licensing reform in Scotland will be satisfactory which fails to include provisions securing direct popular control of the liquor traffic"—(Mr. Urquhart)—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 Original Question being put:

Ordered,
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 Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures.—(The Lord Advocate);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words "the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures," and adding the words "a Committee consisting of all the Members representing the Scots constituencies, together with Fifteen other Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection."—(Sir Robert Red)—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.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Sir Alexander Arland, 121.]

Yea., [Mr. A. M'Arthur.]

Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Herbert Gladstone, 51.]

Noes, [Mr. William M'Arthur.] So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put:—The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas, [Sir Alexander Arland, 121.]

Yea., [Mr. A. M'Arthur.]

Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Herbert Gladstone, 51.]

Noes, [Mr. William M'Arthur.] So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures.

The Licensing Acts Consolidation (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Army (Annual) Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;—The House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That 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.

Ordered, That 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.

Ordered, That the Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prevention of Corruption Bill [Lords];
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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 Thursday the 23rd day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Officer Superannuation (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 23rd day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 2nd day of March last, That the Cruelty to Animals Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Number of Tenants evicted in Ireland within the past Twenty-five years, who have not been reinstated in their Holdings, as follows: Number under £10. 10s. rent; Number over £10 and under £20; Number over £20 and under £50; Number over £50 and under £100; Number over £100 and under £200; Number over £200. — (Mr. Cullinan.)

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

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Tuesday, 7th April, 1903.

The House met at Two of the clock.

Prayers.

The North Middlesex 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 Sutton District Water Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Local 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.

A Petition of the Castlereagh, Keady, and Armagh Railway Company, praying that Provision may be made in the Castlereagh, Keady, Railway and Armagh Railway (Extension of Time) Bill, (Extension of Time) Bill, 

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authorising the Company to exercise their Borrowing Powers by Encumbrances from time to time, and without previously issuing the whole of their authorised Capital, subject to portions of the authorised Railways being constructed to formation Level, 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. Chancellor of the Exchequer presented a Bill pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.—Copy of Treasury Minute, under the Superannuation Act, 1884, dated 28th March 1903, declaring that Mrs. Charlotte Ann Reynolds, Postmistress, Dartmoor Post Office, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate through inadvertence on the part of the Head of her Department.

Copy of Treasury Minute, under the Superannuation Act, 1887, dated 28th March 1903, granting a retired allowance to George F. Laidlaw, Rural Postman, Christchurch Post Office.

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

The Lord Advocate, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of result of a Bacteriological Investigation into the cause of Salmon Disease, by Mr. J. Home Patterson, of the Bacteriological Laboratory of the City of Glasgow.

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

Mr. Honorary presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Two Orders, under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 and 1896, numbered respectively 6641 and 6648, relating to the landing of Foreign Meat and without previously issuing the whole of their authorised Capital, subject to portions of the authorised Railways being constructed to formation Level, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

Mr. Secretary Hodge presented,—Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 22nd day of March last, for a Return relating to Military Expeditions.

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

The same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 24th day of this instant April; and to be printed.

The said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of this instant April; and to be printed.

Mr. Alfred Davies, supported by Dr. Ferguson, John Burns, Mr. Bentley, and Mr. Vaugham-Davies, presented a Bill to prevent Foreign and Colonial Meat being sold as British and Irish Meat; and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of this instant April; and to be printed.

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Sir John Keane and Mr. Victor Gibbs, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Ecclesiastical Dilapidations; and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 23rd day of this instant April; and to be printed.

Mr. Lloyd-George presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Ecclesiastical Dilapidations; and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 23rd day of this instant April; and to be printed.

Lord Hart Dyke, supported by Sir James Ferguson, Mr. Baden, Mr. Whitmore, Colonel Keppel-Smith, Major Rash, Mr. Goulging, and Mr. Cryps, presented a Bill to restrict, for a limited period, the Powers of Justices to refuse the Renewal of Licences in certain cases; and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 1st day of May next; and to be printed.

Captain Norton, supported by Colonel Pugsley, Mr. cucsenko, Mr. Joyce, and Mr. Vaughan-Davies, presented a Bill to prevent Foreign and Colonial Meat being sold as British and Irish Meat; and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of this instant April; and to be printed.

Sir William Hart Dyke, supported by Sir James Ferguson, Mr. Bagot, Mr. Whitmore, Colonel Keppel-Smith, Major Rash, Mr. Guiling, and Mr. Cryps, presented a Bill to restrict, for a limited period, the Powers of Justices to refuse the Renewal of Licences in certain cases; and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 1st day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented a Bill to facilitate the introduction and use of Electrical Power on Railways; and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 21st day of this instant April; and to be printed.

Mr. Cameron Corbett, supported by Mr. John Sinclair, Mr. Hunter Craig, Mr. Piers, Mr. Parker Smith, and Mr. Mark McPheat, presented a Bill for the regulation and control of Sunday Trading in Scotland; and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 23rd day of this instant April; and to be printed.

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

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland.] Yes; [Mr. Austruther.] 159.
Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Gladstone; Nosa.] No; [Mr. William M'Arthur.] 77.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in by Sir William Anson, Mr. Walter Long, and Mr. Attorney General.

Sir William Anson accordingly presented a Bill to extend and adapt the Education Act, 1902, to London: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be printed.

Evening Sitting.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, with a view to directing the Musical Taste of the People into proper Channels, it is desirable that National Opera Houses under Public Control should be established in the principal Cities of the United Kingdom—(Mr. Galloway);

And Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present:—The House was told by Mr. Speaker, and Forty Members not being present:—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, at two minutes after Ten of the clock, without a Question first put, till To-morrow.

[No. 37.]

Wednesday, 8th April, 1903.
The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House met at Two of the clock.

T HE N onswich Urban District Council Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Old Bridewell Burrying Ground Bill [Lords] be read a second time upon Wednesday the 29th day of this instant April (Evening Sitting).

The Plymouth and Stonehouse Gas Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The Queensland Investment and Land Mortgage Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The Western Trust Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 39, 129, and 292 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, also for depositing at the Private Bill Office all Documents relating to any Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, be extended to the first day upon which the House shall sit after the Recess.—(The Deputy Chairman.)

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 Counties of Dublin and Wexford, the Vol. 158.

Urban Districts of Blackrock, Dalkey, Killiney, and Dalkey, Kingstone, Pembroke, Rathmous, and Antipodes and Wexford, and the Town of Ready: And that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Mr. Wyndham 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 Belfast (Rural), Ennisclogan (Rural), and Londonderry, and Rathdown and Wick low Joint.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Local Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Camborne, Orders (No. 4.) Heston and Ickenwth, Mountain Ash, New Windsor, Southport, Stratford-upon-Avon, Tumbridge Wells, and Whitley and Manor: And that Mr. Grant Lawson and Mr. Walter Long do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to the Counties of Dublin and Wexford, the Urban Districts of Blackrock, Dalkey, Killiney, and Dalkey, Kingstone, Pembroke, Rathmous, and Antipodes and Wexford, and the Town of Ready: 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 Local Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to Camborne, Orders (No. 4.) Heston and Ickenwth, Mountain Ash, New Windsor, Southport, Stratford-upon-Avon, Tumbridge Wells, and Whitley and Manor: 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. Grant Lawson presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Camborne, Heston Orders and Ickenwth, Mountain Ash, New Windsor, Orders Londonderry, and the Rathdown and Wicklow Joint (No. 4) Bill.

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 were presented to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balieoy presented—Return to an Order, dated the 2nd day of this instant April, for Return relative to Trade Disputes. No. 110.

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

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Annual Report on Cyprus for 1901-2.

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

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Twenty-first Annual Report of the Fishery Board for Scotland, being for the year 1902. Part L, General Report.
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Tuesday, 21st April, 1903.

The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Breconshire Gas Bill was read the third reading, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A verbal Amendment was made to the Bar—Bangor Bill, and Saint John’s Common Gas Bill; and 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 Great Northern and City 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 Ipswich 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 Market Drayton 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 Stoke Newington Borough 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 Sutton 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 London Hydraulic Power Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Midland Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read for the Second Reading of the Oliphant Junction and Marble Arch Railway Bill.
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, The said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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

Viscount Cranborne presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2952 to 2955.

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


Copy of Return, by Provinces, of Agrarian Agitation, Offences throughout Ireland reported to the Inspector General of the Royal Irish Constabulary between the 1st January 1902 and the 31st December 1902, showing the Number of Cases in which Offenders were Convicted; the Number 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. Wyndham also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 2nd day of this instant April, for a Return relative to Workhouse Infirmaries for a Return relative to Workhouse Infirmaries (Ireland) (Nuns Employed).

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

Mr. Secretary Brodrick presented, by His Army and Navy Estimates, Copy of Return of Proceedings of the Administration of Martial Law in South Africa.

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

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by His South Africa, Majesties Command,—Copy of Papers relating to the Progress of Administration in the Transvaal and Orange River Colony.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His 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 1902, together with the Reports of the Inspecting Officers of the Railway Department to the Board of Trade upon certain Accidents which were reported into.

Copy of Index to Reports of His Majesty's Trade Reports, Diplomatic and Consular Representatives Abroad on Trade and Subjects of General Interest, 1902.

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 25th day of February 1903, for a Return relative to Coal Exports, &c.

Return to an Order, dated the 8th day of this instant April, for a Return relative to Stock of the United Kingdom, 1902.

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

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Account of the Accounts of the University of Saint Andrews to the Secretary for Scotland, for the year ending the 30th September 1902.
being the Annual Report on the state of the Finances of the University under the provisions of Section 30 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889.

Copy of Annual Statistical Report by the University Court of the University of Saint Andrews to the Secretary for Scotland, under Section 30 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, for the year 1901-2.

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

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

Civil Services and Revenue Department Estimates, 1903-4.

Class I.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £40,600, be granted to His 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 1904, for Expenditure in respect of Royal Palaces.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £40,500, be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Dewar);

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Black, Yess; (Mr. A. Alexander Anstruther, Noes)]

61. [Mr. Gibson Bowles, Yess; (Mr. Whitley, Noes)]

100. [Mr. Acland-Hood, Yess; (Mr. A. Alexander Anstruther, Noes)]

123. Original Question put, and agreed to.

2. £51,400, to complete the Sum for the Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens.

3. £57,700, to complete the Sum for the Houses of Parliament Buildings.

4. £96,130, to complete the Sum for Expenditure in respect of Miscellaneous Legal Buildings, Customs, Inland Revenue, Post Office, and certain Post Office Abroad, including Furniture, Fuel, and sundry Miscellaneous Services.

5. £339,000, to complete the Sum for the Survey of the United Kingdom, and for minor Services connected therewith.

6. £19,050, to complete the Sum for maintaining certain Harbours under the Board of Trade, and for Grants in Aid of Harbours.

7. £17,860, to complete the Sum for constructing a new Harbour of Refuge at Peterhead.

Class II.

12. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £48,288, be granted to His 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 1904, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Agriculture, and for Kia Botanics and Pleasure Gardens, including certain Grants in Aid.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A be reduced by £100, in respect of the Salary of the President of the Board of Agriculture. —(Mr. Mansfield):—

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £381,333, be granted to His 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 1904, for Stationery, Printing, Paper, Binding, and Printed Books for the Public Service; to pay the Salaries and Expenses of the Stationary Office; and for sundry Miscellaneous Services, including Reports of Parliamentary Debates.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £381,333, be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Claude Hay).

And, it being half an hour after Seven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received tomorrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means 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 Evening, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Evening Sitting.

The Order of the day being read, for the Great Western Railway Bill.

And a Motion being made, and the Question 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."—(Sir Edward 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; Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed.

The Midland and Belfast and Northern Counties Railways Bill was committed.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Department Estimates, 1903-4.

Class II.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £381,333, be granted to His
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His 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 1904, for Stationery, Printing, Paper, Binding, and Printed Books for the Public Service; to pay the Salaries and Expenses of the Stationery Office; and for sundry Miscellaneous Services, including Reports of Parliamentary Debates:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 381,133, be granted for the said Service—(Sir Alexander Acland-Hood);

Tellers for the Yes, [Mr. Dalziel] 49.
Tellers for the No, [Mr. Austruther] 115.

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 381,133, be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Whiteley);

Tellers for the Yes, [Mr. Dalziel] 58.
Tellers for the No, [Mr. Austruther] 112.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 32,294, be granted to His 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 1904, for the Salaries and other Expenses in the Department of His Majesty's Treasury and Subordinate Departments, including Expenses in respect of Advances under the Light Railways Act, 1896:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 32,294, be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Dewar);

Tellers for the Yes, [Mr. Dalziel] 55.
Tellers for the No, [Mr. Austruther] 107.

Ordered, That the Report be received, and to be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means 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 London Education Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Prevention of Second Reading of the Prevention of Corruption Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marine Insurance Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Mines (Certificates) 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 Metropolitan Police (Temporary Powers) 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 Prevention of Cruelty to Wild Animals Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.
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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Public Trustee Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Trustee Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Hall-marking of Foreign Plate (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hall-marking of Foreign Plate (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Ministry of Commerce Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ministry of Commerce Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Plumbers Registration Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Plumbers Registration Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Merchandise Marks Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Solicitors Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 27th day of February last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Solicitors Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Vaccination Prosecutions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vaccination Prosecutions Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

County Courts Bill.

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 Monday next.

Local Government (Scotland) Act (1894) Amendment Bill.

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 Thursday next.

Cruelty to Animals Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 2nd day of March last, That the Cruelty to Animals Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

Period, and the raising of Money to meet such Expenditure, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Metropolitan Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State under the Metropolitan Police Act, 1886, relating to Land in the Royal Borough of Kensington: And that Mr. Cockrane and Mr. Secretary Abercromby do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Cockrane accordingly presented a Bill to the House to confirm a Provisional Order made by one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State under the Metropolitan Police Act, 1886, relating to Land in the Royal Borough of Kensington; 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 to regulate the Expenditure of the Money by the London County Council on Capital Account during the current Financial Year; and to provide for the Regulation of the Issue of Notes, and for other Purposes, were read and referred to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Labour Department, Board of Trade, and Statistical Department, relating to Changes in Rates of Wages, Wages, and Hours of Labour in the United Kingdom in 1902, with Comparative Statistics for 1893 to 1901. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Electric Lighting Orders included in the Electric Lighting Provisional Order (No. 1) Bill.—(Mr. Bonar Law.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Electric Lighting Orders included in the Electric Lighting Provisional Order (No. 2) Bill.—(Mr. Bonar Law.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Electric Lighting Orders included in the Electric Lighting Provisional Order (No. 3) Bill.—(Mr. Bonar Law.)

Mr. Hallam reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had disposed of the following Members of the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure:—Mr. Attorney General; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Solicitor General. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That Mr. Hayes Fisher be discharged from further attendance upon the Committee on Public Accounts, and that Mr. Arthur Elliot be added to the Committee. (Sir Alexander Acland-Hood.)

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

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1903-4.

Class II.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 139,285, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray
defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Subordinate Departments, including a Grant in Aid:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A (Salaries) be reduced by £. 100, in respect of the Salary of the President of the Board of Trade—(Mr. Dalziel).—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Question put, That Item A (Salaries) be reduced by £. 100, in respect of the Salary of the President, of the Board of Trade—(Mr. Sewell)

Tellers for the ayes—Mr. Austen, Sir Alexander Acland-

Tellers for the noes—Mr. Acland, Mr. Balfour:

Original Question again proposed:

And, it being after half-past Seven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received tomorrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means 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.

Evening Sitting.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, the protection afforded by the Government to the Fishing Interests round the Coasts of Scotland is entirely inadequate—(Mr. Cathcart).—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Standing Committee on Law, and Legal Procedure, that they have power to extend the County Councils (Bills in Parliament) Bill to Scotland—(Mr. Caldwell).

Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present—The House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, at two minutes after Ten of the clock, without a Question first put, till To-morrow.
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 Bexley (Extension), Bromley (Rural), Huddersfield (Extension), Leominster and District (Extension), Prestwick (Amendment), Stroud, and Whitechapel and Poughbourne: And that Mr. Bonar Law and Mr. Gerald Balfour do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Bonar Law presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, the Electric Lighting (Scotland) Act, 1890, and the Electric Lighting (Scotland) Act, 1902, relating to Berwick upon Tweed, Cambuslang, Dumbarton, Kilmarnock, and Kirkintilloch: 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. Bonar Law presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Abergavenny, Caerleon, Pembroke, Prestwick, Llanelli, Llanfair, and Stroud: 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. Bonar Law presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Abergavenny, Caerleon, Pembroke, Prestwick, Llanelli, Llanfair, and Stroud: 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.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Workhouse Infirmarys (Ireland) (Nuns Employed), which was presented upon the 21st day of this instant April, be printed.

Mr. Hyndman presented, by His 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 the 31st day of March 1903. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hinsby presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Minutes of Evidence taken before the Departmental Committee appointed by the Board of Agriculture to inquire into and report upon British Forestry; with Appendices and Index. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir William Anson presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statement of Schemes for the formation of Education Committees approved up to the 31st day of March last by the Board of Education, under Section 17 of the Education Act, 1892.

Sir William Anson also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Schemes under the Endowed Schools Acts, 1869, and amending Acts, for the Management of Chews's Foundation, in the Parish of Biddleston, in the County of Bedford, founded by Deed of 16th September 1724.

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. Gerald Balfour presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 22nd day of this instant April, for a Return relative to the Electric Lighting Provisional Order (No. 1) Bill.

Return to an Order, dated the 22nd day of this instant April, for a Return relative to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill.

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

Viscount Cranborne presented, by His Majesty's Command,— Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2959 and 2960.

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.)

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

Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice reported from the Law No. Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, to whom the County Councils Bills in Parliament) Bill was referred; and that, in pursuance of the Direction of the Speaker of the House, dated the 22nd day of this instant April, Bill, they had extended the provisions of the Bill to Scotland; that they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto; and that they had amended the Title as followeth: A Bill [This to empower County Councils to promote Bills in Parliament.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Committee be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Sir Wilfred Lawson, Baronet, Member for the New Member of Cornwall (North Western or Carnarvon Division), was sworn.

Mr. Halsey 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 Borough Funds Bill.—Mr. Borough, Mr. John Burns, Mr. Caldwell, Mr. James Findlay, Coling, Mr. Shepherd Oram, Mr. Charles Douglas, Mr. Joseph Howard, Mr. Grant Low.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Customs—Tea.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Customs Duty now charged on Tea shall continue to be charged until the First day of August, Nineteen hundred and four (that is to say):—

Tea — the pound Six pence.

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Amendment proposed, to leave out the word "Six," in order to insert the word "Four."—

(Mr. Leathley.)

Question put, That the word "Six" stand part of the Question.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the "Six":—Sir Alexander Acton, and Mr. Austriner.

Tellers for the "Four":—Mr. Herbert Gladstone, and Mr. Crowther.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

Friday, 24th April, 1903:

Contingency of Additional Customs Duties on Tobacco, Beer, and Spirits.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Additional Customs Duties on Tobacco, Beer, and Spirits imposed by Sections Two, Three, Four, and Five of the Finance Act, 1900 (including any increased Duties imposed by Section Five of that Act), shall continue to be charged until the First day of August, Nineteen hundred and four.——

(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer), —put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Chairman of Ways and Means 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.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer), —put, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

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

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply from the Committee of Supply of the 21st day of this instant April (Afternoon Sitting) ; sitting in the Committee of Ways and Means.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply from the Committee of Supply of the 21st day of this instant April (Evening Sitting); sitting in the Committee of Ways and Means.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply from the Committee of Supply of the 22nd day of this instant April; sitting in the Committee of Ways and Means.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ireland Second Reading of the Irish Land Grant Bill; sitting in the Committee of Ways and Means.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Ireland Second Reading of the Ireland Development Grant 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 Port of 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 Railways (Electrical 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 London 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 Prevention of Corruption Bill [Lords]; 

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 Marine Insurance 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 Post Office Sites 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 Clubs Registration (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 Clubs Registration (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 Land Tenure 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 Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill; 

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

School Board Electorate (Scotland) Bill. 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Petroleum 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 Solicitors (Scotland) 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 the Second Reading of the Trustee Act (1883) 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 Medical Act (1886) Amendment Bill;

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

Awards.)

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 Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing of the Working Classes (London) 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 Tied Houses (Abolition) 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 Crofters’ Holdings (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 March last, That the Cruelty to Animals Bill be now read a second time; and

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all Inclosure Awards or Copies of Inclosure Awards which are at the present time deposited or enrolled with the Clerks of the Peace or of the Councils of the Counties of England and Wales, setting out alphabetically under the head of each County the Name of each such Inclosure, the Parish or Township in which each such Common was situated, and stating the Date of the Act of Parliament authorising the Inclosure and the Date of the Award.—(Sir John Brunner.)

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

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the Empire Electric Light and Power Company of the Undertaking under the Romford Electric Lighting Order, 1900, authorising the Council to supply Electricity within the Romford Urban District, 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. Secretary Abercromby presented, by His Majesty's Command, a Copy of Correspondence relating to the Recruitment of Labour in the British Central Africa Protectorate for employment in the Transvaal.

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

Mr. Secretary Abercromby presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a Copy of Reports of the Inspectors of Constabulary, for the year ending 26th September 1902, made to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State, under the provisions of the Statutes 18 & 20 Vic. c. 69. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means informed the House, that the Committee on Group C of Private Bills not being appointed to meet until Tuesday next, the parties promoting the Commercial Gas Bill, which was set down for Second Reading of the Licensing Law (Compensation) Bill; _ ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Licensing Law (Compensation for Non-Renewal) Bill; _ ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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 Friday the 12th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Small Holdings Second Reading of the Small Holders (Scotland) Bill; _ ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Medical Acts Second Reading of the Medical Acts Amendment Bill; _ ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Mines (Eight Second Reading of the Mines (Eight Hours) Hours) Bill; _ ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bankruptcy Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Act (1883) Amendment Bill; _ ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 8th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Liquor Traffic Second Reading of the Liquor Traffic Local Veto (Scotland) Bill; _ ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Aliens Second Reading of the Criminal Aliens Bill; _ ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Steam Engines Second Reading of the Steam Engines and Boilers (Persons in Charge) Bill; _ ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Highways Bill Second Reading of the Highways Bill; _ ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Market Second Reading of the Market Gardener's Compensation Acts 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 Discipline Bill; _ ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Local Records Second Reading of the Local Records Bill; _ ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Elementary Education Amendment Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clauses, No. 1 and No. 2, agreed to. Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Great Lanworth reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment. Ordered,
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third 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 Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Solicitors (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 Addenbrooke’s Hospital Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared to provide for the Registration of Architects: And that Mr. Acting Secretary accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the Registration of Architects: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 18th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Kimber reported from the Committee on the Great Eastern Railway (No. 1) (re-committed) Bill and the Great Eastern Railway (No. 2) Bill; That they had, pursuant to the Instruction of the House of the 23rd day of this instant April, consolidated the said Bills into one Bill, "for conferring further Powers on the Great Eastern Railway Company, and for other purposes."

Mr. Kimber further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill so consolidated, and amended the Preamble of the No. 1 Bill so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Consolidated Bill as passed by the Committee, and adopted such amended Preamble as the Preamble of the Consolidated Bill, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Consolidated 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 Monday next.

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

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill.
Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill.
Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill.
Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Thames Conservancy Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 6th day of May next.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Order (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 3) 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 Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Fifth Report to the Secretary for Scotland of the Congested Districts (Scotland) Board, under the Congested Districts (Scotland) Act, 1897.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to the Life Assurance directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Statements of Accounts and of Life Assurance and Annuity Business, and Abstracts of Actuarial Reports, deposited with the Board of Trade, under the Life Assurance Companies Act, 1870, during the year ended 31st December 1902.

Copy of Report of the Proceedings of the Light Board of Trade under the Light Railways Act, 1896, up to the 31st December 1902, and of the Proceedings of the Light Railway Commissioners up to the same date.

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

Mr. Wyndham presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Return of the Number of Evicted Tenants, from Agricultural Holdings, in Ireland which have come to the knowledge of the Consolidated, and also of the Number of Tenancies, determined, in the quarter ended 31st March 1898.

Mr. Wyndham also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 6th day of this instant April, for a Return relative to Evicted Tenants (Ireland) (Non-Congested Districts) for the year ending 31st December 1902.

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

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Further Papers relating to the Progress of Administration in the Transvaal.

Copy of Correspondence relating to the Pacific Queensland Island Labourers Act, 1901, of the Commonwealth of Australia.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Arthur Elliot presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2961 to 2963.

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

Wages in Both Africa and China (Cost and Expenditure). No. 1 Bill.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing (1) the estimated Amount of War Charges in South Africa, and China incurred up to the 31st day of March 1903; (2) how these Charges have been met; and (3) how the Money borrowed has been raised (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 155, of Session 1902.—(Mr. Sydney Buxton.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Contract, dated the 9th day of March 1903, with the Campbeltown and Glasgow Steam Packet Joint Stock Company, Limited, for the Conveyance of Mail between Glasgow, Greenock, and Campbeltown: together with a Copy of the Treasury Minute thereon dated the 30th day of March 1903.—(Mr. Arthur Elliot.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Abstract Account of the Receipts and Payments of the King's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer in Scotland, in the year ended the 31st day of December 1902, 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 Ultimate Horses in Scotland, administered by the King's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer, in the same year.—(Mr. Arthur Elliot.)

Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Trade, Commerce, Agriculture, Fishing, Shipping, and Manufactures:—Sir Frederick Dixon-Hartland, and had appointed in substitution, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Mines (Eight Hours) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 14th day of May next.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the Local Government 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, 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.

The Deputy Chairman 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.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the Local Government Provisional Order (House of the Worthing Company) Bill; That they had considered the said Order; That the Working of 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.

The Deputy Chairman reported the Queensland Land Investment and Land Mortgage Bill [Lords'], with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

The Deputy Chairman reported the Western Western Trust Bill [Lords'], without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. K.inder reported the North Eastern Railway Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. Harry Samuel, supported by Mr. Bres- son Jones, Mr. Ernest Flower, Mr. Sydney Buxton, Major Ernest Gordon, and Mr. Mill, presented a Bill to enlarge the Remedies of Persons injured by the Negligence of Shipowners; And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 15th day of May next; and to be printed.

Sir John Gers, supported by Sir William Vignau Hart Dyke, Mr. John Barnes, Mr. Cameron Carr, Children Bill, bett, Mr. Ernest Flower, and Mr. Lloyd George, presented a Bill to provide for the better Protection of Vagrant Children; And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Select Committee on National Expenditure was nominated of Mr. Churchill, Mr. Dillon, Sir John Darington, Mr. Arthur Elliot, Sir James Ferguson, Sir Walter Peters, Mr. Bonar Law, Mr. Hugh Laws, Mr. Leagh, Sir Lewis M'Innes, Sir Robert Mond, Mr. Williams Frederic Smith, Mr. Trevelyan, Sir Edgar Vincent, and Mr. Eugene Wauw.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Sir Alexander Arlanch-Hurd.)
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in view of the grave social and public interests involved in the continuance of the Industrial Dispute at Bethesda, this House condemns the inaction of His Majesty's Government, and declares its opinion that prompt intervention on their part is imperative to arrive at a just and effectual settlement—(Mr. Asquith) ; — And a Debate arising thereupon ;

And it being half an hour after Seven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this Evening.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed by the said Mr. Asquith, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate, and the Question being put ;—

The House proceeded to a Division.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning ;

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 21st day of this instant April, That, in view of the grave social and public interests involved in the continuance of the Industrial Dispute at Bethesda, this House condemns the inaction of His Majesty's Government, and declares its opinion that prompt intervention on their part is imperative to arrive at a just and effectual settlement—(Mr. Asquith) ;

And the Question being again proposed ;—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate, and the Question being put ;—

The House proceeded to a Division.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning ;

Tuesday, 28th April, 1903:

The Yeas to the Right ;

The Noses to the Left ;

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Herbert Gladstone, 182.

Tellers for the Noses, Sir Alexander Acland-Arthur, 316.

So it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 21st day of this instant April (Afternoon Sitting) ;

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 21st day of this instant April (Evening Sitting) ;

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 22nd day of this instant April ;

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 22nd day of this instant April ;

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 21st day of this instant April (Afternoon Sitting) ;

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 21st day of this instant April (Evening Sitting) ;

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 22nd day of this instant April ;

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the County Councils (Bills in Parliament) 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 Education (Borrowing) Bill ;

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

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, a Resolution ; which was read, as followeth ;—

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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 Coroners' Inquests (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 Public Trustee Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 5th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Plumbers Registration 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 Merchandise Marks Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the debate adjourned on the 21st—25th April last, on the question that the Solicitors Bill be now read a second time;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Tenure Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 18th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Superannuation (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 Sunday Trading (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 Public Health Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the last day of June next.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 19th day of June next.

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

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Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire and report what changes in the Irish Valuation Acts are desirable, in order to enable a revaluation of rateable property in any district to be made on a basis equitable to all classes of ratepayers, and to be brought into force in an effective manner.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of the Lord Advocate, Mr. Clancy, Sir John Colson, Mr. Charles Cregg, Mr. Charles Houston, Mr. Duke, Mr. Goulding, Sir James Heseltine, Mr. Sergeant Humphreys, Mr. Haizler, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lear, Mr. M'Cune, Mr. M'Killop, and Mr. Randles.  

Ordered,
Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Alexander Acland-Hood.)

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Twelve o'clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 48.]

Tuesday, 28th April, 1903.
The House met at Two of the clock.

P A Y M E N T

A Motion being made, That the Charing Cross, Euston, and Hampstead Railway Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. James Campbell, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His 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:

An Act to order further Powers upon the Charing Cross, Euston, and Hampstead Railway Company; to transfer to and vest in that Company the Powers of the Edinburgh and Hampstead Railway Company; to authorise Agreements with the Underground Electric Railways Company of London, Limited, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Motion being made, That the City and South London Railway 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 Campbell, 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 Minutes of Proceedings of No. 127.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of No. 128.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of No. 129.

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

The Order for reading a second time, upon local Thursday next, the Local Government (Scotland) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 7th day of May next.

The Order for reading a second time, upon local Tuesday next, the Lands Valuation (Scotland) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of May next.

Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice reported from the Law, & Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, to whom the Borough Funds Bill was referred; That they had gone through the Bill; and had directed him to present 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 No. 127.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice reported from the Law, & Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, to whom the Local Government (Transfer of Powers) 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 No. 128.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next; and be printed.

Sir...
Sir John Brunner reported from the Committee on the London County Council (General Powers) Bill; That, in pursuance of the Instruction of the House of the 33rd day of March last, the Committee had struck out Clauses 65 and 66 of the Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same as so 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.

Vide Supplement to the Votes.

Private Bills (Group C).

Mr. Niel reported from the Committee on Group C of Private Bills; That the parties proceeded upon the Northrup and Blain Water Bill, stated that the evidence of Mr. Samuel Hood Cowper Coles, J.P., Land Agent, of Pymoor parish, near Hitchin, was essential to their case and, 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 Hood Cowper Coles do attend the said Committee to-morrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That Mr. Samuel Hood Cowper Coles do attend the Committee on Group C of Private Bills to-morrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the Coventry Electric Tramways Bill; That, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 17th day of March last, the Committee had considered the advisability of inserting the additional Provision therein referred to, and had agreed to the same.

The Deputy Chairman further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same as so 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.

Vide Supplement to the Votes.

Skegby Gas Bill.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the Skegby Gas Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and 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.

Vide Supplement to the Votes.

Selection (Standing Committee) Law, &c.

Private Bills.

Mr. Halley reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders; 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 Putana Bill:—Major Kenneth Bailiff, Mr. Thomas Bagley, Lord Abney, Compton, Mr. Cameron Cockett, Mr. Cremer, Mr. Crofts, Mr. John Denyer, Mr. Duke, Mr. Heine, Mr. Betty Longley, Mr. Lowe, Sir William Hyxton, Mr. Kenneth, Mr. Stuart, Worthing, and Mr. Tomkinson.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Vide Supplement to the Votes.

London County Council (General Powers) Bill.

Mr. Halley reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders; 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 Pudsey Bill:—Major Kenneth Bailiff, Mr. Thomas Bagley, Lord Abney, Compton, Mr. Cameron Cockett, Mr. Cremer, Mr. Crofts, Mr. John Denyer, Mr. Duke, Mr. Heine, Mr. Betty Longley, Mr. Lowe, Sir William Hyxton, Mr. Kenneth, Mr. Stuart, Worthing, and Mr. Tomkinson.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Vide Supplement to the Votes.

Private Bills (Group D).

Mr. Niel reported from the Committee on Group D of Private Bills; That the parties proceeded upon the Northrup and Blain Water Bill, stated that the evidence of Mr. Samuel Hood Cowper Coles, J.P., Land Agent, of Pymoor parish, near Hitchin, was essential to their case, and, 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 Hood Cowper Coles do attend the said Committee to-morrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That Mr. Samuel Hood Cowper Coles do attend the Committee on Group D of Private Bills to-morrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Army Act to confer further Powers upon the Hexham Bill [Lords]; That the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Army Bill [Lords]; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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.

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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.
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The London Railways Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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The India Rubber, Gutta Percha, and Telegraph Works Company Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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The North's Navigation Collieries Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Penrith Gas Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Easter Railway Bill [Lords] 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 London 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 six months."—(Mr. Sydney Bonar.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question.—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And, it being half an hour after Seven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned till this Evening.

Evening Sitting.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 26th day of this instant April, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the London Education Bill be now read a second time; Which Amendment was, to leave out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, to add the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Sydney Bonar.)

And the Question being again proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Mr. Burdett-Coutts) —It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 21st day of this instant April (Afternoon Sitting):—

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 21st day of this instant April (Evening Sitting):—

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 22nd day of this instant April;—

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Foreign Second Reading of the Port of London Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Prevention of Second Reading of the Prevention of Corruption Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office Second Reading of the Post Office Sites Bill;

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

The County Councils (Bills in Parliament) County 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 Ways and Means;—

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, receive itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Railways Second Reading of the Railways (Electrical Power) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Marine Second Reading of the Marine Insurance Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Parliamentary Second Reading of the Parliamentary Voters Registration 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, 28th April, 1903:

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Bill;

Second Reading of the Libel Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 5th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the False Second Reading of the False Characters Bill;—

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Ball-marking Second Reading of the Ball-marking of Foreign Plate (No. 2) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Foreigners' Second Reading of the Foreigners' Marriages Marriage Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 6th day of May next.

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The House met at Two of the clock.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that He will withhold His Consent from the Scheme under the Endowed Schools Act, 1889, and amending Acts, for the management of the Charity of Chew's Foundation, in the Parish of Dunsdale, in the County of Bedford, founded by Deed of Foundation, 17th day of September 1724.—(Mr. Ashton.)

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

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

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Wednesday, 29th April, 1903.

The House met at Two 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 Baker Street and Waterloo Railway (Extension of Time) Bill, might be read; and the same being read:

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the time limited by the Baker Street and Waterloo Railway Act, 1900, for the compulsory purchase of Lands, for the construction of certain of the Railways authorised by that Act, and for other purposes: And that Colonel Lochwood and Mr. Pym do prepare, and bring it in,—(Mr. Coldwell.)

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

Mr. Arthur Elliot presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of this instant April, for a Return relative to Parties in South Africa (Cost and Expenditure).—Accounts showing the Sums received and expended for the purposes of the Metropolitan Police and Police Pension Funds, during the year ending 31st March 1903.

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

Mr. Arthur Elliot also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of the Gross Public Income and Expenditure in the year ended 31st March 1903; 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.

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

Sir Charles Dalrymple reported from the Public Petitions Committee, that they had examined the Petitions presented upon Report by the 30th and 31st days of March last, and the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, and 28th days of this instant April, 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. Compton Rickett reported from the Committee to whose Bill the parties opposing the City and North East London and Suburban Electric Railway Bill had stated that the evidence of Walter Borg Prentice, Merchant, of 8, Bishopsgate Street, London, was essential to their case; and, it having been proved that his
his attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move that Walter Burgh Gair do attend the said Committee on Friday, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That Walter Burgh Gair do attend the Committee on Group No. 9 of Railway Bills on Friday, at Eleven of the clock.

Mr. Holroyd 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. Stuart-Wortley (added in respect of the Pistols Bill); and had appointed in substitution:—Mr. James Hope.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 1st day of this instant April, That the Crofters Holdings (Scotland) Act (1886) Amendment Bill be now read a second time, be resumed upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 28th day of this instant April, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the London Education Bill be now read a second time:

Which Amendment was, to leave out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, to add the words "upon this day six months—(Mr. Sydney Buxton); And the Question being again proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

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 Yeas, [Sir Alexander Acland: 300.

W. H. Holley; Mr. Ayrton.]

Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Herbert Gladstone: 163.

W. H. Holley; Mr. William M. Arthur.]

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 Monday next.

**Evening Sitting.**

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the working and administration of the Cheap Trains Act, 1883; and to report whether any and, if so, what Amendments are reasonable and necessary to improve the service of Workmen's Trains in the Metropolis and elsewhere, and to secure the provision of the accommodation required by Workmen by all Railway Companies.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House regrets that the Government have not taken steps to carry out the unanimous recommendations of the Royal Commission on Land in Wales and Monmouthshire, that a Commission, the members of which should have the powers of Judges of the High Court of Justice, should be appointed to survey the Crown Lands in Wales and Monmouthshire, and to make an extent of the Rents, Dues, &c. payable from such Crown Lands, and is of opinion that Sales of such Crown Lands should cease, except where necessary in the public interest, and that they should be afforded wherever desirable and practicable—(Mr. Brymer Jones):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And, it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

**Thursday, 30th April, 1903:**

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Wednesday next.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that He will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Estimated Expenditure, on the several Railways and Irrigation Works under construction in India on the 31st day of March 1903, and the proposed Expenditure thereon during 1903-4.—(Mr. Price.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Evitith and Irish Meat Protection Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bankruptcy Law 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 18th day of March last, That the School Board Electorate (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 Clauses Second Reading of the Clubs Registration (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government Second Reading of the Local Government (Scotland) Act (1894) Amendment Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Jury Acts Second Reading of the Jury Acts (Ireland) (Ordinance) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government Second Reading of the Local Government (Ireland) Bill; Ordered,
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 Trading Act (1858) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sunday Solicitors Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchandise Marks (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the 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 Vaccination Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sunday Medical BiU.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Medical BiU.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Crofters' Holdings (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 Working Class (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 Ecclesiastical Dilapidations 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 Tied Houses (Freewing) 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 Church Discipline (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks 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 Sunday Trading (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 Medical Act (1858) 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 Medical Act (1868) 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 Crofters' Holdings (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 Poor Law Superannuation (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 21st day of this instant April (Afternoon Sitting);
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 22nd day of this instant April;
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Railway Second Reading of the Railways 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 Marine Insurance Bill [Lords];
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 Thursday 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 Petition for additional Provision in the following Bill, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz. —

Romford and District Tramways Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committees 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 Bill, referred pursuant to the Order of the House of the 9th day of this instant April, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz. —

Post Office Sites Bill (Standing Orders applicable). 

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

Mr. Grant Watson presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Coventry, Warwick, Shipley, and Tynemouth; 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 a Provisional Order, under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to the Lanarkshire and Ayrshire Railways Confirmation way; And the same was ordered to be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

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

Mr. Walter Long presented, by His Majesty's Command,—General Abstract of the Numbers of Births, Marriages, Births, and Deaths registered in England and Wales in the year 1902.

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

Mr. Arnold-Foster presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Reports of H.M.S. "Minerva" and H.M.S. "Hyacinth" and H.M.S. "Muses" (with Diagrams), with respect to Water Tube Boilers.

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

Mr. Arthur Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—(Winding-up) Act, 1890, during the year ended 31st March 1903.

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

Mr. Secretary Aber-Douglas presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Workshop Act, 1893, showing the Receipts and Expenditure on account of Bankruptcy Proceedings during the year ended 31st March 1903.

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, 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. Grant Watson presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Metropolitan Boroughs of Hampstead, Holborn, and Lambeth; And the same was read the first time of this instant April, for a Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 26th day of this instant April, for a Return relative to East India (Railways and Irrigation Works).

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

Viscount Cranborne presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2944 to 2966.

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

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Metropolitan Boroughs of Hampstead, Holborn, and Lambeth; Orders No. 45. Bill 170.

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

Mr. Grant Watson presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Coventry, Warwick, Shipley, and Tynemouth; 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 relating to Coventry, Warwick, Shipley, and Tynemouth; 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.

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

Mr. Grant Watson presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Coventry, Warwick, Shipley, and Tynemouth; 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.
30th April, 1903. [No. 45.]

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His 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 a Light Railway in the County of Wilts, forming an additional junction between the Basingstoke and Salisbury Railway of the London and South Western Railway Company, near Portus, and the Light Railway authorised by the Amesbury and Military Camp Light Railway Order, 1898 (Amesbury and Military Camp Light Railway (Newton Towy Curve) Order, 1903).

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 Mid-Suffolk Light Railway Order, 1900 (Mid-Suffolk Light Railway (Deviation and Amendment) Order, 1903).

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Commissioners, under the Light Railways Act, 1896, and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising extensions of Light Railways authorised by the Doncaster Corporation Light Railways Order, 1899, and by the Doncaster Corporation Light Railways (Deviation, &c.) Order, 1902 (Doncaster Corporation Light Railways (Extensions) Order, 1903).

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 a Light Railway in the Counties of Bedford and Berks and from Leighton Buzzard to Hitchin (Leighton Buzzard and Hitchin Light Railway Order, 1903).

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 Urban District of Barking Town, in the County of Essex (Barking Light Railways (Extensions) Order, 1903).

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 from Morriston to Pontardawe, in the County of Glamorgon (Glamorgon County Council (Morriston and Pontardawe) Light Railways Order, 1903).

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return respecting the inclusion in the Army at home and in the Colonies, of Officers, Men, and Battalions, in the following form—

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Land Purchase (Guaranteed Fund.) No. 134. Mr. Wyndham accordingly presented the said Return. Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

A Message was delivered by Thomas Davies Butler, Esquire, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty’s Commission, for declaring His 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 His 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:

Army (Annual) Act, 1903.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that He will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return as to the Number of Commissions granted during each of the years 1899 to 1902—(Mr. Pirie.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that He will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return respecting the Volunteers, in the following form:

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Shortage of Officers—

Mr. Churchill.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that He will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return respecting Military Works and Stores, in the following form:

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Annual Cost of the Royal Garrison Regiment—

Mr. Churchill.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that He will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Annual Cost of the Royal Garrison Regiment now stationed at Malta; the Number of Cases of Drunkenness, of Courts Martial, and of Diseases treated in Hospital which have occurred within the last Twelve Months; the Number of Women and Childbirth born on the Strength of the Regiment; and a comparison of these figures with the respective figures in any particular
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 Manuscript of the House of Lords, Volume II. (New Series): And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.—(Mr. Arthur Elliot.)

Mr. Compton Rickett reported from the Committee on Group No. 3 of Railway Bills; That, in the case of the City and North East Suburban Electric Railway 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; and be printed.

Mr. Compton Rickett reported from the Committee on Group No. 3 of Railway Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, they had adjourned till Tuesday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice reported from the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, to whom the Preamble to the Bills was referred; That they have gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

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

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Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Bill 172.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That Sir John Gorrahgh be discharged from further attendance on the Select Committee on National Expenditure; and that Mr. Hayes Fisher be added to the Committee. —(Sir Alexander Acland-Hood.)

The Select Committee on the Poor Prisoners' Defence Bill was nominated of Mr. Atherley-Jones, Mr. Black, Mr. Boulton, Colonel Bowles, Mr. Buxton, Mr. Ellis Griffith, Mr. Kimber, Sir Joseph Lesse, Mr. William Redmond, and Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Poor Prisoners' Defence Bill be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. —(In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1903-4.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £6,899,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge for Provisions, Fuage, and other Supplies, including South African Compensation Claims, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904: Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item L be reduced by £500.—(Mr. Charles Hobhouse):

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, [Mr. Charles Hobhouse] 118.

Sir Joseph Lesse. 233.


The Committee voted Noes prevailing.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, Revenue Departments. 30th April, 1904.

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

Evening Sitting.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Outer and Connagh Light Railways Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next (Evening Sitting).

The Order of the day being read, for the Old Bridewell Burying Ground Bill (Lords);

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next (Evening Sitting).

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. —(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1903-4.

Revenue Departments.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £6,267,500, be granted to His 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 1904, 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;

And, it being half an hour after Seven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means 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 Evening, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Friday, 1st May, 1903:

And, it being Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means 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 receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 21st day of April last (Afternoon Sitting); Ordered, That the Report be read upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 21st day of April last (Evening Sitting); Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 22nd day of April last; Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Supply Report.

Supply Report.

Supply Report.

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 House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Borough Funds Bill (reported from the Standing Committee, without Amendment). Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Local Government (Transfer of Powers) 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 19th day of March last, That the Public Houses (Hours of Closing) (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Outdoor Relief (Pensioners) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Outdoor Relief (Pensioners) Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means 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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Comprehensive) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 15th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Medical 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 Jury Acts (Ireland) 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 25th day of April last, That the Parliamentary Voters Registration 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 Poor Law Second Reading of the Poor Law Superannuation (Ireland) 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 Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 46.]

Friday, 1st May, 1903.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYER.

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 (Scotland) as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Metropolitan Police Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Local Government Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to the Urban Districts of Athlone and Kingstown (two); And that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Mr. Wyndham do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland accordingly presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to the Urban Districts of Athlone and Kingstown (two): And the same was read the first time.

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

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Public Business.

Votes Fourth Report. 

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Papers relating to the Criminal Procedure Code, 1903 (Ordinance No. I), for the Treatment.

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

Traffic Local Act.

Viscount Cranborne presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Accession of the Republic of Guatemala to the Convention signed at Geneva, 22nd August 1884, for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded in the Field, 24th March 1903.

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

Trade Reports

(Annual Series, Nos. 2967 and 2968.)

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—General Report of the Proceedings of the Conservators of the River Thames, during the year ended 31st December 1902, with a Statement of the Accounts of the Conservators for that year.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas were:—

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain, 144; Mr. John Kennaway, 94.

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—(Sir Gilbert Parker);

The House divided.

The Yeas were:—

Sir William Brompton, 157; Mr. John Kenyon, 113.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Orders of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Liquor Traffic Local 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.

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The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mrs. 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, with Standing Order No. 93 has been complied with, viz.:—

Castlehaven, Kendy, and Armagh Railway (Extension of Time) Bill.

Wolverhampton and Cannock Chase Railway (Extension of Time) 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 been complied with, viz.:—

Late Association of Scotland Bill [Lords].

Powersham Gas Bill [Lords].

Hucknall Gas Bill [Lords].

Lines railways Bill [Lords].

India Rubber, Gutta Percha, and Telegraph Works Company Bill [Lords].

North's Navigation Commissioners Bill [Lords].

Exeter Railway Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Great Central Railway 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 Queensland Investment and Land Mortgage Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House 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 London County Council (Money) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Lanarkshire and Ayrshire Railway Bill Confirmation Bill; and ordered to be read the third time; and, upon Wednesday next.

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

Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas presented,—Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 17th day of March last, for a Return relating to Intoxicating Liquors (Licence Refused).

Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, under the Penal Servitude Acts, to Herbert Arthur Green, to which are annexed Conditions other than those contained in Schedule A of the Penal Servitude Act, 1864.

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Surveyor, Board of Trade, North Shields; Mr. James Watt, Surveyor of Mines, Department, Board of Trade, 79, Mark Lane, E.C.; Mr. James H. Gough, of Mess Groove, North Street, North Finchley; and Mr. George Holland, Solicitor to the Thames Police, Waterloo Pier, W.C., 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 William Charles Robinson, C. P. Wilson, James W. Richardson, James Watt, James H. Gough, and George Holland do attend the said Committee on Monday next, as half past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That Mr. William Charles Robinson, C. P. Wilson, James W. Richardson, James Watt, James H. Gough, and George Holland do attend the Committee on Group D of Private Bills on Monday next, at half past Twelve of the clock.

Mr. Nicol reported from the Committee on Group D of Private Bills; That the part of the Particulars and Evidence taken in the United Kingdom belonging to Local Authorities, for the year ended the 31st day of December 1902 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 330, of Session 1903).—(Mr. Bonar Law.)

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

Mr. Heywood Johnstone reported from the Police and Sanitary Committee; That, in the course of the Leigh Corporation Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preliminary Report, 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 Arthur Huyter 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.

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

Mr. Fletcher Moulton accordingly presented a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Trade Marks; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 14th day of this instant May; and to be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return relating to all authorized Gas Undertakings in the United Kingdom belonging to Local Authorities, for the year ended the 30th day of March 1903 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 331, of Session 1903).—(Mr. Bonar Law.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return relating to all authorized Gas Undertakings in the United Kingdom, other than those of Local Authorities, for the year ended the 31st day of December 1902 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 330, of Session 1903).—(Mr. Bonar Law.)

And the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
Copy of a Licence to be at large granted, in pursuance of the Penal Servitude Acts, to Alfred Edwards, 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; and that the said Return be printed.

Mr. Wyndham presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Annual Report of the Commissioners of Education in Ireland, for the year 1902.


Mr. Wyndham also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Four Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland with respect to the Urban County Districts of Bangor, Carrick-on-Suir, and Tallaght.

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

Mr. Arthur Elliot presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 9th day of March last, for Copies of a Licence to be at large granted, in pursuance of the Penal Servitude Acts, to Alfred Edwards, 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; and be printed.

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee to consider of authorising the Treasury to guarantee, on the security of the Consolidated Fund, the Interest of a Loan to be raised by the Transeal, and the Principal of any such Loan by means of the guarantee of Sinking Fund payments.—Sir William Walrond; Sir William Walrond, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 6th day of July next.

Mr. Kearley reported from the Committee on the London, Tilbury, and Southend Railway Bill; that they had examined the Petitions 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. Kearley reported from the Committee on Group No. 4 of Railway Bills; That the parties opposing the Romford and District Tramways Bill had stated that the evidence of William Creasy, Superintendent of Police, Romford; Herbert W. Gibson, Deputy Clerk of the Essex County Council; and Percy J. Sheldon, Surveyor to the Essex County Council, was essential to the case; and, it being 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 William Creasy, Herbert W. Gibson, and Percy J. Sheldon do attend the said Committee on Thursday, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That William Creasy, Herbert W. Gibson, and Percy J. Sheldon do attend the Committee on Group No. 4 of Railway Bills on Thursday, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Mr. Nicoll reported from the Committee on Group D of Private Bills; That the parties (Group D) promoting the Thames Steamboat Trust Bill had stated that the evidence of Robert Baggalay, 9, Fenchurch Street, E.C., Consulting Engineer, 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 Robert Baggalay do attend the said Committee to-morrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That Robert Baggalay do attend the Committee on Group D of Private Bills to-morrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Mr. Nicoll reported from the Committee on Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 2) 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 said Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from Her Majesty 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 Mersey Docks and Harbour Board to construct additional Dock Works on the Liverpool side of the River Mersey; to amend in certain respects the Acts relating to that Board, 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 Lords communicated Copy of the Manuscripts of the House of Lords, Volume II. (New Series), as desired by this House.

The Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Cleveland and Durham County Electric Power Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

Mr. Arthur Elliot presented a Bill for the Public Office acquisition of certain Land in Dublin as a site for the proposed Royal College of Science and other Offices and Buildings for the Public Service, and for purposes connected therewith; And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Goulding, supported by Mr. John Hatton, and Mr. Street, Mr. Renouf, Major Jones-Gordon, Mr. Griffiths-Rowe, Mr. Marrison, Mr. Bull, Mr. Hay, Colonel Kemp, Mr. Bagfield, and Mr. John William Wilson, presented a Bill to provide pensions for the Aged Deserving Poor; And the
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Irish Land Grant 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 Education 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 Education (Borrowing) 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 Prevention of Corruption Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Post Office Sitas 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 London Education 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 Railways (Electricity Power) 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 Marine Insurance Bill [Lords];
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 (Transference of Powers) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Report be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 21st April, 1903, on the 21st April last (Evening Sitting);
Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 22nd April, 1903, on the 22nd April last;
Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The Borough Funds Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Local Government (Transfer of Powers) 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 the Second Reading of the Leasehold Enfranchisement Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Vagrant Children Bill; Children 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 Coal Mines (Certificates) 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 (Repayment of Loans) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Correspondence with the Coroner's Inquests (Railway Fatalities) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Plumbers Registration 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 Monday next.

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 Monday 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 upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Aliens 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 the Second Reading of the Local Government (Scotland) Act (1894) 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 Poor Law (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 Burgh Police (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit till three minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday 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, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 67 has been complied with, viz. —

Stramong and Letterkenny Railway 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 Bill, 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 Bill be read a second time 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 third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Great Northern 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 House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Counties of East Sussex and Leicester: And that Mr. Grant Lawson and Mr. Walter Long 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 the Local Government Board relating to Barry, Fenton, Leods, and Trowbridge, and the Ports of Hartlepool and Manchester: And that Mr. Grant Lawson and Mr. Walter Long 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 Cudworth, Huddersfield, and Meltham: And the same Bill was read the first time.

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

Mr. Grant Lawson presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Cudworth, Huddersfield, and Meltham: And the same Bill was read the first time.

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

Mr. Grant Lawson presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Barry, Fenton, Leods, and Trowbridge, and the Ports of Hartlepool and Manchester: And that Mr. Grant Lawson and Mr. Walter Long do prepare, and bring it in.

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

Mr. Grant Lawson presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the County of East Sussex and Leicester: And that Mr. Grant Lawson and Mr. Walter Long do prepare, and bring it in.

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

Mr. Grant Lawson presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Cudworth, Huddersfield, and Meltham: And the same Bill was read the first time.

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

Mr. Grant Lawson presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Barry, Fenton, Leods, and Trowbridge, and the Ports of Hartlepool and Manchester: 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.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Manuscripts of the House of Lords, Volume II. (New Series), which was communicated from the Lords upon the 4th day of this instant May, (See Series) be printed.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by His Excellency's Command,—Copy of Colonial Reports. No. 383 (Bermuda. Annual Report for 1902).

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

Mr. Secretary Brodrick presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Committee on Army Canons and Regimental Institutes.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Arnold-Forster presented—Return to an Order, dated the 8th day of April last, for Returns relative to the Royal Navy (Retired Officers).

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

Treasury Series (No. 7, 1803.)

Viscount Cranborne presented, by His Majesty's Command, a Copy of International Convention relative to Bounties on Sugar. Signed at Brussels, 5th March 1802. Ratifications deposited at Brussels, 19th June 1802 to 1st February 1803.

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

Wages and Profits in Coal Mining.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Tables showing, for the United Kingdom and the principal Coal Mining Districts, the Quantity and Value of Coal produced, and the Number and average Wages of Coal Miners, in the years 1801 and 1802, respectively, together with the estimated Amounts expended on Miners' Wages, and remaining for other Expenses and Coalowners' Profits in the United Kingdom in each year; with Explanatory Memorandum (in the same form, and with the same particulars, as Parliamentary Paper, No. 176, of Session 1803.)—(Mr. Joseph Wolton.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that He will graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Indian Financial Statement for 1803-4, and of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council of the Governor General thereon.—(Sir Henry Fowler.)

The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday next, the Trade Disputes Arbitration Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Private Bills (Group C)

Sir John Brunner reported from the Committee on Group C of Private Bills; That the parties promoting the Crystal Palace and District Gas Bill had stated that the evidence of Professor Victor Man Leeds, of the 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 Victor Man Leeds do attend the said Committee to-morrow, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That Professor Victor Man Leeds do attend the Committee on Group C of Private Bills to-morrow, at Eleven of the clock.

London United Tramways Bill.

Mr. Kearsley reported the London United Tramways Bill, with Amendments.

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

Public Offices (Dublin) Bill.

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Public Offices (Dublin) Bill with respect to the Standing Orders relative to Private Bills.—(Mr. Arthur Elliot.)

Standing Orders.

Mr. Haley reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders a Resolution which was read, as followeth:

That, in the case of the Ronford and District Tramways Bill, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to introduce their original Provision if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prevention of Cruelty to Wild Animals 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 False Characters 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 False Characters 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 Port of London 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 Post Office Sites Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office Second Reading of the Post Office Sites 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 Marine Insurance Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 22nd day of April last; 
Ordered, That the Report be received this Report day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 3rd day of May; 
Ordered, That the Report be received this Report day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Port of London 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 Prevention of Cruelty to Wild Animals Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 6th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prevention of Corruption 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 Post Office Sites 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 Irish Land 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 Irish Land 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 False Characters 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 Post Office Sites Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.
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 Tied Houses (Freeing) 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 Church Discipline (No. 2) 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 Medical Act (1868) 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 Local Government (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 Jury Acts (Ireland) 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 Burgh Police (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

And then the House, having continued in sitting till two minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 49.]

Wednesday, 8th May, 1903.

The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Scarborough Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

And an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Thomas Conservancy Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 20th day of this instant May.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

VOL. 158. (No. 2) BILL.
Mr. Tennant reported from the Committee on Private Bills Group B of Private 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. Howard Johnston reported from the Police and Sanitary Committee; That, in the case of the Midlothian Corporation Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Provisional Order 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 McVeer reported from the Committee on the Strand District and Cheltenham Tramways Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Provisional Order 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. Charles Allen, supported by Mr. Russell Military Lands Bill, presented a Bill to amend the Military Lands Acts, 1893 to 1900, with respect to the acquisition of Land for Military Purposes; And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on South African Loan and War Contribution [Guarantees].

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the Treasury to guarantee, on the security of the Consolidated Fund, the interest of a Loan to be raised by the Transvaal, not exceeding in the aggregate the amount sufficient to raise Thirty-five million pounds, and the Principal of any such Loan by means of the guarantee of sinking fund payments, and to provide for the application of any Sums paid by the Transvaal or Orange River Colony in respect of Expenses incurred in or incidental to the prosecution of the late War in South Africa.—[Mr. Secretary Chamberlain.]

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Continuance of Additional Customs Duties on Tobacco, Beer, and Spirits amended.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Additional Customs Duties on Tobacco, Beer, and Spirits imposed by the Four, and Five of the Finance Act, 1900 (including any increased Duties imposed by Section Five of that Act), shall continue to be charged until the First day of August, Nineteen hundred and four.—[Mr. Chancellors of the Exchequer]: Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.
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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the
Chairman of Ways and Means reported, that the
Committee had made Progress in the matter
referred to; 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 Education (Borrowing)
Bill;
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time
To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Committee on the London Education 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 Railways (Electrical
Power) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
To-morrow.

The Prevention of Corruption Bill [Lords.]
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 Post Office Sites 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 Marine Insurance Bill
[Lords.];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
To-morrow.

The Supply. 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.

Lord Stanley reported from the Committee of
Supply of the 31st day of April last (Afternoon
Sitting) several Resolutions; which were read,
as follow:—
Civil and Revenue Departments:
Estimates, 1903—4.

Class I.

Royal Palaces.
1. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 40,000, be
granted to His 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 1904, for Expenditure
in respect of Royal Palaces.

Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens.
2. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 51,400, be
granted to His 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 1904, for the Royal Parks
and Pleasure Gardens.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 27,700, be
granted to His 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 1904, for the Houses of
Parliament Buildings.

Miscellaneous Legal Buildings.
4. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 35,120, be
granted to His 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 1904, for Expenditure
in respect of Miscellaneous Legal Buildings.

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5. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 50,150, be Science and
granted to His Majesty, to complete the Sum Art Buildings
necessary to defray the Charge which will come
in course of payment during the year ending on
the 31st day of March 1904, for Expenditure
in respect of Art and Science Buildings, Great
Britain.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 37,500, be Diplomatic
granted to His Majesty, to complete the Sum and Consular
necessary to defray the Charge which will come
in course of payment during the year ending on
the 31st day of March 1904, for Expenditure
in respect of Diplomatic and Consular Buildings,
and for the maintenance of certain Cemeteries
Abroad.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 339,000, be Post Office
granted to His Majesty, to complete the Sum Post Office
necessary to defray the Charge which will come
buildings
in course of payment during the year ending on
the 31st day of March 1904, for the Customs,
Inland Revenue, Post Office, and Post Office
Telegraph Buildings in Great Britain, and cer-
tain Post Offices Abroad, including Furniture,
Fuel, and sundry Miscellaneous Services.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 220,000, be public
granted to His 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 1904, in respect of
sundry Public Buildings in Great Britain, not
provided for on other Votes.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 119,018, be Survey of
granted to His Majesty, to complete the Sum United
necessary to defray the Charge which will come
in course of payment during the year ending on
the 31st day of March 1904, for the Survey of
the United Kingdom, and for minor Services
connected therewith.

10. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 14,204, be theatres
granted to His Majesty, to complete the Sum under
necessary to defray the Charge which will come
theatre
Trade.

11. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 17,080, be Harbour of
granted to His Majesty, to complete the Sum of
necessary to defray the Charge which will come
in course of payment during the year ending on
the 31st day of March 1904, for maintaining
certain Harbours under the Board of Trade, and
for Grants in Aid of Harbours.

12. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 48,288, be Board of
granted to His Majesty, to complete the Sum Agriculture
necessary to defray the Charge which will come
in course of payment during the year ending on
the 31st day of March 1904, for the Salaries and
Expenditure of the Board of Agriculture, and for
the Agricultural and Pleasure Gardens, including
the

The said Resolutions being read a second time:
The First Resolution was agreed to. A Motion was made, and the Question being
proposed, That this House do agree with the
Committee in the Second Resolution:—And a
Debate arising thereupon;

And, it being half an hour after Seven of the
clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this
Evening.

Evening Sitting.
A Motion was made, and the Question being
Railway Regulation Act, 1892, and other Acts, with a
view
view of preventing excessive Hours of Labour by Railway Servants engaged in working the traffic, and of securing sufficient intervals of uninter-
rupted rest between the periods of duty and sufficient relief in respect of Sunday duty, and that, with a view to the diminution of Accidents to Railway Servants, the appointment of addition-
al sub-inspectors is necessary, to ensure that the Rules adopted under the Railways Employ-
ment (Prevention of Accidents) Act, 1860, are strictly observed.—(Mr. Cathed;)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House notes with satis-
faction the steady improvement shown in the Returns of Accidents on Railways in the
United Kingdom, and expresses the hope that the Board of Trade will continue to use all
good diligence in exercising the statutory powers which it possesses under the Acts re-
ating to the Regulation of the Hours of Railway Servants and the Prevention of
Accidents on Railways"—(Mr. Arthur
Morton),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Ques-
tion.—The House proceeded to a Division.

The House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

Thurdays, 7th May, 1903:
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noses to the Left.
Tellers for the
Mr. Caldwel; 
[Mr. Bell:

Mr. Alexander Acland: 

Mr. Amster:

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "this House notes with satisfaction the
steady improvement shown in the Returns of Accidents on Railways in the United King-
dom, and expresses the hope that the Board of Trade will continue to use all due diligence
in exercising the statutory powers which it possesses under the Acts relating to the Regu-
lation of the Hours of Railway Servants and the Prevention of Accidents on Railways" be added to the word "That" in the Main Ques-
tion.—It was resolved in the Affective.

And the Main Question, so amended, being proposed:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And, being after Midnight, and objection being taken to Further Proceeding, the Debate
stood adjourned.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Small Dwellings (Acquisi-
tion) 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 Label 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 Foremings' Marriages 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 Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Crofters Holdings (Scotland) Act (1896) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British and Irish Meat Protection 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 Second Reading of the Prevention 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 Highways 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 Ecclesiastical Disposi-
tions 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 Merchandise Marks (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Solicitors Bill; the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 1st day of April last, was pro-
posed to be made to the Question, That the Solicitors 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 Poor Law Officers' Superannuation (Scotland) 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 Poor Law Officers' Superannuation (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 Poor Law Officers' Superannuation (Scotland) 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 Local Government (Scotland) Act (1894) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.
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 28th day of April last, That the Parliamentary Voters Registration 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 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 Jury Acts (Ireland) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday last.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 6th day of this instant May, That the House doth agree with the Committee in the Second Resolution, which was then reported from the Committee of Supply; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 31st day of April last (Evening Sitting); Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 22nd day of April last; Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Local Government (Transfer of Powers) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 50.]

Thursday, 7th May, 1903.

The House met at Two of the clock.

Prayer.

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 Preston, in the room of the Vol. 158.
Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that He will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of Diagrams showing the Parliamentary and Municipal Boroughs and Populations.—(Mr. Kimber.)

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the Report of the Select Committee on Expiring Laws, in Session 1866, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House.—Copy of Register of Temporary Laws for the Fourth Session of the Twenty-seventh Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland (3 Edward VII., 1903).

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that He will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of all Sentences of Corporal Punishment inflicted, under 29 & 30 Vict. c. 44, upon Persons convicted of Offences against Section 43 of the Larceny Act, 1861, and Section 21 of the Offences against the Person Act, 1861, in England and Wales, from the 1st day of December 1900 to the 31st day of December 1902 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 204, of Session 1901).—(Mr. Lloyd Morgan.)

Ordered, That the said Order be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

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

The Deputy Chairman 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, 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.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting 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.

The Deputy Chairman 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, 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.

The Deputy Chairman 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, 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.

The Deputy Chairman 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, 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.

The Deputy Chairman 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.

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

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the Local Government 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, 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.

The Deputy Chairman 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.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the Local Government 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, 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.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the Local Government 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, 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.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the Local Government 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, 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.

The Deputy Chairman 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, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Nichol reported from the Committee on Group D of Private Bills, to whom Parts II., III., and IV. of the Bill, and so much of the preamble as relates thereto, were referred by the Committee of Selection, with a special report from the Police and Sanitary Committee: That, in the case of the Ebbow Vale Water and Improvement 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. Halsey 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 Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister Bill:—Mr. Griffith-Boscawen, Mr. Churchill, Mr. John Dower, Sir Charles Dalrymple, Sir Henry Foster, Sir William Broughton Gordon, Sir John Kennaway, Mr. Walter Long, Mr. Melior, Sir Gilbert Parker, Mr. John Bickerstaff, Sir Barrington Simeon, Mr. Talbot, Lord Edward Talbot, and Mr. Tomkinson.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Monday next, the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 15th day of this instant May.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that a Message had been received from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to transfer the transfer of the Knaresborough Waterworks to the Corporation of Harrogate, and to enable them to supply Water in Knaresborough and adjoining places; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to revive and extend the Powers for the purchase of Land and the time limited for the completion of the Railway authorised by the Warral Railway Act, 1898; to extend the time for disposing of and otherwise dealing with certain surplus Lands of the Warral Railway Company to increase the Capital of that 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 effect a combination of the Undertakings of the Police Life Insurance Company and the British Empire Mutual Life Assurance 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 authorise the Harrogate and Shamere Gas Bill to construct Gasworks, to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Harrogate Water Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Warral Railway Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Railways (Electrical 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 Post Office Sites 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 Marine Insurance Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 22nd day of April last (Evening Sitting); Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the Local Government (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the Vagrant Children Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the County Courts Second Reading of the County Courts Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Trustee Second Reading of the Trustee Act (1903) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Education (Borrowings) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Education 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 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 Second Reading of the Ireland Development Grant 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 Port of London Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland reported from the Committee on the South African Loan and War Contribution (Guarantee) a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That it is expedient to authorise the Treasury to guarantee, on the security of the Consolidated Fund, the Interest of a Loan to be raised by the Transvaal, not exceeding in the aggregate an amount sufficient to raise thirty-five million pounds, and the Principal of any such Loan by means of the guarantee of Sinking Fund payments, and to provide for the application of any Sums paid by the Transvaal or Orange River Colony in respect of Expenses incurred in or incidental to the prosecution of the late War in South Africa.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Sir Alexander Acland-Hood accordingly presented a Bill to authorise the Treasury to guarantee the payment of a Loan to be raised by the Transvaal, and to provide for the application of any Sums paid by that Colony or the Orange River Colony towards the Expenses incurred by His Majesty's Government in or incidental to the prosecution of the late War in South Africa; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (Borrowings) 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 London Education Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
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 Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders are applicable, viz.—

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Commercial Gas Bill, as amended in the Gas Bill Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Electric Supply 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 Order Bill (No. 5) Bill was, according to Order, read the Lighting third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Land Drainage Provisional Order Bill Land Drainage 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 Local 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 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 House, according to Order, proceeded to Electric take into consideration the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Order Committee.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Local Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Government Local Government Board relating to Ashton-under-Lyne, Darwen, Newton-in-Makerfield, (No. 10), Preston, and Farnworth and Penworth: And that Mr. Grant Lawson and Mr. Walter Long do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Local Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Government Local Government Board relating to Ashton-under-Lyne, Darwen, Newton-in-Makerfield, Preston, and Farnworth, and the South Shields (Rural) and Southwick-on-Sea Joint Hospital Districts: And that Mr. Grant Lawson and Mr. Walter Long do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Grant Lawson presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government (No. 2) Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders are applicable, viz.—

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill.

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

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Friday, 5th May, 1903.

The House met at Twelve 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 Orders previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.—

Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill [Lords].

Cleveland and Durham County Electric Power Bill [Lords].

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, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.—

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time upon Monday next.
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Factory and Workshop Acts, 1901, amending and consolidating the Orders of the 16th November 1895 and 22nd August 1902 with regard to the employment of Night Young Persons of the Age of 16 years and upwards

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

Mr. Secretary Brodrick presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Proportionate Estimate of Expenditure under the Military Works Acts, 1897, 1899, and 1901.

Copy of Evidence taken before the Committee on Camps and Regimental Institutes.

Mr. Secretary Brodrick also presented,—Army Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated Commission Army (Commissions), dated the 30th day of April last, for a Return relative to Army (Commissions).

Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated Volunteers, the 30th day of April last, for a Return relative to Volunteers.

Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated Military Works and Stores, dated the 30th day of April last, for a Return relative to Military Works and Stores.

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

Viscount Cranborne presented, by His Majesty's Trade Reports Monday, 29th April, 1903, for period from 16th March 1902 to 25th March 1903.

The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of the First Commissioner of Naval Estimates, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House, and a Motion being made, and the Question put, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table. So it passed in the Negative.

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

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The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of the First Commissioner of Naval Estimates, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House, and a Motion being made, and the Question put, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table. So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Resolved, That this House declines to consider a Bill dealing only with certain points affecting Trade Disputes, inasmuch as it considers any legislation on such a subject should deal with the question as a whole, and when Parliament is in possession, by the Report of a Royal Commission or otherwise, of satisfactory materials for the purpose.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Railways (Private Siding) 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 Friday the 22nd day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Conspiracy Law Amendment 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 Trade Unions and Trade Disputes 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 Registration of Firms 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 Conspiracy Law 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 Street Traffic Regulation 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 Bankruptcy Act (1883) Amendment 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 Local Authorities’ Officers’ Superannuation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 19th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Records 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 Hall-marking of Foreign Plate (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Outdoor Relief (Pensioners) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Order, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Mr. Scale-Hayne reported from the Committee on the Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours 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. Scale-Hayne reported from the Committee on the Great Northern 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.

Sir William Holland reported the Lancashire and Yorkshire and London and North Western Railways (Steam Vessels) Bill, with Amendments.

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

Sir Samuel Hoare reported from the Comité on Railway Bills Committee on Group No. 8 of Railway Bills; That the evidence of William Laidler Robertson, Esq., (Group No. 8.) were instructed to move that the said Committee upon Wednesday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Order, That William Laidler Robertson, James H. Remondson, Robert Redhead, W. E. O. Scott, John Boweman, James Muir Smith, and J. R. Hodgson do attend the said Committee upon Wednesday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Pharmacy Monday next, the Pharmacy Bill was read, and Bill discharged:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 19th day of this instant May.

Sir Lewis M‘Iver reported from the Comité on Railway Bills Committee on Group No. 8 of Railway Bills; That, (Group No. 6.) had, in the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned until Thursday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered,
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker reported the Crystal Palace District Gas Bill, with Amendments. 

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Brunner reported from the Committee on the Wellington (Salop) Gas Company, and for Frinton-on-Sea Sea Defences Bill [Lords].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Naval Forces Act for incorporating and conferring Powers on Wellington (Salop) Gas Company, and for Frinton-on-Sea Sea Defences Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Lords do carry the Bill to the Table, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for incorporating and conferring Powers on the Wellington (Salop) Gas Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the first time.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for incorporating and conferring Powers on the Frinton-on-Sea Sea Defences Bill [Lords], and to improve and regulate the Sea Front of the said District, 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.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Wellington (Salop) Gas Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

The Frinton-on-Sea Sea Defences Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

From the Committee on Group C of Private Bills; 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.

The Vote Supplement to the Votes for Private Bills, (Group C.) was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Cork Harbour Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time tomorrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Costume Electric Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Corgorton and Southtown Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Hydro Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Nelson Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Scarborough Gas Bill, and passed.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for incorporating and conferring Powers on the Wellington (Salop) Gas Company, and for Frinton-on-Sea Sea Defences Bill [Lords], to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Cork Harbour Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Costume Electric Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Hydro Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Nelson Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Costume Electric Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
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The Faversham Gas Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The Hexham Gas Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The India Rubber, Gutta Percha, and Telegraph Works Company Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The Life Association of Scotland Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The Linna Railways Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The North's Navigation Collieries Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The Wetheringham and Cossack Chase Railway (Extension of Time) Bill was read a second time; and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Electric Lighting 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 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.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 5) 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 County Councils (Ireland) (Salaries), which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Army (Commissions), which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Volunteers, which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Military Works and Stores, which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant May, be printed.

Mr. Secretary Abere-Douglas, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Judicial Statistics for England and Wales, 1901, Part II. (Civil Judicial Statistics, edited by John Macdonald, Esquire, o.n., Master of the Supreme Court).

Mr. Secretary Abere-Douglas also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made by the County Vol. 152.

Council of the County of Durham, altering certain Polling Districts in the North Western Parliamentary Division of the County.

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

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Straits Settlements Currency Committee; with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices.

Copy of Colonial Report, No. 384 (Saint Helena, Annual Report for 1901).

Copy of Colonial Report, No. 385 (Saint Vincent, Annual Report for 1901).

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 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 1902 and the 31st day of March 1903.

Sir William Holland reported the Midland and Northern Counties Railways Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, with a Bill, had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Great Western Railway (Pension Fund) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Dublin Improvement (Bell Alley Area) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Queensland Investment and Land Mortgage Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Sutton Coldfield, Whitechapel, Middlesex, to construct and work Tramways, and to make further provision with regard to their Electric Light Undertaking; and for the Improvement, Health, Local Government, and Finance 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 empower the Urban District Council of Sutton Coldfield to purchase the Undertaking of the Sutton Coldfield Corporation, and to supply Gas, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Sutton Coldfield Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Rickmansworth Gas Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

Mr. Jesse Collins, supported by Sir John Duckham of Darrington, Mr. Spear, Sir John Kenworthy, Mr. Laton, Herbert Roberts, Sir Lewis Moleworth, Mr. Pennell Williams, and Mr. William Mitchell, presented a Bill to provide facilities for the sale of Land to occupying Tenants and others in England.
England and Wales: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 16th day of June 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, 1903–4.

Revenue Departments.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £6,267,500, be granted to His 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 1904, 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:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £6,267,400, be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Lough):

—Debate arising:

Mr. Austen Chamberlain rose in his place, and claimed, "That the Question be now put."

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, Mr. Amstruther) 204.

Tellers for the Noses, (Mr. Weir) 122.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £6,267,400, be granted for the said Service.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Captain Hopton) 122.

Tellers for the Noses, (Mr. Amstruther) 199.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain claimed, "That the Original Question be now put."

Original Question put accordingly, That a Sum, not exceeding £6,267,500, be granted to His 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 1904, 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:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Sir Alexander Acland-Hood) 199.

Tellers for the Noses, (Mr. Weir) 95.

Resolution to be reported.

And, it being after half-past Seven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution. Ordered, That the Report be received tomorrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means 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 Evening, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, Mr. Weir) 71.

Tellers for the Noses, (Mr. Amstruther) 118.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words of this House declines to sanction a Private Bill, in contravention of general public statutes concerning open spaces, for the express purpose of enhancing the value of a private estate—(Mr. Paulton),—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:

Tellers for the Yeas, (Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, Mr. Weir) 110.

Tellers for the Noses, (Mr. Amstruther) 110.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words of this House declines to sanction a Private Bill, in contravention of general public statutes concerning open spaces, for the express purpose of enhancing the value of a private estate:

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put:

Resolved, That this House declines to sanction a Private Bill, in contravention of general public statutes concerning open spaces, for the express purpose of enhancing the value of a private estate.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Supply Estimates, 1903–4.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1903–4.

Revenue Departments.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £5,367,790, be granted to His 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 1904, for the Servicing of the Post Office Revenue:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £5,367,790, be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Lough):

—Debate arising:

Mr. Austen Chamberlain rose in his place, and claimed, "That the Question be now put."

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Amstruther) 199.

Tellers for the Noses, (Mr. Weir) 97.

Original Question put accordingly, That a Sum, not exceeding £5,367,500, be granted to His 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 1904, for the Servicing of the Post Office Revenue:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Weir) 95.

Tellers for the Noses, (Mr. Amstruther) 199.

Resolution to be reported.

And, it being after half-past Seven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means 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 Wednesday 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 6th day of this instant May, That this Report.
Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 21st day of April last; 
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 22nd day of April last; 
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (Borrowing) 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 Offices (Dublin) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Employment of Children 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 Second Reading of the Housing of the Working Classes (Repayment of Loans) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time of Leases) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coroners' Inquests (Railway Fatalities) 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 Vaccination Prosecutions 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 Prevention of Pollution of Rivers and Streams Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government (Transference of Powers) 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 Housing of the Working Classes (London) 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 Criminal Aliens 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 Housing of the Working Classes (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 Sunday Trading (Scotland) 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 Second Reading of the Crofters' Holdings (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 Leasesholders (Purchase of Fee Simple) 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 False Characters 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 Clubs Registration (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 Medical Act (1858) 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 Medical 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 Military Lands 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 Liquor Traffic Local Veto (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 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 Ecclesiastical Dilapidations 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 Poor Law Officers' Superannuation (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 (Scotland) Act (1894) 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 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 Workmen's Compensation Act (1897) Amendment (Steamers) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Coal Mines (Certificates) Bill was Commanded to be printed, by the Order of the House, and ordered to be read a second time, and to be printed again, for the further adjournment.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Law 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 pursuant to the Order for Wednesday next, on the Bankruptcy Law 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 Poor Law Superannuation 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 Poor Law Superannuation (Ireland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Outdoor Relief (Peninsular) Officers) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 28th day of April last, on the Parliamentary Voters Registration Bill; 
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

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

[No. 33.]

Tuesday, 12th May, 1903.

The House met at Two o'clock.

PRAFERS.

Mr. Speaker laid on the Table, Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on previously reported into Committee, viz.:—

London United Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London United Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the New Improvement 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 Castleblany, Keady, and Armagh Railway (Extension of Time) Bill.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 25th day of this instant May (Evening Sitting).

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Housing of Working Classes) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Dundee Royal Lunatic Asylum Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to the Dundee Royal Lunatic Asylum.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 13) Bill.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Blackpool, Conway, and Spalding, and the Darenth Valley Main Sewerage District: And that Mr. Grant Lawson and Mr. Walter Long do prepare, and bring it in.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 14) Bill.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Dover and Yeovil: And that Mr. Grant Lawson and Mr. Walter Long do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Grant Lawson presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Blackpool, Conway, Spalding, and the Darenth Valley Main Sewerage District: And the same was read the first time.

Mr. Grant Lawson presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the City of Oxford: And the same was read the first time.

Mr. Arthur Elliot presented, pursuant to the Diseases of Animals Acts, (Estimates) Order under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894, 1895, and 1896, dated 8th May 1903, entitled the Foreign Animals (Amendment) Order of 1903 (No. 2).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Secretary Acheson-Douglas presented, by direction of His Majesty's Command, a Copy of Fourteenth Annual Report of the Railway and Canal Commission, under the Railway and Canal Acts, 1893, with Appendix, 1903.

Copy of Reports of His Majesty's Inspectors of Mines to the Secretary of State for the Home Department, under the Coal Mines Regulation Acts, 1887 to 1896, and the Metalliferous Mines Regulation Acts, 1872 and 1875, and the Quarries Act, 1894, for the year 1902.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Certificate of the Board of Trade authorising the Yorkshire Dales Railway Company to raise additional Capital.

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

Mr. Austen Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Parcel Post directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Parcel Post regulations, with detailed Regulations, between Great Britain and the Netherlands.

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

Mr. Arthur Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Warrant, dated the 1st April 1903, regulating the Terminable Annuity held on the 1st January 1903, in pursuance of the Natural Debt Act, 1894, (Terminable Annuity.) No. 158.

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

Mr. Knollys reported from the Committee on the Metropolitan District Railway (Various Powers) Bill; That, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 30th day of April last, the Committee had inserted in the Bill the additional Provision referred to in that Resolution. Mr. Knollys 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 Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Robert Gunter reported the Gas Light and Coke Company Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir Robert Gunter reported from the Committee on Group C of Private Bills; That the parties promoting the Gas Light and Coke Company 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 Holland reported the Wellingborough and District Tramroads Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. Halsey reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution which was read, as follows:

That, in the case of the Strabane and Letterkenny Railway Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that all reference to the Great Northern Railway Company (Ireland) be struck out of Clause 21 of the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure:—Mr. Walter Long (in respect of the Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister Bill); Mr. Charles Eliot (Scotland) Bill; Mr. Arthur Elliot (in respect of the Prevention of Corruption Bill); Mr. Sir David Eastwood (in respect of the Common Law and Coinage Bill); Mr. Sir William Holland; Mr. Sir Edmund Baker, Sir John Greville, Sir William Holland, Mr. Keating, Mr. Leigh, Mr. Albert Rollit, Sir Walter Thoburn, Mr. Lawson Walton, and Mr. Whitaker.

Mr. Halsey further 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 Prevention of Corruption Bill (Lords):—Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Channing, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Frederick Dixon:—Mr. Sir Oliver Guest, Sir William Drum, Mr. Edward Fisher, Sir John Greville, Sir William Holland, Mr. Keating, Mr. Leigh, Mr. Albert Rollit, Sir Walter Thoburn, Mr. Lawson Walton, and Mr. Whitaker.

Mr. Halsey further 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 Burgh Police and District Tramroads Bill:—Mr. Sir Oliver Guest, Sir William Drum, Mr. Edward Fisher, Sir John Greville, Sir William Holland, Mr. Keating, Mr. Leigh, Mr. Albert Rollit, Sir Walter Thoburn, Mr. Lawson Walton, and Mr. Whitaker.

Mr. Haywood Johnstone reported from the Police and Sanitary Committee; That, in the case of the East Ham Improvement 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.

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
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Mr. Scoble-Hay reported the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that he was directed to inform the Lords, that the House had come to several Resolutions, viz.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 22nd day of this instant May.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 12th day of the month next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 12th day of June next.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday next, the Detention of Poor Persons (Scotland) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 22nd day of this instant May.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 12th day of June next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Continuance of Additional Excise Duties on Tobacco, Beer, and Spirits.

1. Resolved, That the Additional Excise Duties on Tobacco, Beer, and Spirits imposed by Sections Two, Three, Four, and Five of the Finance Act, 1890 (including any increased Duties imposed by Section Five of that Act), shall continue to be charged until the First day of August, Nineteen hundred and four.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Continuance of Additional Excise Duty on Beer and Spirits.

2. Resolved, That the Additional Excise Duties on Beer and Spirits imposed by Sections Six and Seven of the Finance Act, 1890, shall continue to be charged until the First day of August, Nineteen hundred and four.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Income Tax.

3. Resolved, That Income Tax shall be charged for the year beginning the Sixth day of April, Nineteen hundred and three, at the rate of Twelve pence in the Pound.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Amount of Permanent Annual Charge.

4. Resolved, That the amount of the Permanent Annual Charge for the National Debt, under Section One of the Sinking Fund Act, 1875, shall be Twenty-seven million pounds.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Amendment of Law.

5. Resolved, That it is expedient to amend the Law relating to the National Debt, Customs, and Inland Revenue.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions. Ordered, That the Report be received Tomorrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means 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 resuming Supply, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [26th April, afternoon Sitting] upon the 6th day of this instant May, That this House doth agree with the Committee to Report the Second Resolution, That a Sum, not exceeding £51,600, be granted to His Majesty, to Royal Parks 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 1904, for the Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens.

And the Question being again proposed:—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Resolutions—

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £37,700, be granted to His 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 1904, for the Houses of Parliament Buildings.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £36,120, be granted to His 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 1904, for Expenditure in respect of Miscellaneous Legal Buildings, Great Britain.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £30,150, be granted to His 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 1904, for Expenditure in respect of Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £37,600, be granted to His 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 1904, for Expenditure in respect of Diplomatic and Consular Buildings, Great Britain.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £389,000, be granted to His 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 1904, in respect of Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £232,000, be granted to His 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 1904, in respect of sundry Public Buildings in Great Britain, not provided for on other Votes.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £119,019, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904, for the Survey of the Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens.

10. That a Sum, not exceeding £14,204, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904, for maintaining certain Harbours under the Board of Trade, and for Grants in Aid of Harbours.

11. That
11. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 17,000, be granted to His 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 1904, for constructing a new Harbour of Refuge at Peterhead,
—being again read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the second time.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 381,333, be granted to His 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 1904, for Stationery, Printing, Paper, Binding, and Printed Books for the Public Service; to pay the Salaries and Expenses of the Stationery Office; and for sundry Miscellaneous Services, including Reports of Parliamentary Debates.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 52,364, be granted to His 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 1904, for the Salaries and other Expenses in the Department of His Majesty's Treasury and Subordinate Departments, including Reports of Parliamentary Debates.

Mr. Walter Long reported from the Committee of Supply of the 21st day of April last (Evening Sitting), several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments
Estimates, 1903-4.

Class II.

Stationery, Printing, &c.

To-morrow.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 381,333, be granted to His 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 1904, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Post Office Services, the Expenditure in respect of Advance under the Light Railways Act, 1896. 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 of Supply of the 25th day of April last:

Ordered, That the Report be received To­morrow.

The Education (Borrowing) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To­morrow.

The Railways (Electrical Power) Bill was according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To­morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South Africa Loan and War Contribution Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To­morrow.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain reported from the Committee of Supply, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Civil and Revenue Departments
Estimates, 1903-4.

Revenue Departments.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 6,267,500, be granted to His 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 1904, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Post Office Services, the Expenditure in respect of Advance under the Light Railways Act, 1896. The said Resolution being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made therein, by leaving out "£ 6,267,500" and inserting "£ 6,267,400" — (Mr. Storr), — instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That £ 6,267,500 stand part of the Resolution —

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 taking Employment into consideration the Employment of Children Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

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. Arthur E upset.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking Employment into consideration the Employment of Children Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee —

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into con­ideration To­morrow.

The Post Office Sites Bill was, according to 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 the Bill be read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.—(Mr. Austen Chamberlain.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Marine Insurance Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To­morrow.

An Amendment was proposed to be made therein, by leaving out "£ 6,267,500" and inserting "£ 6,267,400" — (Mr. Storr), — instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That £ 6,267,500 stand part of the Resolution —

The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

The Public Offices (Dublin) Bill was, according to 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 the Bill be taken into con­ideration To­morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.—(Mr. Arthur E upset.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking Employment into consideration the Employment of Children Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee —

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into con­ideration To­morrow.

The Post Office Sites Bill was, according to 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 the Bill be read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.—(Mr. Austen Chamberlain.)

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The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

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Ordered, That the Bill be taken into con­ideration To­morrow.

The Post Office Sites Bill was, according to 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 the Bill be read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.—(Mr. Austen Chamberlain.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Marine Insurance Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To­morrow.
upon the 12th day of this instant May, That the Marine Insurance Bill [Lords] be now read a second time; And the Question being again proposed — The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And the 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 to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Trustee 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 Church Discipline (No. 2) Bill; 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, while recognising the need for further legislation to secure conformity on the part of the clergy of the Established Church to the directions of the Prayer Book, and the decisions of the Ecclesiastical Courts, declines to sanction a measure which would ignore the rights of the laity, impair the Royal supremacy, and substitute an arbitrary episcopal discretion for the law of Church and "Realm"—(Mr. Charles M'Arthur)—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. Tellers for the [Mr. Stuart-Wortley]: Yes, [Mr. Cripps]; Tellers for the [Mr. Charles M'Arthur]: Noes, [Mr. Channing]; So it was resolved in the Affirmative. And the Main Question being put; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the [Mr. Cripps]: Yes, [Mr. Stuart-Wortley]; Tellers for the [Mr. Charles M'Arthur]: Noes, [Mr. Channing]; So it was resolved in the Affirmative. The Bill was accordingly read a second time. A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee—(Mr. Cripps) —And a Debate arising thereupon; And, it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Wednesday, 13th May, 1903: Ordered, That the Debate be resumed 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 this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Solicitors (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 Jury Acts Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the Local Government (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Medical Acts Second Reading of the Medical Acts Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Municipal Second Reading of the Municipal Corporations Corporations (Audit) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Second Reading of the Poor Law Superannuation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Parliamentary Voters Registration Bill be now read a second time; Amendment Bui; Bill. And the Question being again proposed:— Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till 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.

[No. 54.]

Wednesday, 13th May, 1903.

The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Cleveland and Durham County Electric Power Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Naval Works a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Provisional Authority under the Naval Works Act, 1895: And that Mr. Prettyman and Mr. Arnold-Forster do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Prettyman accordingly presented a Bill to Naval Works confirm a Provisional Order of the Admiralty under the Naval Works Act, 1895: 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 House was moved, That the Report from Strabane and the Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the Strabane and Letterkenny Railway Bill might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time. [(Mr. Coldwell)]

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions. 

Culver Gill Report.
Mr. Secretary Brodick presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return, for the year ending 31st March 1906, of Pensions specially granted under Articles 270, 1173A, and 1207 of the Army Pay Warrant.

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

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Committee of Council on Education in Scotland, with Appendix, 1902-3.

Copy of General Report by His Majesty's Chief Inspector on the Schools in the Western Division of Scotland, for the year 1902.

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

Viscount Cranborne presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2971 to 2975.

Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Miscellaneous Series, No. 582.

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

A Motion being made, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of money provided by Parliament, of the remuneration of any persons appointed by the Board of Trade for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to facilitate the introduction and use of Electric Power on Railways, and any other Expenses incurred by the Board of Trade in carrying such Act into effect—(Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas);

Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Ordered, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion being made, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the issue, out of the Consolidated Fund, of all Sums payable by the Postmaster General under any Act of the present Session to enable His Majesty's Postmaster General to acquire Lands in London and Bristol for the Public Service, and of all Expenses incurred in carrying into effect the provisions of such Act—(Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas);

Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His 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.

A Motion being made, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of all Sums payable by the Postmaster General under any Act of the present Session to enable His Majesty's Postmaster General to acquire Lands in London and Bristol for the Public Service, and of all Expenses incurred in carrying into effect the provisions of such Act—(Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas);

Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His 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.

Sir Charles Dilwynlly reported from the Public Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 27th, 28th, 29th, and 30th days of April last, and on the 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th 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. Kearley reported from the Committee on London the London County Council (Tramways and County Improvements) Bill; That, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 10th March, the Committee have struck out the power to construct Tramways Nos. 1, 2, 8, 84, 9, and 9a; and that, in pursuance of the Instruction of the House of the 51st March, the Committee have struck out the power to construct Tramway No. 7.

Mr. Kearley further reported from the Committee; 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 to be true; and that, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 9th May, they had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

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

Mr. Cockburn presented a Bill to render valid Marriages heretofore solemnised at the Eborake City Chapel of Ease, Brantham, and at the Churches of Saint Mark, March in Lincoln. All Saints, Whitehall (otherwise Bright­ shall), and Saint Mary, Great Ilford, and at the Old Baptist Union Chapel, Grays Thurrock: And the same was ordered to be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Port of London 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 Frederick Dixon-Hartland.)

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 To-morrow; and to be printed.

Resolved, That it is expedient that the Bill be committed to a Joint Committee of Lords and Commons.—(Mr. Gerald Balfour.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to communicate this Resolution, and to desire their concurrence: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported from the Committee of Ways and Means several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:
Continuance of Additional Customs Duties on Tobacco, Beer, and Spirits.

1. That the Additional Customs Duties on Tobacco, Beer, and Spirits imposed by Sections Two, Three, Four, and Five of the Finance Act, 1900 (including any increased Duties imposed by Section Five of that Act), shall continue to be charged until the First day of August, Nineteen hundred and four.

Continuance of Additional Excise Duty on Beer and Spirits.

2. That the Additional Excise Duties on Beer and Spirits imposed by Sections Six and Seven of the Finance Act, 1900, shall continue to be charged until the First day of August, Nineteen hundred and four.

Income Tax.

3. That Income Tax shall be charged for the year beginning the Sixth day of April, Nineteen hundred and three, at the rate of Eleven pence.

Amount of Permanent Annual Charge.

4. That the Amount of the Permanent Annual Charge for the National Debt, Customs, and Inland Revenue, in the year beginning the Sixth day of April, Nineteen hundred and twenty-seven million pounds.

Amendment of Law.

5. That it is expedient to amend the Law relating to the National Debt, Customs, and Inland Revenue.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Gentlemen appointed to bring in a Bill upon the Resolution reported from the Committee of Ways and Means on the 27th day of April last, and then agreed to by the House, that they do make provision therein: pursuant to the said Resolution.

(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Finance Bill.

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Ordered, That the Report be received To­morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Supply into further consideration the Twelfth of the Instant May, were reported from the Committee of Supply.

Ordered, That the said Resolution be taken into further consideration To­morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Irish Land Committee on the Irish Land Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ireland Second Reading of the Ireland Development Grant Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the London Committee on the London Education Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Railway Committee on the Railways (Electrical Power) Bill,

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the South African Second Reading of the South African Loan and War Contribution Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking Employment into consideration the Employment of Children Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into considera­tion upon Monday next.

And, there being no further Business set down Mr. Speaker left the Chair until this Evening's Sitting.

Evening Sitting.

Ordered, That this House calls upon the Workmen's Compensation for the Amendment of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1897.

(Mr. William Jones.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890 and 1893, and the Local Government Act, 1894, so as to facilitate the provision of Cottages by Rural District Councils, and to amend the Mines (Eight Hours) Acts, 1894 and 1896.

Sir Walter Foster accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890 and 1893, and the Local Government Act, 1894, so as to facilitate the provision of Cottages by Rural District Councils; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant May; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Mines (Eight Second Reading of the Mines (Eight Hours) Act Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next. x
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prevention of Cruelty to Wild Animals 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 Merchandise Marks Bill;
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of Irish Meat Bill;
Ordered, The Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tied Houses (Abolition) 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 Indian Mutiny (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 British and Irish Meat 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 School Board Electorates Bill;
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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 Vagrants 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 Charitable Bequests 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 Trustee Act (1893) 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 Locomotives (Scotland) Act (1894) 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 Local Government Franchise and Representation (Extension to Companies) 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 False Characters 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 Medical Act (1868) 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 Prevention of Cruelty to Wild Animals 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 Vaccination 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 Coal Mines (Certificate) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Cockburn 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,
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 28th day of April last, That the Parliament Voters Registration Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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The Ely Corporation Bill was read the third time, and passed.
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The Edinburgh Corporation Bill was read the third time, and passed.
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The House proceeded to take into consideration the Dundee Royal Lunatic Asylum Order Confirmation Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

Mr. Secretary Aber-Douglas presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report by Major A. Cooper-Hay, His Majesty's Inspector of Explosives, to the Secretary of State for the Home Department, on the circumstances attending an explosion which occurred in a press house of the Lowwood Gunpowder Company, at Lowood, near Ulverston, Lancashire, on the 12th March 1903.

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

The Lord Advocate presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 8th day of July, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return showing the extent to which the manner in which Local Authorities in Scotland have allocated and applied funds to the purposes of Technical Education during the year ending the 15th day of May 1892, under the following Acts:—Local Taxation (Assessments and Exchequer) Act, 1892; Education and Local Taxation (Scotland) Act, 1892; Technical Schools (Scotland) Act, 1897; Technical Instruction Amendment (Scotland) Act, 1892; and Public Libraries Acts.

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

Mr. Arthur Elliot presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 1st day of April last, for Returns relative to Government Departments in Ireland.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Certificate of the Board of Trade authorising the construction of a Railway across the Western Shore Road, Southampton, to form a connection between a siding of the London and South Western Railway and the electric generating station belonging to the Corporation of Southampton.

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

Mr. Wyndham presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Rules and Programme of Examinations for 1904, made by the Intermediate Educational Board of Ireland and approved by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

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

Viscount Cranborne presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2976 to 2978.

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

Mr. Holley reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Allegations, Shipping, and Manufactures,—Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, Sir Frederick Wills, Colonel Long, Sir William Tomlinson, Sir William Mather, Mr. Burt, and Mr. Dillon; and had appointed in substitution:—Sir Frederick Dixon-Hartland, Sir William Warrnd, Colonel Denny, Mr. Cameron Corbett, Sir William Lawson, Mr. Charles Douglas, and Mr. Black.

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Mr. Holley further reported from the Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures the following Fifteen Members in respect of the Licensing (Scotland) Acts Amendment and the Licensing Acts Consolidation (Scotland) Bills:—Mr. Lord Advocate, Mr. Aber, Sir Andrew Agnew, Mr. Hunter Craig, Sir John Long, Sir John Stirling-Maxwell, Mr. Munro Ferguson, Mr. Neil, Sir Robert Reid, Mr. Park Smith, Mr. Shaw Stewart, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, Sir John Tate, Mr. Ure, and Mr. Wallace.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

The Deputy Chairman 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.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the South Yorkshire Joint Railways 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.

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means 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.

Evening Sitting.

The Order of the day being read, for the Unanimous Second Reading of the Ulster and Connacht Connaught Light Railways 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;

A Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Mr. Patrick O'Brien): —It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Thursday next (Evening Sitting).

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

(In the Committee.)

Navy Estimates.

1. Sec. 2. £4,786,700, for the Materiel for Shipbuilding, Maintenance, 
   &c., including the cost of Establishments of Dockyards and Naval
   Yards at Home and Abroad.

Resolution to be reported.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being adjourned, put, That this House do now adjourn—(Sir Alexander Arundel-Hood):—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And, accordingly the House, having continued to sit until ten minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Local Provisional Local Government Board relating to the Counties of London and Surrey: And that Mr. Grant Lawson and Mr. Walter Long do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Grant Lawson accordingly presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board relating to the Counties of London and Surrey: 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 William Anson presented.—Return to an Order, dated the 7th day of December, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return showing, under County Boroughs and Administrative Counties, for each Public Elementary School receiving an Income from School Fees, the Name and Denomination of the School, and the Religious Denomination, if any, with which it is connected, and the Amount received from School Fees, for the year ended the last day of August 1902 (in continuation of the first, second, fourteenth, and fifteenth columns of Parliamentary Paper [C. 315], of Session 1900). Return to an Order, dated the 26th day of March last, for a Return relative to Public Elementary Schools Warned.

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

Mr. Arthur Elliot presented.—Return to an Order, dated the 21st day of March last, for a Return relative to Illinois Distillation.

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

Mr. Arnold-Forster presented, by His Majesty's Command, — Copy of Report of His Majesty's Astronomer at the Cape of Good Hope Observatory to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, for the year 1902.

Mr. Arnold-Forster also presented.—Return to an Order, dated the 26th day of March last, for a Return relative to Fleets (Great Britain and Foreign Countries).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the Return relative to Fleets (Great Britain and Foreign Countries) be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to a Resolution, — Copy of Ordinance No. VIII of the University Court (Ordinance) of the University of Glasgow, No. 3 (Foundation of Professorship of Geology, and for other purposes).

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

The following Paper was laid upon the Table:—Return to an Order, dated the 9th day of April last, for a Return relative to Burschelers (Hants) (Charity).

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that He will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Correspondence cases between the Secretary of State for India, the Government of India, and the War Office with reference to the Increase of Pay of the British Soldier; and the Arbitration of the Lord Chief Justice as to the proportion of the Cost of it that should fall upon India.—(Sir Charles Dilke.)

Mr. Keayley reported from the Committee on Railways Bills (Group No. 4 of Railway Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, they had adjourned until Friday next, at Eleven of the Clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Coal Mines Second Reading of the Coal Mines Regulation 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 Pelham.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question; the House divided.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded.

Sir John Hope presented, by His Majesty's Command, — A Bill for an Act to amend and re-enact the Fugitive Slave Act (Great Britain and Foreign Countries) of 1865.
The Noes to the Left.

Mr. M. J. Labouchere: Noes, 149.

Mr. William Abrahams: Ayes, 144.

Tellers for the Colonel Pilkington, (Rutland) : Noes, 183.

Mr. J. E. Braithwaite: Ayes, 243.

The Question was 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 Labourers (Ireland) Acts Amendment 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 Prevention of Disease (Fruit Trees) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 11th day of June next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Rating of Machinery Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CAWCE, No. 1.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. O'Connor 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 Shipowners' Negligence (Remedies) 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 Market Gardeners' Compensation 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 Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 29th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Conspiracy Law Amendment 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 Trade Unions and Trade Disputes Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 29th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Congested Districts (Scotland) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 12th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hall-marking of Foreign Plate (No. 2) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Outdoor Relief (Pensions) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 14th day of this instant May (Afternoon Sitting):

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 22nd day of April last:

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking supply into further consideration the Twelfth of the Resolutions which, upon the 6th day of this instant May, were reported from the Committee of Supply:

Ordered, That the said Resolution be taken into further consideration upon Monday next.

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

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Railways Committee on Railways (Electrical Power) Expenses:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Offices Committee on Public Offices (Dublin) Expenses:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office Committee on Post Office Sites Expenses:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Maritime Second Reading of the Maritime Legislation Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Trade Marks Second Reading of the Trade Marks Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Cruelty to Animals Bill upon the 2nd day of March last, That the Cruelty to Animals Bill be now read a second time:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 6th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Solicitors Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 27th day of February last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Solicitors Bill be now read a second time:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.
Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Leasehold Enfranchisement Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Leasehold Enfranchisement Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Ministry of Commerce Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ministry of Commerce Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Vaccination Prosecutions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vaccination Prosecutions Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Sunday Trading (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sunday Trading (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Bill.

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 Thursday next.

Tied Houses (Freeing) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tied Houses (Freeing) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Liquor Traffic Local Veto (Scotland) Bill.

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 Thursday next.

Poor Law Officers' Superannuation (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 25th day of this instant May.

Local Government (Ireland) 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 upon Thursday next.

Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Jury Acts (Ireland) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Jury Acts (Ireland) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Prevention of Cruelty to Wild Animals Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 13th day of this instant May, That the Prevention of Cruelty to Wild Animals 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 Ministry of Commerce 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 reseating the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 12th day of this instant May, That the Church Discipline (No. 3) Bill be committed to a Select Committee;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Municipal Corporations Superannuation (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 Poor Law Superannuation (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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 empower the Corporation of Birmingham to work Tramways and to construct an additional Tramway, 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; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Birmingham Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

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THE HOUSE met at TWO 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.—

Baker Street and Waterloo Railway (Extension of Time) 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, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.—

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill.

Local.
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. 9) Bill.
Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill.
Naval Works Provisional Order Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

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The Watford and Edgware 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 House proceeded to take into consideration the Gas Light and Coke Company Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Hampton Court 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 District Railway (Various Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Midland and Belfast and Northern Counties Railways Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Stockport District and Cheshire and Wirral Tramways Bill (changed to Stockport and District Tramways Bill), as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the All Saints, Poplar (Rate Abolition) Bill [Lords] was read a second time upon Thursday next (Evening Sitting).

The Frinton-on-Sea Defences Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Harrogate Water Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Harrow and Stevenage Gas Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Knutsford Railway (Extension of Time) Knutsford End Railway Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Milford Docks Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Police and British Empire Life Office Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The South Wales Mineral Railway Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Stroud and Lotterbury Railway Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Wirral Railway Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Dundee Royal Lunatic Asylum Order Confirmation 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 Public Bills read, and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Illicit Distillation, which was presented upon the 15th instant, day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Burgesses clere (Hants) (Charity), which was presented upon the 15th day of this instant May, be printed.

Mr. Secretary Brodrick presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of General Annual Return of the British Army for 1902.

Copy of Return showing Peace Establishment Army, and Effective Strength of the Troops at present in the United Kingdom belonging to the First, Second, Third, and Fourth Army Corps.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Abercromby presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of General Report and Statistics for the year 1902. Part I. District Statistics: Statistics of the Persons employed, Output, and Accidents at Mines and Quarries in the United Kingdom, arranged according to Inspection Districts.

Mr. Secretary Abercromby also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made by the County Council of the County of Lancaster, altering certain Polling Districts in the Lancaster and Nelson Parliamentary Divisions.

Copy of Order made by the County Council of the West Riding of the County of York, altering certain Polling Districts in the Eildon and Shipley Parliamentary Divisions.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir William Anson presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Papers relating to the Resignation of the Director of Special Inquiries and Reports, Board of Education.
Mr. Tennant reported from the Committee of Plymouth that, in the case of the South China Corporation Bill, they had agreed to the following Special Report:--

The Bill came before your Committee on the 30th March last. It included powers to construct tramways, but was principally directed to conferring large borrowing powers upon the Corporation, and to the extension of the periods fixed either by Parliament or the Local Government Board for the repayment of loans already contracted under general or private statutes. The Report of the Local Government Board, which dealt fully with the financial proposals, was referred to the Committee, and was very carefully considered.

The course of the inquiry disclosed an unsatisfactory condition in the financial position of the Corporation. Large sums had been raised unauthorised capital expenditure by overdrafts on their bankers; moneys raised under sanction for definite purposes had not, in one important instance, been expended upon the works sanctioned, but had been applied to the reduction of the overdraft at the back. The Bill did not in any way refer to the overdraft, nor did it distinguish to what extent the new borrowing power was required for replacing money so borrowed or for the new works to be authorised by the Bill.

The state of affairs thus disclosed appeared to your Committee so grave that they determined to require the Promoters to place before them full and exact particulars of their loan and capital liabilities, to excuse from the Bill all proposals for loans which could be obtained under general Acts of Parliament, and to reduce the other proposed borrowings to the actual necessities of each case; and the Committee adjourned their consideration of the Bill from the 1st April until the 5th May for this purpose.

The changes thus made in the Bill were very considerable, and the opponents, after objecting that it was not the Bill presented by the Corporation, offered to abandon their opposition if the Committee would insert in the law applicable to Corporation accounts the provisions of the Act of 1877, amending the College Statutes.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, 1877, be printed.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command, a Copy of the Report of the Local Government Board upon the Bill for the Westminster City Superintending Sewerage Board, which dealt fully with the financial proposals contained in the Bill, and was very carefully considered.

The Committee accordingly heard evidence upon the proposal made by the opponents, and upon an alternative proposal of the Promoters, who brought up a Clause proposing to compel the borough treasurer to make returns to the Local Government Board showing all moneys borrowed, and the amounts expended, and the purposes to which they had been applied, with power to the Local Government Board to make orders enforceable by writ of mandamus, to rectify any default.

It was shown, however, to the satisfaction of the Committee, that the proposal of the Corporation would not prevent the practice of over-drawing at the bank, which practice was, in the opinion of the Committee, primarily responsible for the irregularities disclosed, and your Committee were not satisfied that the provisions of the Act of 1877, as amended by the Promoters would prove a prompt or efficient method of preventing the application of money borrowed for one purpose to something else.

Your Committee were therefore forced to the conclusion that the system of audit by a district auditor
auditor presented the only effective means of preventing, or at any rate stopping at an early stage, the practice of overdraws or other irregularities.

The Committee therefore decided that they were prepared to pass the Preamble of the Bill, subject to the insertion of a Clause similar to Section 272 of the Tunbridge Wells Improvement Act, 1896. The promoters brought up such a Clause, but stated that they did not feel themselves justified in accepting the responsibility for it; which responsibility rests upon your Committee.

Mr. Tennant 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, and had amended the Title of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Report and the Special Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that a Message from the Lords, had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto, and had amended the Title of the Bill.

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Ordered, That the Report and the Special Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the London Education Bill.

(in the Committee.)

Mr. Leath moved, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again; but the Chairman, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, declined to propose the Question thereupon to the Committee.

Motion made, and Question put; That Clause No. 1 be postponed.—(Mr. Sydney Buxton);

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the—Mr. Herbert Gladstone, 97, Yes;

Mr. William M'Arthur; Sir Alexander Acland—Noes, 194.


Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, after the word "shall," to insert the words "except as to the constitution of the local education authority for the administrative county of London."—(Dr. Macnamara.)

Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted:

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Leath)—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted:

Question put; The Committee proceeded to a Division.

Tellers for the—Mr. Herbert Gladstone, 105, Yes;

Mr. William M'Arthur, Sir Alexander Acland—Noes, 201.

And, it being after Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means 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 Evening, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee on the Education (Borrowing) Bill; (Standing Committee).

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 Local Government (Transfer of Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee of Supply; (Standing Committee).

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee; (Standing Committee).

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of 14th May, the 14th day of this instant May (Evening Sitting Report),

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.
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The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 14th day of this instant May (Afternoon Sitting);
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 22nd day of April last;
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into further consideration the Twelfth of the Resolutions which, upon the 6th day of this instant May, were reported from the Committee of Supply;
Ordered, That the said Resolution be taken into further consideration this day.

Ways and Means.

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.

Railways (Electrical Power) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Railways (Electrical Power) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

South Africa Loan and War Contribution Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South Africa Loan and War Contribution Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Finance Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Finance Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Ireland Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Irish Land Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ireland Development Grant Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ireland Development Grant Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Employment of Children Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Employment of Children Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

Railways (Electrical Power) [Expenses.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Railways (Electrical Power) [Expenses.];
Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Public Offices (Pensions) [Expenses.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Public Offices (Pensions) [Expenses.];
Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Post Office Sinking Fund Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Post Office Sinking Fund 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 Marriages Legalization 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 Trawlers’ Certificates of Indemnity 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 Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prevention of Pollution of Rivers and Streams 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 Working Men’s Housing and Working Classes (Repayment of Loans) 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 Prevention of Pollution of Rivers and Streams Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Aliens 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 (Housing of the Working Classes (London) Bill);
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Clubs Second Reading of the Clubs Registration (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 Military Lands Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Workmen’s Compensation Act (1897) Amendment (Scasnes) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time (Scasnes) Bill, upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Public Houses (Homes of Closing) (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Trustee Bill;
Ordered,
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 Solicitors (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.
Local Provisional (No. 7) Bill.—read a second time; and committed.

The Crystal Palace District 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 Ebenezer Vale Water 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 Leigh Corporation Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Fishguard and Rosslare Harbours and Railway Bill. was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time; and committed.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 8) 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. 11) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Naval Works Provisional Order 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 under the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, 1892, relating to Broughty Ferry Gas Supply: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland do prepare, and bring it in.

The Lord Advocate accordingly presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, 1892, relating to Broughty Ferry Gas Supply: 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. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence respecting the Constitutional Relations of the Australian Commonwealth and States in regard to external affairs.

Copy of Memorandum on Sea Power and the Colonial Principles involved in it (Colonial Conference, 1902).

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Report respecting the naming of the Proposed States included in the Provisional Orders included in the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill, (Mr. Bonar Law.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the work done in the Land Registry under the various Acts hereinafter mentioned, namely:—

1. Under the Land Transfer Acts, 1875 and 1897:
   (a) The number, value, and acreage (where known) of Estates the Titles to which were registered, on first registration, from the 1st day of January 1902 to the 31st day of December 1902, showing the number of Estates registered with absolute, qualified and possession Titles, and Leases; and also the number of Estates registered under the Small Holdings Act, 1892;
   (b) The total number of separate Titles on the Register at the 31st day of December 1902 (i.) by first registration, (ii.) by subdivision of Estates already registered, and (iii.) by transfer from the 1892 Register;
   (c) The total number of separate Titles which have been removed from the Register at the 31st day of December 1902;

2. Under the Land Registry Act, 1842:
   (a) The number, value, and acreage (where known) of Estates the Titles to which were registered, on first registration;
   (b) The total number of separate Titles on the Register at the 31st day of December 1892 (i.) by first registration, and (ii.) by subdivision of Estates already registered;
   (c) The total number of separate Titles which had been removed from the Register at the 31st day of December 1892 other than by transfer to the 1875 Register.

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3. Under both the Acts of 1875 and 1862:
(a) The total number of separate Titles on the Register as at 31st December 1902;
(b) The total number of transactions registered from the 1st day of January 1902 to the 31st day of December 1902, showing the number of (i.) first registrations under the Acts of 1875 and 1897, (ii.) conveyances, transfers, and transactions of land, (iii.) mortgages, charges, further charges, and transfers of mortgages and charges, (iv.) reconveyances of mortgages and covenants of charges, (v.) leases and surrenders of leases, (vi.) miscellaneous.

4. That, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 24th day of March last, the Committee had inserted in the Bill the additional provisions referred to in the said Resolution.

Mr. Heywood Johnstone reported from the Police and Sanitary Committee, that, in the case of the Beckenham Urban District Council Bill, they had agreed to the following Report:—

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, one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Stokes Newington Street Borough Council Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the transfer of the Utter District Gas Bill taking of the Shepshed Gas and Coke Company, [Lords.]

limited, to the Shepshed Urban District Council; and to confer further Powers on the said Council with respect to the supply of Gas, 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 Belfast Water Bill 1897 [Lords.]

City and District Water Commissioners, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Shepshed Urban District Council Bill [Lords.] Shepshed was read the first time.

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

The Belfast Water Bill [Lords.] was read the Belfast Water Bill 1891 first time.

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

The Order for reading a second time, To-Trade Marks, on the Trade Marks Bill, was read, and bill discharged.

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

Mr. John Hutton, supported by Mr. Wharton, [Lords.] Hutton, Mr. Briggs, Sir Walter Foster, Mr. Goulding, Mr. Paulson, Mr. T. W. Russell, and Mr. Westwood Todd, presented a Bill to authorise the provision of Cottage Houses for the Aged Deserving Poor. And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Mr.
Mr. Attorney General for Ireland presented a Bill to repeal an Act passed in Ireland in 1759, relating to Bankers: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland presented a Bill for regulating the Business of Marine Store Dealers and Dealers in Second-hand Goods in Ireland: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That Mr. Hersch be discharged from further attendance on the Select Committee on Irish Valuation Acts, and that Mr. W. Maxwell be added to the Committee—(Sir Alexander Acheson-Hood).

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the London Education Bill.


Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, 1, 6, to leave out from the word "shall" to the word "apply," in l. 7, in order to insert the words "subject to the provisions of this Act"—(Sir John Gorst)—instead thereof.

Question, That the words "so far as applicable" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l.s. 6 and 7, to leave out the words "and subject to," to subject to" and subject to" and subject to," in order to insert the words "except as regards non-provided schools"—(Mr. Tozer)—instead thereof.

Question put, That the words "and subject to" stand part of the Clause:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 235.
Sir Alexander Acland-Hood.
Mr. Anstruther.
Tellers for the Noes, 117.
Mr. W. M'Arthur.

An Amendment made, that the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill:

Mr. Walter Long rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put:" but the Chairman withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question.

And the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

The Order of the day being read, for the Education Committee on the Education (Borrowing) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking Local Government (Transfer of Powers) 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 Supply Committee:

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply Report from the Committee of Supply of the 14th day of this instant May (Evening Sitting):

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply Report from the Committee of Supply of the 14th day of this instant May (Afternoon Sitting):

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply Report from the Committee of Supply of the 22nd day of April last:

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Supply into consideration the Twelfth of the Resolution which, upon the 8th day of this instant May were reported from the Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That the said Resolution be taken into further consideration this day.

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

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 Merchandise Marks 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 Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustee Act (1893) 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 Local Government Franchise and Representation (Extension to Companies) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 28th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Jaseholders (Purchase of Fee Simple) 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 Medical Act (1858) 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 Medical Act (1886) Second Reading of the Outdoor Relief (Pensions) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Solicitors Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 27th day of February last, was proposed to be read to the Question, That the Solicitors Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Cheshire Lines Committee 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 East Ham Improvement Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London County Council (Tramways and Improvements) Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London, Tilbury and Southend Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Wellingborough and District Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the West Cumberland Electric Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

Mr. Arthur Elliot (presented by His Majesty's Juse Fund Committee),—Account of the Fee Fund of the House of Lords, from 1st April 1902 to 31st March 1903.

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Mr. Arthur Elliot also presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 19th May 1895, directing the appropriation of Colonial Contributions towards the Expenses of the Focgle Cable in aid of moneys provided by Parliament for the service of Telegraph Subs­

Mr. Arnold-Forster presented, by His Ma­

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented.—Return to an Order, dated the 11th day of this instant May, for a Return relative to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill.

Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection; that they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fisheries), Shipping, and Manufactures:—Mr. Lansbury and Mr. Grefzy; and had appointed in sub­stitution:—Lord Dilhurt and Mr. Eugene Wrench.

Mr. Joseph Wolans, supported by Mr. Bart, Mr. Pickard, Sir Walter Foster, Mr. John Davus, Mr. Toonant, Mr. Shockstein, Mr. John Wilson, Mr. Fowlech, Mr. William Jones, Mr. Emmett, and Mr. Thomas Bayley, presented a Bill to amend the Workers' Compensation Act, 1897: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Committee do not sit To-morrow, being Ascension Day, until Two of the clock—(Mr. Balfour);
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right; 

Tellers for the [Mr. Grefzy. 
108. Yeas, Mr. Richard.]

Mr. John Edward Ellis, and Mr. John Wilson, who were appointed to be Tellers for the Yeas, told the House, that on being called, Mr. Grefzy had withdrawn his name, and Mr. Richard was appointed in his place.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the London Education Bill, (In the Committee).

CLAUSE, No. 2 (Education Committee).
monopoly or privilege should be permitted within its dominions, and that both these guarantees having been constantly violated, this House requests His Majesty's Government to confer with the other Powers, signatories of the Berlin General Act by virtue of which the Congo Free State exists, in order that measures may be adopted to abate the evils prevalent in that State.—(Mr. Herbert Samuel.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words "and " both these guarantees having been constantly "violated.—(Mr. Herbert Samuel.)

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 Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That the Government of the Congo Free State having, at its inception, guaranteed to the Powers that its Native Subjects should be governed with humanity, and that no trading monopoly or privilege should be permitted within its dominions, this House requests His Majesty's Government to confer with the other Powers, signatories of the Berlin General Act by virtue of which the Congo Free State exists, in order that measures may be adopted to abate the evils prevalent in that State.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Women's Disabilities (Removal) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 17th day of June next.

Highways Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Highways Bill;

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

Minister of Mines (Eight Hours) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mines (Eight Hours) Bill;

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

Street Traffic Regulation Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Street Traffic Regulation Bill;

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

Reorganization (Other House) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ecclesiastical Dignities Act;

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

Rating of Machinery Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Rating of Machinery Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday the 19th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Bill;

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

Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ministry of Commerce Bill;

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

Ministry of Commerce Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vaccination Prosecutions Bill;

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

Vaccination Prosecutions Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Workmen's Compensation Act (1897) Amendment (Seamen) Bill;

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

Workmen's Compensation Act (1897) Amendment (Seamen) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Trustee Bill;

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

Public Trustee Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Workmen's Compensation Act (1897) Amendment (Seamen) Bill;

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

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

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

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

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

Public Trustee Bill.
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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time (Seamen) Bill, upon Monday next.

Second Reading of the Workmen's Compensation Act (1897) Amendment (Seamen) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Trustee Bill;

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

Public Trustee 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 Employment of Children in the Public Service, and of all Expenses incurred in carrying into effect the provisions of such Acts.—(Mr. Austen Chamberlain.)

Resolved, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government Provisional Order 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 Railways (Electrical Power) (Expenses):

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 Public Offices (Dublin) (Advances):

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Post Office Sites (Expenses),

Resolved, 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 His Majesty's Postmaster General to acquire Lands in London and Bristol for the Public Service, and of all Expenses incurred in carrying into effect the provisions of such Acts.—(Mr. Austen Chamberlain.)

Resolved to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Arthur Balfour reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Local Government (Transfer of Powers) 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 of Supply:

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 14th day of this instant May (Evening Sitting):

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 14th day of this instant May (Afternoon Sitting):

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 22nd day of April last:

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Supply into consideration the Twelfth of the Resolutions which, upon the 6th day of this instant sitting, were reported from the Committee of Supply:

Ordered, That the said Resolution be taken into further consideration this day.

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

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

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

[No. 60.]

Thursday, 31st May, 1903.

The House met at Two 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 Public Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders have previously been complied with, viz.:—

Southampton Harbour Bill [Lords],

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 Public Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 15) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills 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 Public Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, applicable Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:—

Local Government Provisional Orders (Poor Law) Bill.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

The Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Ways and Means.

The Gas Light and Coke Company Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Hampton Court 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 Lancashire and Yorkshire and London Lancashire and North Western Railways (Steam Vessels) and Yorkshire Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered,
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Midland and Reufort and Northern Counties 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 House proceeded to take into consideration the Plymouth and Stonehouse Dock Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

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 Acler-Dougis presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Returns of Receipts and Expenditure of the General Medical Council, and of the Branch Councils for England, Scotland, and Ireland; also Returns of Receipts and Expenditure of the Dental Registration Fund of the General Medical Council, for the year ending 31st December 1902.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Special Report by the Board of Trade under Section I of the Electric Lighting Act, 1888, respecting—

1. Kilmainham Electric Lighting Order, 1903;
2. Sandbach, Denz, Welmer, and District Electric Lighting Order, 1903;
3. Stock and Dorkford (Aural Districts) Electric Lighting Order, 1903;

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Reports to the Board of Trade by the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses, and of their Inspectors (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 227, of Session 1902).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Lighthouses, &c. (Local Inspections) be printed.

Mr. Fellows presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Twenty Orders under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 and 1896, relating to the landing of Foreign Animals in Great Britain.

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

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Friday the 29th day of this instant May, on the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Saturdays (Ireland) Bill was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday the 19th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Ashton reported the Highland and Inverness Railway Companies Bill, with Amendments.

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

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payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1904, for the Salaries of the Commissioners 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:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £26,396, be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Schwann):

—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

And, it being half an hour after Seven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received Tomorrow.

The Deputy Chairman 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 Evening, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Evening Sitting.

Adjustment of the Local Government Councils Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 14th day of this instant May, That the Order of the day be now adjourned—(Sir Edward Strode).

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Nays to the Left.

 Tellers for the [Sir Edward Strode],—

{Mr. Soares}: 54.

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acton],—

{Mr. Austen}: 176.

So it passed in the Negative.

Ulster and Connaught Light Railways Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 14th day of this instant May, That the Order of the day be now adjourned—(Mr. Aspinwall).

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;—The Bill be now read a second time—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed.

All Saints, Poplar (Bristol), the 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 the said day six months."—(Mr. Perks.)

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

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Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1903-4.

Class III.

£ 375,897, to complete the Sum for the Expenses of the Prisoners in England, Wales, and the Colonies.

Resolution to be reported.

Friday, 22nd May, 1903:

And, it being Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Deputy Chairman 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.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 14th day of this instant May (Evening Sitting);

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 14th day of this instant May (Afternoon Sitting);

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means 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 Bill on the Railways Committee on Public Offices (Dublin) [A.A.; "Ad-Options];

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain reported from the Post Office Committee on Post Office Sites [Expenses] a Report, which was read, as follows:

That it is expedient to authorize 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 His Majesty's Postmaster General to acquire Lands in London and Bristol 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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bill, to which Mr. Austen Chamberlain reported from the Post Office Committee on Post Office Sites, to be assigned to the Standing Committee;

Ordered,

The Order of the day being read, for taking Local Government (Transfer of Powers) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered,
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday 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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Freedom 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 Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 11th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sunday Trading (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 Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 9th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tied Houses (Freeing) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 11th day of June 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 this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Aliens 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 Military Lands 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 Solicitors (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 29th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tied Houses (Abolition) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 29th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hall-marking of Foreign Plate (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.  Yea, 146.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional Order Bills, That, in the case of the following Orders, Standing Orders are applicable.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional Order Bills, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional Order Bills, That His Majesty's Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

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Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional Order Bills, That the House may do therein as they shall think fit.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Stroud and District Tramways Bill was read the third time, and passed, with a New Title, as followeth :—

An Act to incorporate the Stroud and District Tramways Company, and to empower that Company to make and maintain Tramways in the County of Gloucester, 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 Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Bill, as amended in the Committee.

An Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time ; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time ; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 13) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time ; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 14) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time ; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 15) 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 Secretary of State under the Military Lands Act, 1892 : And that Mr. Secretary Brodrick and Lord Stanley do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Secretary Brodrick accordingly presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders 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.

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

Mr. Wyndham presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Annual Report, with Appendices, of the Local Government Board for Ireland, being the Thirtieth Report under the Local Government Board (Ireland) Act, 1872, 35 & 36 Vic. c. 69, for the year ended 31st March 1902.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Committee appointed by the Board of Trade to inquire into certain questions affecting the Mercantile Marine ; with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices to Evidence, Analysis of Evidence, and Subject Index.

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Annual Reports of the Comptroller General of Patents, Designs, and Trade Marks, for the year ended 31st December 1902.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Patents, Designs, and Trade Marks be printed.

Mr. Arthur Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Annual Reports of the Comptroller General of Patents, Designs, and Trade Marks, for the year ended 31st December 1902.

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

Viscount Ossory presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, No. 2983.

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

The Aged Pensioners Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Select Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Town Tenants Second Reading of the Town Tenants (Ireland) (Ireland) Bill; 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 Friday the 19th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Old Age Second Reading of the Old Age Pensions Bill; Pension Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Old Age Second Reading of the Aged Pensioners (No. 1) Pensioner Bill; Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Tramways Second Reading of the Tramways (Hours of Labour) Bill; Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Wages Second Reading of the Wages Boards Bill; Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Franchise and Second Reading of the Franchise and Removal Second Reading of the Franchise and Removal of Women's Disabilities Bill; Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday Bill; Bill; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Age Second Reading of the Aged Pensioners (No. 8) Pensioners Bill; Bill; Ordered,
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 6th day of this instant May, That the Railways (Private Siding) 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 Bankruptcy Act (1883) 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 Shipowners’ Negligence Act 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 Labourers (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 19th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shipowners’ Negligence (Remedies) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 5th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Market Gardeners’ Compensation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 19th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Conspicary Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 19th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Jury Acts (Ireland) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 19th day of June 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 Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cottage Homes Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Outdoor Relief (Pen­ stoners) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Street Traffic Regulation 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 Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Bill;

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

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

The Deputy Chairman reported from 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, 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.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (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, 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.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the London County Council (Money) 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.

The Deputy Chairman reported the Blackheath and Greenwich District Electric Light Bill, with Amendments.

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

The Deputy Chairman reported the Wolverhampton and Cannock Chase Railway (Extension of Time) Bill, with Amendments.

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

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the London County Council (Money) 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.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the Lanarkshire and Dunbartonshire Railway (substituted) Bill; That, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 10th March, the Committee had struck out of the Bill the powers authorising the Company to maintain as part of their undertaking certain Railways already constructed by them.

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

The Deputy Chairman 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,
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Deputy Chairman reported the India Rubber, Gutta Percha, and Telegraph Works Company Bill (Lords), with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Deputy Chairman reported the North's Navigation Collieries Bill (Lords), without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Deputy Chairman reported the Lime Railways Bill (Lords), with Amendments.

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

The Deputy Chairman reported the Faversham Gas Bill (Lords), without Amendment.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Deputy Chairman reported the Life Association of Scotland Bill (Lords), without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Deputy Chairman reported the Exeter Railway Bill (Lords), without Amendment.

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 Monday next.

[No. 62.]

Monday, 23rd May, 1903.

The House met at Two 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 Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—

Belfast Water Bill [Lords].

Shepherd Urban District Gas Bill [Lords].

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.:—

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill.

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

The Cheshire Lines Committee Bill was read the third time, and passed, with a New Title, as follows:

An Act to enable the Cheshire Lines Committee to make new Railways, to acquire additional Lands, and for other purposes.

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Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The East Ham 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 Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours 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 County Council (Tramways and Improvements) Bill be now read the third time:

Mr. James Lowther, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His 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 London, Tilbury, and Southend Railway Bill be now read the third time:

Mr. James Lowther, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His 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:


Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Plymouth and Stonehouse 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 Wellesbourne and Districts Tramroads Wellingborough and Districts Tramroads Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The West Cumberland Electric 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 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 Dublin, Wexford, and Sligo Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee, as follows:

Ordered, That the Great Northern, Piccadilly, Great Northern, Piccadilly, and Eppington Railway (Various Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration.
The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 14) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Order (No. 15) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a local Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Bury and the Bury and District Joint Hospital District; and that Mr. Great Lanuon and Mr. Walter Long do prepare, and bring in.

Mr. Great Lanau accordingly presented a local Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Bury and the Bury and District Joint Hospital District; 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 ordered to lie upon the Table.

Sir William Assam presented, pursuant to the Merchant directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders in Council of 20th May 1893, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1889, (a) providing that the powers and duties of a British Consular Officer under the Act shall in the New Hebrides be exercised by the Resident Deputy Commissioner; (b) approving Bye-Laws made by the Cardiff Pilotage Board; and (c) fixing the Engineering Establishment of the Corporation of Trinity House.

Copy of Order in Council of 20th May 1893, Foreign under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, amending the Order in Council of 19th November 1902, respecting the Currency of the Protectorate of Southern Nigeria.

Copy of Order in Council of 20th May 1903, Colonial under the Colonial Probates Act, 1892, applying the Act to the Colony of Nyasaland.

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

Mr. Secretary Abercromby presented, by Factory and His Majesty's Command, —Copy of Annual Report (Part 1.) of the Chief Inspector of Factories and Workshops to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, for the year 1902.

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

Mr. Fellowes presented, by His Majesty's Board of Command,—Copy of Annual Report of the Agricultural (Inspection Division) for the administration of the Termination Act, 1892, created under the Finance Act, 1899, and held by the National Debt Commissioners on account of the Trustees and Post Office Savings Banks.

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

Mr. Arthur Elliot presented, pursuant to the National Data directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy Act, 1882 (Treaty Warrants, dated 10th May 1882 (Assizes)) for the adjustment of the Terminable Annuals, created under the Finance Act, 1889, and held by the National Debt Commissioners on account of the Trustees and Post Office Savings Banks.

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

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The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Corporation of Worthing to construct Tramways in and adjacent to the Borough, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Crespo, supported by Mr. Henry Hobhouse, Mr. Lyttelton, and Sir Charles Henshaw, presented a Bill to amend the Elementary Education (Blind and Deaf Children) Act, 1893; and the same was ordered to be read a second time on Monday the 8th day of June next, and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the London Education Bill.
25th—26th May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Railway Committee on Railways (Electrical Power) Bill; [Expenses;]

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Report from the Committee of Supply of the 7th April Report.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Supply into consideration the Bill for amending the 26th April, 1832, report of the Committee of Supply;

Ordered, That the said Resolution be taken into further consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 16th May, 1832, report of the Committee of Supply;

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 14th May, 1832, report of the Committee of Supply;

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 21st May, 1832, report of the Committee of Supply;

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Offices Committee on Public Offices (Dublin) [Advances;]

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriages Second Reading of the Marriages Legalisation Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for Local taking into consideration the Local Government (Transfer of Powers) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply 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 Railway Committee on Railways (Electrical Power) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking Supply into consideration the Bill for amending the 7th April, 1832, report of the Committee of Supply; 

Ordered, That the said Resolution be taken into further consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Supply into consideration the William M. Acland—

Ordered, That the said Resolution be taken into further consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Supply into consideration the Mayor’s Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; 

Ordered, That the said Resolution be taken into further consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriages Second Reading of the Marriages Legalisation Bill; 

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government (Transfer of Powers) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; 

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply; 

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

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The Order of the day being read, for the Banks Second Reading of the Banks (Ireland) Act (Ireland) Act Repeat Bill; 

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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 Marine Store Dealers (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 South African Loan and War Contribution 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 Finance 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 Irish Land Development Grant 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 Poor Law Officers Superannuation (Scotland) 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 Coroners' Inquests (Railway Fatalities) 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 Architects Registration Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 15th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing of the Working Classes (Repayment of Loans) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 8th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing of the Working Classes (Repayment of Loans) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 15th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prevention of Pollution of Rivers and Streams Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 15th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Clyde Registration (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 9th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Houses (Hours of Closing) (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 9th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Medical Acts Amendment Bill; Vol. 155, C. 104.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Law Amendment Bill; 

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Workmen's Compensation Act (1897) Amendment (Seamen) 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 Sunday Trading (Scotland) Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hall-marking of Foreign Plate (No. 2) Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday the 25th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 12th day of this instant May, That the Church Discipline (No. 2) Bill be committed to a Select Committee; 

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Old Age Pensions Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

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 Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday Bill be now read a second time; 

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday the 19th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Old Age Pensions Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Sunday Trading (Scotland) Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third 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.

[No. 63.]

25th—26th May, 1903.

The House met at Two 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 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.:

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Annual Statement of the Navigation and Shipping of the United Kingdom, for the year 1902.

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented,—Return of Food Supplies to an Order, dated the 4th day of March last, (impressed) for Returns relative to Food Supplies (impressed). 

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Highland and Invergarry and Foyleside Augustus Railway Companies Bill, as amended by the Lords; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time, and passed.

The North's Navigation Collieries Bill [Lords], was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that the House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Life Association of Scotland Bill [Lords], 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 Highland and Invergarry and Foyleside Augustus Railway Companies Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Mr. Cave.)

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 Lima Railways Bill [Lords],

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Southampton Harbour Bill [Lords], was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to (No. 4) Bill, the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill was, according to Order, read the second time; and committed.

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

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the National Debt Act, 1883 (Terminable Annuities), which was presented upon the 25th day of this instant May, be printed.

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.:

House, Working and District Tramways Bill [Lords],

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

The Faversham Gas Bill [Lords], 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.

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The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

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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 Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the said Return be printed.

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Board of Education (Education Committees).

Sir William Amos presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of Statement of Scheme for the formation of Education Committees, approved during the month of April 1902 by the Board of Education, under Section 17 of the Education Act of 1902.

Sir William Amos also presented, pursuant to the direction of several Acts of Parliament—Copy of Minute of the Board of Education, dated 9th May 1902, sanctioning the Subjects to be considered under Clause 8 of the Technical Instruction Act, 1899, for the County of Glamorgan (Thirteenth Minute).

Copies of Applications received from Owen's College, Manchester, and University College, Liverpool, for the establishment of Universities in those Cities, which were referred by His Majesty in Council for the consideration and Report of a Committee of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council; together with Copies of the Drafts of the Charters applied for.

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

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

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The Deputy Chairman reported from the Local Government 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.

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The Deputy Chairman reported from the Wigan Corporation on the Wigan Corporation Tramways Bill; That, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 24th day of March last, the Committee had inserted in the Bill the additional Provision referred to in the said Resolution.

The Deputy Chairman 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.

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The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the Cleveland and Durham County Electric Power Bill [Lords], with an Amendment.

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The Deputy Chairman reported the South Wales Mineral Railway Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

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

The Deputy Chairman reported the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

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

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the Wellington (Salop) Gas Bill [Lords]; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, as amended, to be true; and that had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

The Order for reading a second time, upon Monday the 8th day of June next, the Housing of the Working Classes (Repayment of Loans) Bill was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 8th day of June next.

Colonel Bowles reported from the Committee on the South Shields, Sunderland, and 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 Lewis M'Far reported from the Committee on Group No. 6 of Railway Bills, that for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned until Tuesday the 9th day of June next at half-past 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:

Electric Lighting Provisional Order (No. 1) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 2) 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 North Middlesex Gas Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the London Hydraulic Power Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Bridgewater Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the District Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the appointment of an Ecclesiastical Church Estates Commissioner; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act Electric Lighting Provisional Orders Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, relating to Llandudno, Caernarvonshire, Manchester, and Wivenhoe 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 authorize the construction of a new and additional Tramway in the Urban District of Runcorn, and the electrical equipment and reconstruction of Tramways in the Boroughs of Dukinfield and Sale, and the Urban Districts of Loscoe and Royston, 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 undertaking of a new and additional Corporation Gas and Electricity Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the South Eastern and Chatham and Dover Railways Company, and the Corporation Gas and Electricity Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Board of Trade for the adjustment, in accordance with changes of boundary effected under the London Government Act, 1899, of the Areas within which Local Authorities and Companies are authorised to supply Electricity; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act Electric Lighting Provisional Orders Bill [Lords].
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to incorporate a Company, and to authorize them to construct a Dock, Railways, and Works at and near Margate, for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, A Bill [Lords] 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 construct a Dock, Railways, and Works at and near Margate, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to construct a new Railway and Works, and to abandon the construction of portions of Railways already authorised; for extending the time for the completion of certain Railways and 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 make further and better provision with regard to the Electric Light Undertaking of the Council, and for the Improvement, Health, Local Government, and Finance of the District, of Aston Manor, 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 King's College, London, Act, 1822; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Postproud Urban District Council to make a new Street and other Street Works, to lay down a Tramway, and to confer further Powers upon the Council with regard to their Street and Electricity Undertakings, and with regard to the good Government and Improvement of the District; 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 Sheffield South Yorkshire Navigation Company; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for authorization of the Tramways and District Electric Traction Company, Limited, to use Mechanical Power upon their Tramways, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Education Board Provisional Orders Confirmation (East Ham, &c.) Bill [Lords] was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill [Lords] was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

The Decoy, Butley, and Bilrval Tramways Bill [Lords] was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Chard Corporation Gas and Electricity (Gas and Electricity) Bill [Lords] was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The South Eastern and London, Chatham, South Eastern and Dover Railways Bill [Lords] was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Hastings Tramways (Extensions) Bill Hastings Tramways (Extensions) Bill [Lords] was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Bournemouth Corporation Tramways Bill Bournemouth Corporation Tramways Bill [Lords] was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Jewish Colonisation Association Bill Jewish Colonisation Association Bill [Lords] was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The South Lancashire Tramways Bill [Lords] South Lancashire Tramways (May) Bill [Lords] was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Postproud Urban District Council Bill Postproud Urban District Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Poole and District Electric Traction Bill Poole and District Electric Traction Bill [Lords] was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Margate Harbour Bill [Lords] was read the first time. Ordered,
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Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Turton Corporation Water Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

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

Proston, Chelelcy, and Horwich Tramways Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

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

London and North Western Railway Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

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

London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

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

Chalfell Railway Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

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

Aston Manor Improvement Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

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

King’s College, London, Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

Saint Philip’s Chapel (Regent Street) Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

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

Port Talbot Railway and Docks Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

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

British Gas Light Company (Norwich) Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

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

Sheffield and Rotherham Railway and Navigation Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

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

Tynemouth and District Tramways Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

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

Mr. Spencer, supported by Mr. Duke and Mr. Herbert Roberton, presented a Bill to amend the Local Government Act, 1888; and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 18th day of June next; and to be printed.

Mr. Herbert Roberton, supported by Mr. Baugfield and Mr. Allhusen, presented a Bill to amend the Local Government Act, 1888; and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 9th day of June next; and to be printed.

Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(Mr. Balfour).

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the "Yes", Mr. Austruther; 189.

Tellers for the "Noes", Mr. William M’Arthur; 81.

As it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the London Education Bill.

(In the Committee.)

 Clause, No. 3 (Powers of borough councils).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11, to leave out Sub-section (1), in order to insert the words "All public elementary schools provided by the local education authority shall have a body of managers consisting of a number of managers not exceeding eight appointed by the local education authority, together with a number not exceeding four appointed by the council of the metropolitan borough within which the schools are situate. In the appointment of managers regard shall be had to the desirability of including a due proportion of women."—(Mr. Henry Balfour)—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the words "the council of each" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11, to leave out Sub-section (1), in order to insert the words "All public elementary schools within the area of each metropolitan borough shall have a body or bodies of managers whose number shall be determined by the council of each borough, subject to the approval of the Board of Education:—Provided that three-fourths of such body or bodies shall be appointed by the borough council, and one-fourth by the local education authority:—Provided also that due regard shall be had to the inclusion of women on the said bodies of managers.—(Mr. Polak)—instead thereof.

Question put, That Sub-section (1) stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the "Yes", Mr. George Barnett; 11.

Tellers for the "Noes", Mr. Poel; 149.

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, to leave out the words "or bodies."—(Mr. Ernest Gray.)

Question proposed, That the words "or bodies" stand part of the proposed Amendment:—Amendment to the proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, to leave out the words "council of each borough," in order to insert the words "local education authority, after consultation with the council of each borough."—(Mr. Samuel Bonsor)—instead thereof.

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment:—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the "Yes", Mr. Austruther; 210.

Tellers for the "Noes", Mr. Samuel Bonsor; 149.

And,
And, it being half an hour after Seven of the clock, the Chair left the House to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means 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 Evening, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Evening Sitting.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the London Education Bill, (In the Committee.)

Clauses, No. 5 (Powers of borough councils).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11, to leave out Sub-section (1), in order to insert the words "Provided that three-fourths of such body or bodies shall be appointed by the borough council, and one-fourth by the local education authority;"

Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted:

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, to leave out the word "three-fourths," in order to insert the word "one-fourth"—(Mr. Forster),—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the word "three-fourths" stand part of the proposed Amendment;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Alexander Acland-Hood, Sir William Brompton, Mr. Anstruther) 83.

Tellers for the Noes, (Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, Mr. A. M'Arthur) 40.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, to leave out the words "due regard shall be had to the inclusion of women on the said bodies of managers," in order to insert the words "not less than one-fourth of such body or bodies shall be appointed by the borough council,"—(Sir George White),—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, to be left out stand part of the Schedule;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Words inserted.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 1, to leave out Sub-section (2), in order to insert the words "Provided also that due regard shall be had to the inclusion of women on the said bodies of managers,"—(Mr. Forster),—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 2, by leaving out from the word "authority" to the end of the Sub-section, and inserting the words "shall not be determined upon until after consultation with the council of the metropolitan borough in which the proposed site is situated;"—(Sir William Anson),—and by inserting, after the words last inserted, the words "and in the case of compulsory purchase, if the council of the metropolitan borough does not concur in the proposed compulsory acquisition, the Board of Education shall be empowered, as a condition of its approval of the Provisional Order, to require, if it thinks fit, the substitution in the Order of any other site proposed by the council of the metropolitan borough for that site inserted:"—(Sir John Jackson-Pound) —and by leaving out Sub-section (3)—(Sir William Anson).

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, No. 4, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No. 5, agreed to.

A Clause (Inspection of books and documents)—(Mr. Hogg)—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 Yeas, (Mr. Herbert Gladstone, Mr. William M'Arthur) 103.

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. A. M'Arthur) 100.

A Clause (Amendment of Special schools)—(Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time;—Motion and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time;—Motion and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time;—Motion and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time;—Motion and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time;

First Schedule, agreed to.

Second Schedule.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 31, to leave out from the beginning to the word "in," in l. 32.—(Mr. Long). Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 5, after the word "to," to insert the words "consultation with the Board of Education, and as to."—(Mr. Alfred Hutton).

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 6, at end, to insert the words "The provisions of that section shall not be construed so as to enable the local education authority to compel the acceptance of the aid in that section referred to."—(Sir Joseph Dimock).

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;

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Question put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, to leave out l. 7 to 13.—(Mr. Chalmers).

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 14, at the beginning, to insert the words "The provisions
provisions of the principal Act, as to endowment, in London, shall be so modified as to provide that where under the trusts or other provisions affecting any endowment the income thereof must be applied in whole or in part to educational purposes, it shall be the duty of the local education authority to prepare a scheme for the application of any income so applicable to educational purposes adapted to the needs of the parish or district concerned, and to submit such scheme for the approval of the Board of Education."—(Sir Michael Foster.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Twelfth of the Resolutions [22nd April, Afternoon Sitting], which upon the 6th day of this instant May, were reported from the Committee of Supply; Ordered, That the said Resolution be taken into further consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 14th day of this instant May (Afternoon Sitting); Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 14th day of this instant May (Evening Sitting); Report.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 11th day of June next.

Medical Act (1883) Amendment Bill;

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Medical Act (1883) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 9th day of June next.

Medical Act (1883) Amendment Bill;

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Medical Act (1883) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 8th day of June next.

Miners' Eight Hours (No. 2) Bill;

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mines (Eight Hours) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of June next.

Vaccination Provisions Bill;

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vaccination Provisions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 8th day of June next.

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 Tuesday the 9th day of June next.

Petroleum Bill;

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 10th day of June next.

Military Lands Bill;

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 Friday the 12th day of June next.

Bankruptcy Act (1883) Amendment Bill;

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Act (1883) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 9th day of June next.

Public Trustee Bill;

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 9th day of June next.

Protection of Cruelty to Wild Animals Bill;

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 13th day of this instant May, That the Prevention of Cruelty to Wild Animals Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 8th day of June next.

Church Discipline (No. 2) Bill;

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 12th day of this instant May, That the Church Discipline (No. 2) Bill be committed to a Select Committee;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes before Two of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

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Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to Edinburgh Corporation (Markets, Slaughter Houses, &c.): And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to Lanarkshire Electricity and Refuse Destruction: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Arthur Elliot presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Act, 1883, and the Acts amending the same, relating to Waterhouses: 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. Grant Laing presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board relating to Waterhouses: 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 a Provisional Order under the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to Hamilton Burgh Water and Town Hall: 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 a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to Grangemouth Water: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 9th day of June next; and to be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board relating to Waterhouses: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 9th day of June next; and to be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to Edinburgh Corporation (Markets, Slaughter Houses, &c.): And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 9th day of June next; and to be printed.

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

Mr. Arthur Elliot presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons, under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, that they are of opinion that the provisions of the Scottish Central Electric Power Order, the Scottish Ontario and Manitoba Land Company, Limited, Order, and the Hutchesons's Hospital and Hutcheson's Educational Trust Order are of such a character that they ought to be dealt with by Private Bills and not by Provisional Orders.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Annual Statement and Report by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means for the year 1902, compared with the Four preceding years. Vol. II.

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

The following Paper was laid upon the Table charitable to the Clerk of the House,—Further Return to the Order, dated 15th May 1899, declaring that for the due and efficient discharge of the duties of the office of Deputy Master and Controller of the Royal Mint professional or other qualifications not ordinarily to be acquired in the Public Service are required.

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

Ordered, That the Paper 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 Paper relative to the College Charter Act, 1871 (Owen's College, Manchester, and University College, Liverpool), which was presented upon the 20th day of this instant May, be printed.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Statistical Tables relating to Emigration and Immigration from and into the United Kingdom in the year 1902, and Report to the Board of Trade thereon. — (Mr. Cobden.

Mr. Heaymond Johnstone reported from the Police and Sanitary Committee; That the said Committee on Wednesday the 5th day of August next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That Arthur Elliot Collins do attend the Police and Sanitary Committee on Wednesday the 10th day of June next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

The Electric Lighting (London) Bill (Lords.) was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 16th day of June next; and to be printed.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday next, the Franchise and Removal of Women's Disabilities Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 5th day of August next.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday next, the Wages Boards Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 5th day of August next.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday next, the Trade Unions and Trade Disputes Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 5th day of August next.

Sir Charles Dilwynly reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions: That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, and 22nd 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.

Colonel Bowles reported the South Shields Corporation Bill, with Amendments.

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

The Order for reading a second time, upon Monday the 8th day of June next, the Medical Act (1898) Amendments Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Monday the 8th day of June next, the Medical Act (1898) Amendments Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Education (Borrowing) Bill.

Clause No. 1. (Provision of working balance by borrowing, 2 Edw. 7, c. 45.)

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9, after the word "effect," to insert the words "but such sums shall not be applied to the purposes of repairing any school house, and shall be used exclusively for the purposes of maintenance."—(Mr. Alfred Hutton.)

Question put, That those words, as amended, be there inserted:

Proposed Amendment amended, by leaving out the words "repairing any school house," and inserting the words "paying for such repairs in the school house as may be effected or paid for by the local education authority."—(Mr. Lloyd-George.)

Question put, That those words, as amended, be there inserted:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, [Mr. Goddard; Mr. Goddard: 87.] Noes, [Mr. Austen: 151.]

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 2, agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday the 8th day of June next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Railways (Electrical Power) [Expenses].

(Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.)

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.

Mr. Cechrane reported from the Committee Supply of the 21st day of this instant May (Evening Sitting) a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1903-4.

Class III.

That a Sum, not exceeding £375,897, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the Sums granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expenses necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904, for the Expences of the Prisons in England, Wales, and the Colonies.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. Bonar Law reported from the Committee Supply of the 22nd day of April last a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1903-4.

Class II.

That a Sum, not exceeding £139,395, be granted to His 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 1904, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Subordinate Departments, including a Grant in Aid.

The said Resolution being read a second time:

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Resolution be postponed till Monday the 8th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Supply into further consideration the Twelfth of the Resolutions which were reported from the Committee of Supply upon the 6th day of this instant May, and the same being again read, as followeth:

That a Sum, not exceeding £1,48,288, be granted to His 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 1904, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Agriculture, and for the Botanic and Pleasure Gardens, including certain Grants in Aid.

The said Resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Asprouther reported from the Committee Supply of the 14th day of this instant May (Afternoon Sitting) a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Navy Estimates, 1903-4.

Sec. 1. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,991,800, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expenses 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 1904.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. Asprouther reported from the Committee Supply of the 14th day of the instant May (Evening Sitting) a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Navy Estimates, 1903-4.

Sec. 2. That a Sum, not exceeding £4,786,700, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Expenses of Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &c., (Materiel.)
Mr. Aungier reported from the Committee of Supply of the 21st day of this instant May several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1903-4.

Class III.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 280,118, be granted to His 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 1904, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Land Registry.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 28,144, be granted to His 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 1904, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Land Registry.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 25,000, be granted to His 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 1904, for the Salaries and Expenses connected with the County Courts.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 26,290, be granted to His 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 1904, 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 Inspector of Constabulary.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Railways (Electrical Power) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 8th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Public Offices (Dublin) [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 £ 325,000, as may be required for the purposes of any Act of the present Session for the acquisition of certain Land in Dublin, and for the erection and equipment of a Royal College of Science and other Buildings for the Public Service; 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 Thirty years, such Annuities to be paid out of moneys to be provided by Parliament for the Service of the Commissioners, and if those moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr. Arthur Elliot.) Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Resolved, That the Report be received upon Monday the 8th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriages Second Reading of the Marriages Legalisation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 8th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bankers Second Reading of the Bankers (Ireland) Act (Ireland) Repeal Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the South African Second Reading of the South African Loan and Loan and War Contribution Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 6th day of June 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 the 8th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Irish Land Committee on the Irish Land Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 8th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ireland Second Reading of the Ireland Development Grant Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 8th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Employment into consideration the Employment of Children Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday the 8th day of June next.

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

Resolved, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the annual Cost to the Country Commissions of Royal Commissions and Select Committees, respectively, appointed since the year 1892. (Cont.) (Mr. Malcolm.)

And there being no further Business set down, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet again this evening.

Evening Sitting.

A Motion was made, and the Question being House put, That the power now possessed by the House Lords (Veto.) of Lords to veto any Measure adopted by the House...
Thursday, 26th May, 1903.

The House met at Two of the clock.

Prayers.

Dublin, Wicklow, and Westford Railway Bill [New Title].

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with a New Title, as follows:

'A Bill to make an act to provide for the purchase of the Lands of the Undertaking of the Dublin, Wicklow, and Westford Railway Company to enable the Dublin, Wicklow, and Westford Railway Company to make certain Diversion Railways and other Works to raise additional Money, and for other purposes.'

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Great Southern and Western 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 Midland Great Western Railway of 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 Mullinger, Kells, and Drogheda 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 Plymouth 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 Wexford Borough 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 House proceeded to take into consideration the Exeter Railway Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Louthshire and Dungarvshire Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Middlesbrough Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 29, 129, and 320 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, also for depositing at the Private Bill Office all Documents relating to any Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, be extended to the first day on which the House shall sit after the recess.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to the Caledonian Railway: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to the Forth Navigation: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland do prepare, and bring it in.

The Lord Advocate presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to the Caledonian Railway: And that the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 9th day of June next; and to be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to the Forth Navigation: And that the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 9th day of June next; and to be printed.

The Order made upon the 24th day of February last, that the Thames Conservancy Bill be read a second time, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

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

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions was read; and referred to a Select Committee.

Viscount Cranborne presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of Returns of Shipping in the Thames, and Tonnage passing through the Suez Canal, 1900, 1901, and 1902 (in continuation of Commercial, No. 2, 1902).

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

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of Minutes of the (Scotland) Committee of Council on Education in Scotland, dated 29th May, 1903, providing for the distribution of the General Aid Grant (with explanatory Memorandum).

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

Mr. Washby Long presented.—Return to an Order, dated the 8th day of July, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return showing—

(a) The Number of Instances in which, between the 24th day of June 1897 and the 31st day of March 1902, Local Authorities acquired

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Land for Allotments and Small Holdings by (1) Compulsory Purchase; (2) Purchase by Agreement; (3) Compulsory Hiring; (4) Hiring by Agreement; and in each case the Parish in which such Land has been acquired; the Acreage; and the Number of Tenants to whom the Allotments and Small Holdings are let under the Acts.

(b) The Number of Cases in which Parish Councils, between the same dates, acquired by purchase or hiring Land for other purposes than Allotments; and in each case the Quantity of Land and the Purpose for which it was acquired.

(c) The Number of Cases in which Parish Councils, between the same dates, mentioned in the Local Government Act, 1894, with regard to the hiring of Land compulsorily for Allotments; (2) Orders were made by County Councils on such representations; (3) such Orders were confirmed or disallowed by the Local Government Board.

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

British South Africa (Taxation of Natives.)

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented—Return to an Address from His Majesty, dated the 24th day of February last, for a Return relative to British South Africa (Taxation of Natives.).

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing particulars with regard to Advances for purchase of Holdings and repayment to Land Commission under Clauses 1 and 40 of the Irish Land Bill.—(Mr. Wyndham.)

Mr. Wyndham accordingly presented the said Return.

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

Patent Office Extension Bill.

Mr. Secretary Pack presented—Return of a Motion for the adjournment of the House for Whitsuntide have precedence the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Seven of the clock, adjourned till Monday the 8th day of June next.

Ordered, That this Motion for the adjournment be put this day the Business of Supply. (Mr. Balfour.)

Headed, That this House do now adjourn Adjournment until Monday the 8th day of June next.—(Mr. Wilmot.)

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Seven of the clock, adjourned till Monday the 8th day of June next.
The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the
Bridgewater 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.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the
Sutton 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.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the
Blackheath and Greenwich District Electric
Light Bill; and the same were 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.

The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the
Pelton and British Empire Life Office
Bill [Lords] 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 Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the
Wolverhampton and Cannock Chase
Railway (Extension of Time) Bill; and the same
were 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.

The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Birmingham and District Electric
Power Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the
Great Western Railway Bill; and the same were
read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the
Gloucester, Bath, and Bathwell
Railway Bill; and the same were read the third
time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the
Harrow and Staines Gas Bill [Lords]; as amended
in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the
India Rubber, Gutta Percha,
and Telegraph Works Company
Bill [Lords]; as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the
London County Council (Money) Bill, as amended
in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the
Butter, Salt, and Sandown: And that Mr. Bonar Law
and Mr. Gerald Halstead do prepare, and bring it in.
Ordered, That Standing Order 193A be sus-
pended, and that the Bill be read the first time.

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in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the
India Rubber, Gutta Percha,
and Telegraph Works Company
Bill [Lords]; as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the
London County Council (Money) Bill, as amended
in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill
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Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made
by the Board of Trade under the General Pier and
Harbour Act, 1891, relating to Dawlish, Budleigh
and Sandown: And that Mr. Bonar Law
and Mr. Gerald Halstead do prepare, and bring it in.
Ordered, That Standing Order 193A be sus-
pended, and that the Bill be read the first time.

Mr. Bonar Law accordingly presented a Bill
Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made
by the Board of Trade under the General Pier and
Harbour Act, 1891, relating to Dawlish, Budleigh
and Sandown: 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.

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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 Sligo, Limerick, and Dundalk: And that Mr. Bonar Law and Mr. Gerald Balfour do prepare, and bring it in.

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 Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, relating to Sligo, Limerick, and Dundalk: And that 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 Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, relating to Sligo, Limerick, and Dundalk: And that the same was read the first time.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to British and South African (Taxation of Natives), which was presented upon the 28th day of May last, be printed.

The following Papers, presented by Command of the Secretary of State for the Home Department, 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, Trade Reports Annual Series, Nos. 2987 to 2990.

Copy of Protocol between the United Kingdom and the United States of Venezuela relating to (No. K, 1903) the Settlement of British Claims and other matters; signed at Washington, 15th February 1903, together with Agreements for the reference of certain questions to the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague, and for the decision of the Claims by a Mixed Commission; signed at Washington, 7th May 1903.

Copy of Papers relating to the Investigation Colonies of Malaria and other Tropical Diseases, and the establishment of Schools of Tropical Medicine.

Copy of Agricultural Statistics of Ireland, Agricultural Statistics (Ireland.) with Detailed Report for the year 1902.

Copy of Sixty-fourth Annual Report of the Public Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and Mr. Wyndham presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, — Copy of Order made by the County Council of the County of Dublin, ordering that a second Polling Place be provided for the Parish of Glaston at Blunden Heath.
Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report of the Board of Trade (Labour Department) on the Strikes and Lock-outs of 1902 in the United Kingdom, and on Conciliation and Arbitration Boards.

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented.—Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of May last, for a Return relative to Emigration and Immigration.

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

Inhibitions Act, 1884.
Prisons and Secretary for Scotland Act, 1877,

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

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain also presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Draft Customs Union Convention agreed to by Representatives of the British Colonies and Territories in South Africa at a Conference at Bloemfontein in March 1903.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain also presented,—Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 26th day of May last, for a Return relative to Aliens (Naturalisation) (Transvaal and Orange River Colony).

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a Copy of the Constitution Act, 1903 (Victoria). Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Return, and the Paper relative to Victoria (the Constitution Act, 1903), be printed.

Mr. Arthur Elliot presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Forty-sixth Annual Report of the Trustees of the National Portrait Gallery to the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty’s Treasury, being for 1902-3.

Mr. Arthur Elliot also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of I. Return (in pursuance of Act 32 & 33 Vic. c. 102, s. 49) showing, up to the 31st March 1903: (I.) 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 1904—and II. Return (in pursuance of Act 32 & 33 Vic. c. 65, s. 12) showing, up to 31st March 1903: (I.) All Moneys raised by the Metropolitan Board of Works and the Council since the passing of the Act, for the purposes mentioned in the Act; and (II.) Particulars in relation to every Parish, District, Union, or Place in respect wherein a Loan has been obtained from the Metropolitan Board of Works or the Council since the passing of the Act.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 25th May 1905, directing that the Imperial Institute Account shall be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General.

Copy of Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1859, dated 22nd May 1903, declaring that Joseph Woolnorton, Royal Laboratory, War Office, 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; and that the Paper relative to the Local Government (South) Districts, Acts, 1885-9, and the Proposals contained in the Provisional Orders (No. 1), (No. 2), (No. 3), (No. 4), (No. 5), and (No. 6) Bills, be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply, pursuant to the Estimate, 1903-4.

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 Payments by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt in respect of the Capital and Income of the Local Loans Fund for the year ended 31st March 1902; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return giving the text of the Enactments to which reference is made in the Irish Land Bill, No. 192.

Mr. Wyndham accordingly presented the said Return.

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 Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill (Lords).—(Mr. Bonar Law.)

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 Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill. (Lords.)—(Mr. Bonar Law.)

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 Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill. (Lords.)—(Mr. Bonar Law.)

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 Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill. (Lords.)—(Mr. Bonar Law.)

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 Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill. (Lords.)—(Mr. Bonar Law.)

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 Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill. (Lords.)—(Mr. Bonar Law.)
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Great Northern, Piccadilly, and Brompton Railway (Various Brompton Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee. 

Resolved, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1903-4.

Revenue Departments.

1. £2,549,430, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Working Expenses of the Post Office Telegraph Service.

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2. £88,616, 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. £7,897, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Gallery, and of the National Gallery of British Art, including a Grant in Aid for the purchase of Pictures.

4. £2,445, 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. £5,281, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Welch Library Collection (Hertford House).

Class VII.

6. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £3,630, be granted to His 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 1904, for sundry Grants in Aid of Scientific Investigation, &c., and other Grants.

7. £77,109, 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.

Resolved to be reported.
The Deputy Chairman 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 Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Resolution which, upon the 27th day of May last, was reported from the Committee of Supply, and which Resolution was the second;

Ordered, That the said Resolution be taken into further consideration upon Wednesday next.

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.

Railways (Electric Power) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Railways (Electric Power) [Expenses];

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Wednesday next.

Public Offices (Dublin) [Advancements] Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Public Offices (Dublin) [Advancements];

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Railways (Electric Power) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Railways (Electric Power) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Education (Borrowing) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Education (Borrowing) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Marriages Legislation Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marriages Legislation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

London Education Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the London Education Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

South African Loan and War Contribution Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South African Loan and War Contribution Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Finance Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Finance Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Iris, Lintel Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Irish Lintel Bill;

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

Ireland Development Grant Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ireland Development Grant Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Employment into consideration the Employment of Children 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 Second Reading of the Sugar Convention Bill; Convention Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Improvement Acts (Pensions) 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 Patent Office Extension 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 12th day of May last, That the Church Discipline (No. 2) Bill be committed to a Select Committee;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Elementary Education (Blind and Dumb Children) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchantile Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Fisheries Second Reading of the Fisheries (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 22nd day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Medical Second Reading of the Medical Act (1886) Amendment Bill (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Second Reading of the Criminal Aliens 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 (Private Sittings) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 16th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing of the Working Classes (London) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Report of the Committee of Supply, and which Resolution was the 27th day of May last, was reported from the Committee on Railways (Electrical Power) [Expenses];

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 12th day of May last, That the Church Discipline (No. 2) Bill be committed to a Select Committee;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Elementary Education (Blind and Dumb Children) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchantile Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Fisheries Second Reading of the Fisheries (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 22nd day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Medical Second Reading of the Medical Act (1886) Amendment Bill (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Second Reading of the Criminal Aliens 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 (Private Sittings) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 16th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing of the Working Classes (London) Bill;
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lands Valuation (Scotland) 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 Second Reading of the Municipal Corporations (Audit) 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 Aged Pensioners (No. 2) 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 Aged Pensioners (No. 3) 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 Municipal Corporations (Audit) 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 Aged Pensioners (No. 2) 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 Aged Pensioners (No. 3) 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 Foreigners' Marriages Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

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

Tuesday, 9th June, 1903.

The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report substituted from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Bills, in respect of the following Bills, introduced pursuant to the provisions of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1862, and which the Chairman of Ways and Means had directed to originate in the House of Lords, the Standing Orders have been complied with, viz.—

Scottish Central Electric Power (substituted) Bill [Lords].
Scottish Ontario and Manitoba Land Company, Limited (substituted), Bill [Lords].
Hutcheson's Hospital and Hutcheson's Educational Trust (substituted) Bill [Lords].

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

Military Lands Provisional Orders Bill.

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

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 17) Bill.
Local Government Provisional Order (No. 18) Bill.
Broughty Ferry Gas Provisional Order Bill.
Hamilton, Dargle, Provisional Order Bill.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received the following letter relative to the imprisonment of a Member, viz.:

To the Right Honourable The Speaker, House of Commons.

Sir,
I beg to inform you that, on the 9th June 1903, I arrested Patrick, Alan, Hugh, Esq., M.P. for the North Division of Leitrim, and delivered him into the custody of the Governor of Sligo Gaol, acting as an Order of the Right Honourable Mr. Justice Ross, Lord Judge of the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice in Ireland, dated 16th day of April 1903.

I have the honour to be,
 yours,

[Signature]

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I enclose copy of the Order and Warrant respectively.

I have the honour to remain,

Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
A. C. O'Hara,
High Sheriff of Sligo.

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

Several Public Petitions were also presented, and read; and referred to a Select Committee.

Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas presented,—

Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 27th day of May last, for a Return relative to interpolating Licences (Licences Refused).

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

Mr. Wyndham presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 18th day of May last, for Arrests for Drunkenness No. 195. Intoxicating Liquors (Licences Refused).

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

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Thirteenth Annual Report by the Accountant for Scotland to the Scotch Education Department.

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

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Further Correspondence relating to the Island of Tristan de Cunha (in continuation of [C. 8357], February 1897.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That, after conferring with the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords, for the purpose of determining in which House of Parliament the respective Bills should be first considered, under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1889, they had determined that the Bills contained in the following List should originate in the House of Lords, viz. —

Scottish Ontario and Manitoba Land Company, Limited, Bill.
Hutcheson's Hospital and Hutcheson's Educational Trust Bill.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on National Expenditure in Session 1902 be referred to the Select Committee on National Expenditure,—

(Sir James Ferguson.)

Mr. Cockrane presented a Bill to amend the Poole Act, 1890, with respect to Superannuation, and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas, supported by Mr. Cockrane, presented a Bill to amend the Metropolitan Streets Act, 1887: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance 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 considers that the financial policy of His Majesty's Government, in the remission of indirect taxation imposed only last year for purposes of a permanent character, involves a needless and injurious disturbance of Trade and a serious loss to the Revenue, without substantial relief to the consumer; and that, if any remission of indirect taxation is considered necessary by His Majesty's Government, such remission ought to be made by a reduction of the Duties proposed to be levied on Tea or other articles of general consumption"—(Mr. Chaplin),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out shall stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And, it being half an hour after Seven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned till this Evening.

Evening Sitting.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Finance Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 9th day of this instant June, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Finance Bill be now read a second time;

Which Amendment was, to leave out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House considers that the financial policy of His Majesty's Government, in the remission of indirect taxation imposed only last year for purposes of a permanent character, involves a needless and injurious disturbance of Trade and a serious loss to the Revenue, without substantial relief to the consumer; and that, if any remission of indirect taxation is considered necessary by His Majesty's Government, such remission ought to be made by a reduction of the Duties proposed to be levied on Tea or other articles of general consumption"—(Mr. Chaplin),—instead thereof.

And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out shall stand part of the Question:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Major Seely):—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed Tomorrow.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported Supply from the Committee of Supply of the 8th day of this instant June (Afternoon Sitting) several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1903-4. Revenue Departments.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £563,000, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will arise in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Customs Department.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,370,500, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will arise in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Inland Revenue Department.

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Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sugar Convention Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Improvements (Funds) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Patent Office Extension Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Cruelty to Animals Bill;—Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Improvements (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 2nd day of March last, That the Cruelty to Animals 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 Local Government Act (1888) Amendment (London) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 23rd day of this instant Bill, June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Wilmot Second Reading of the Medical Act (1886) Amendment (No. 2) 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 28th day of April last, That the Parliamentary Voters Registration Bill be now read a second time;—Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

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

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The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into considera-

tion the Amendment made by the Lords to the London Voters Registration 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.

The All Saints, Poplar (Rate Abolition), Bill AS Saints, [Lords] was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Bill [Lords]; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.
The Middlesbrough Corporation 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 Baker Street and Waterloo Railway (Transfer) Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Exeter Railway Bill [Lords] 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 Lanarkshire and Dumfriesshire 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 Llanelli Railways Bill [Lords.] 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 South Yorkshire Joint 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 House proceeded to take into consideration the Dover Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Knotting End Railway (Extension of Term) Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Merthyr Tydfil Urban District Council Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Wigan 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 Western Valleys (Meathmoollshire) Sewerage Board Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Belfast Water Bill [Lords.] was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Forth Navigation Order Confirmation 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 Caledonian Railway Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

The Edinburgh Corporation (Markets, Slaughter Houses, &c.) Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

The Grangemouth Water Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.
And the Main Question being again proposed:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bankers' Second Reading of the Bankers' (Ireland) Bill and the Postponed Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Report and the Second Reading of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Report of the Bishopric of St. Asaph Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Supply of the 8th day of this instant June (Evening Sitting); and a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply 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 Supply into consideration the Resolution which, upon the 27th day of May last, was reported from the [Postponed] Committee of Supply, and which Resolution was then postponed;

Ordered, That, the said Resolution be taken into further consideration this day.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Railways (Electrical Power) [Expenses];

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Railways Committee on the Railways (Electrical Power) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed (Postponed) and for the Adjourned Debate on the 9th day of this instant June, That it is expedient to authorise the issue, out of the Consolidated Fund, of such Sum, not exceeding in the whole £25,000, as may be required for the purposes of any Act of the present Session for the acquisition of certain Land in Dublin, and for the erection and equipment of a Royal Military College.
College of Science and other Buildings for the Public Service; 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 Thirty years, such Annuities to be paid out of moneys to be provided by Parliament for the Services of the Commissioners, and if those moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Education (Borrowing) Bill, as amended in the Committee; 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 Metropolitan Marriage Legislation 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 London Education 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 Second Reading of the South African Loan and War Contribution 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 Ireland Development (Great) 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 Sugar Convention 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 Metropolitan Improvements (Funds) 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 Patent Office Extension 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 Military Lands 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 12th day of May last, That the Church Discipline (No. 2) Bill be committed to a Select Committee; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Pharmacy Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 15th day of July next.
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His Consent, as far as His 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 Great Western Railway Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Holley, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His 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. Holley, 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.

Great Western Railway Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Great Western Railway Bill be now read the third time;

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Holley, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty’s interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

The Milford Docks 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 Wales Mineral 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.

The Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal 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 Wellington (Salop) 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 Wood Green 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 Order of the day being read, for the Baker Street Third Reading of the Baker Street and Waterloo Railway (Transfer) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time Bill, upon Thursday next (Evening Sitting).

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

Several Public Petitions were also presented, vide Votes and Proceedings.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Lunatic Asylums (Ireland), which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Lunatic Asylums (Scotland), which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant June, be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Twenty-first Annual Report of the Fishery Board for Scotland, being for the year 1902. Part III.

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

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, East India by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Account of the Durbar held at Delhi on the 1st January 1903, in celebration of the Coronation of His Majesty King Edward VII.

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

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Sir William Amor presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 29th day of July, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return showing the extent to which, and the manner in which, Local Authorities in England and Wales have applied Funds to the purposes of Technical Education (including Science, Art, Technical and Manual Instruction) during the year 1901-2 under the following Acts—Local Taxation (Customs and Excise) Act, 1890; Technical Instruction Acts, 1891 and 1892; The Intermediate Education Act, 1899; and Public Libraries and Museums Acts.—(Sir John Gorst.)

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

Mr. Arthur Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1884, dated 8th June 1903, declaring that Alfred Robinson, Artificer, Royal Small Arms Factory, Enfield, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate through inadvertence on the part of the Head of his Department.

Amount of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, showing the Amount received from the Exchequer in respect of the New and Old Sinking Funds, in the financial year ended 31st March 1993; also of the particular Application thereof, pursuant to Section 7 of the Act 26 Vic. c. 40.

Copy of Report of the Arklow Harbour Commission for the year 1902; and a Statement of Accounts for the same period.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Sinking Funds be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 8th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill [Lords].

Return to an Order, dated the 8th 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 8th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill.

Return to an Order, dated the 8th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill.

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—An Abstract of the Accounts of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Harwich Harbour Conservancy Board, from the time of their incorporation under “The Harwich Harbour Act, 1893” down to and inclusive of, the 31st day of March 1903; together with a Report of the Board on their Proceedings and on the Works executed by them.

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

Mr. Lewis M‘Ivor reported from the Committee of Ways and Means on an Order for a Return to an Order, dated the 8th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill:

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
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Ordered, That the Examination of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Electric Lighting (London) Bill [Lords] with respect to compliance with the Standing Orders relative to Private Bills. (Mr. Arthur Ede.)

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 Pensions and Stonehouse Gas Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Workmen's Compensation Act (1897) Amendment (Stonesmen) Bill. Mr. Housden Haston, supported by Mr. John Redwan, Mr. Henry Norman, Mr. Paulin, Sir John Blundell Maple, Mr. Evelyn Cecil, and Sir Thomas Dencer, presented a Bill to enable the Postmaster General to issue Postal Orders of the value of Twenty-one shillings: And the same was 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. (In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1903-4. Class II.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £136,007, be granted to His 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 1904, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Local Government Board:—

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A (Salaries) be reduced by £100, in respect of the Salary of the President of the Board. (Mr. Sources.)—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed:—

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item A (Salaries) be reduced by £100, in respect of the Salary of the President of the Board. (Sir Edward Streuchey.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the:—

Mr. Keeney; Yea, 35.
Mr. Austrain; Nee, 91.

Original Question put, and agreed to. Resolution to be reported.

Friday, 12th June, 1903:

And, it being Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Chairman of Ways and Means 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.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of this House, the 8th day of this instant June (Evening Sittings):—

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking supply into consideration the Resolution which, upon the 27th day of May last, was reported from the Postponed Committee of Supply, and which Resolution was resolved upon then postponed;

Ordered, That the said Resolution be taken into further consideration this day.

Ordered, That the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means;

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

Ordered, That the day being read, for the Bankers Second Reading of the Bankers (Ireland) Act (Ireland) Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Marine Store Dealers Committee on the Marine Store Dealers (Ireland) Bill;

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

Ordered, That the day being read, for the Bishop of Bristol Bill (Ireland) [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ecclesiastical Second Reading of the Ecclesiastical Commission Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.
The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Railways (Electrical Power) [Expenses];
Ordered, That the Report be laid upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Railways (Electrical Power) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resume itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 9th day of this instant June, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Resolution, That it is expedient to authorise the issue, out of the Consolidated Fund, of such Sums, not exceeding in the whole £225,000, as may be required for the purposes of any Act of the present Session for the acquisition of certain Lands in Dublin, and for the erection and equipment of a Royal College of Science and other Buildings for the Public Service; 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 Thirty years, such Annuities to be paid out of moneys to be provided by Parliament for the Service of the Commissioners, and if those moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund;
And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Education (Borrowing) 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 Second Reading of the Prevention of Disease (Fruit Trees) 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 Tide Houses (Freeing) 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 1st day of April last, That the Ordinance (Scotland) Act (1886) 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 18th day of March last, That the School Board Electors (Scotland) 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 Lands Valuation (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 25th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Foreigners' Marriages Bill;
case, and that his attendance could not be pro­
ceeded without the intervention of the House.
Ordered, That James Langford Rowett do
attend the Committee on Group F of Private
Bills on Tuesday next, at Twelve of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming
the adjourned Debate on the Main Question
proposed upon the 9th day of this instant June,
That the Finance Bill be now read a second
time;
And the Question being again proposed:—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
And the Question being put, That the Bill be
now read a second time:—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 Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving
the Report from the Committee of Supply of
the 8th day of this instant June (Evening
Sitting);
Ordered, That the Report be received upon
Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking
into consideration the Education (Borrowing)
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 Order of the day being read, for resuming
the Report from the Committee of Supply of
the 27th day of May last, was reported from the
Committee of Supply, and which Resolution
was then postponed;
Ordered, That the said Resolution be taken
into further consideration upon Monday next.

Sir Alexander Acland-Hood reported from the
Committee on Railways (Electrical Power)
[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 appointed by
the Board of Trade for the purposes of any Act
of the present Session to facilitate the intro­
duction and use of Electric Power on Railways,
and any other Expenses incurred by the Board
of Trade in carrying such Act into effect.
The said Resolution, being read a second time,
was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time
for the Registration of Motor
Vehicles, and to amend the Locomotives on
Highways Act, 1896: And that Mr. Scott
Mortaga, Mr. Arthur Stanley, Mr. Bull, Mr.
Murray, Mr. Norman, Mr. Harrowsworth, and
Mr. T. P. O'Connor do prepare, and bring it
in.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned
Bill Wednesday next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Light
Bill to provide for the Registration of Motor
Vehicles, and to amend the Locomotives on
Highways Act, 1896: And that Mr. Scott
Mortaga accordingly presented a Light
Bill to provide for the Registration of Motor
Vehicles, and to amend the Locomotives on
Highways Act, 1896: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Local

Ordinances (No. 10) Bill; That they

 Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they

had considered the said Orders; that the said
Ones 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.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Local

from the Committee on the Local Government

Government Provisional Orders (No. 12) 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 Bill be read the third time

upon Monday next.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Local

from the Committee on the Local Government

Government Provisional Orders (No. 14) 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.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Local

from the Committee on the Local Government

Government Provisional Orders (No. 16) 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 Bill be read the third time

upon Monday next.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Local

from the Committee on the Local Government

Government Provisional Orders (Poor Law) 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.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Local

from the Committee on the Wirral Gas Bill, with Amend-
ments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Vote supple-

mentary to the Vote.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Supreme

from the Committee on the Riddimbourough Gas Bill [Lords]; That they had examined the
allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, and found the same, as
amended, to be true; and that they had passed the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Vote supple-

mentary to the Vote; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Supreme

from the Committee on the Harrogate Water Bill [Lords], with Amend-
ments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Vote supple-

mentary to the Vote; and be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes before six of the clock, adjourned till Monday next,
15th June.

The Knott End Railway (Extension of Time) Bill [Lords]. was read the third time, and passed.

The Merthyr Tydfil Urban District Council Merthyr Tydfil Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed.

The Wigan Corporation Tramways Bill was read the third time, and passed.

The Acton Manor Improvement Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The British Gas Light Company (Norwich) Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The Cardiff Railway Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The Chord Corporation Gas and Electricity Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The Denbighshire, Bangor, and Nefyn Tramways Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The Hastings Tramways (Extensions) Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The Jewish Colonisation Association Tyneside Co-operative Tramways (Confirmation) Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The King's College, London, Bill [Lords] was read the second time; and committed.

The London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Bill [Lords] was read the second time; and committed.

The Post Office Post and Telegraph Tramways Bill [Lords] was read the second time; and committed.

The Preston, Chorley, and Horwich Tramways Bill [Lords] was read the second time; and committed.

The Saint Philip's Chapel (Regent Street) Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The Sheffield and South Yorkshire Navigation Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The South Lancashire Tramways Bill [Lords] was read the second time; and committed.

The Torrey Corporation Water Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The Tynemouth and District Tramways Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The Yorks. and Derbyshire (Extensions) Bill [Lords] was read the second time; and committed.
The Lord Advocate, presented by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Return showing the Total Payments into and out of the Local Government Taxation (Scotland) Account for the financial year 1902-3.

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

Mr. Wyndham presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Forty-fifth Report of the Board of Superintendence of Dublin Hospitals, with Appendices, for the year 1902-3.

Copy of Twenty-first Report of the Royal University of Ireland, being for the year 1902.

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

Mr. Fellowes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Animals Acts, 1894 and 1896, relating to the landing in Great Britain of Foreign Animals.

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

Viscount Cranborne presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2549 to 2555.

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

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Despatch to the Governor General of Australia relating to the exclusive employment of White Labour in the Mail Service.

Copies of Colonial Reports, No. 388 (Falkland Islands), Annual Report for 1899, and 387 Reports (Gibraltar), Annual Report for 1902.

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

Mr. Arnold-Forster presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report of the Committee appointed by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to consider the question of the Berthing Accommodation for His Majesty’s Ships in the Dockyards and other waters, and also the Moorings and Materials required.

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

Miss Elliot, Reformer, Member for the New Member County of Kildare (South Kildare Division), sworn.

Ordered, That the Report and Minutes of West-Ireland Evidence of the Joint Committee on Municipal Trading, of Session 1900, be referred to the Select Committee appointed by this House to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Municipal Trading.—(Mr. Pownall-Williams.)

Ordered, That the Housing of the Working Classes (Repayment of Loans) Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from Her Majesty’s Government, informing Parliament that the Lords have agreed to the Lanarkshire tenements and Ayrshire Railway Order Confirmation Bills, without any Amendment, was read.

Ordered, That the Municipal Corporations (Audit) Bill be read a second time To-morrow.
The Lords have agreed to the Dunder Royal
Lomantic Asylum Ordern Confirmation Bill, with­out any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Burges Bill and Stair John’s Common Gas Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Scarborough Gas Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Rutland County Electric Power Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

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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 Winchester Water and Gas Bill, with Amendments; 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 American Mortgage Company; the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to to the Railway Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the Scottish American Mortgage Company, Limited, to create Preference Stock; to enlarge its Powers, 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 Powers on the Urban District Council of Willingdon, to work their Railway by Electrical Power, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for extending the time for the purchase of certain Lands and completion of certain Railways by the Stafford Vale Railway Company; for enabling the Company to work their Railways by Electrical Power, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to incorporate the County Electric Power Company, Limited, to create Preference Stock; to enlarge its Powers, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to the Midland Railway Bill [Lords].

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The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to the North Western Electricity and Power Company; to confirm an Agreement between the Company and certain Landowners; to empower the Company to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The Taff Vale Railway Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

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

The Willesden Urban District Council Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

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

The Scottish American Mortgage Company, Limited, Bill [Lords.] was read the first time.

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

An Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 8, after the words "sale of..." or... more holdings or of..."—(Mr. Herbert Robertson.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 8, to leave out the word "whether" in order to insert the word "except."—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy)—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the word "whether" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11, after the word "holding," to insert the words "whether subject to a judicial rent or not."—(Dr. Thomass.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 12, to leave out the words from the word "then" to the first word "the," in l. 14.—(Sir John Colomb.)

Question proposed, That the words "subject to" the limitations in the Land Purchase Acts stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 15, to leave out from the word "advance" to the end of Sub-section (2), in order to insert the words "provided that the purchase annuity payable under this Act will be, in the case of the purchase of a holding subject to a judicial rent fixed or agreed to since the passing of the Act of 1896, not less than fifteen per cent. below the existing rent, and, in the case of the purchase of a holding subject to a judicial rent fixed before that date, or of a holding which is not subject to a judicial rent, but the tenancy in which is one to which, in the opinion of the Land Commission, the Land Purchase Acts apply, not less than twenty-five per cent. below the existing rent."—(Mr. John Redmond)—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "or," in l. 18, stand part of the Clause:

And, it being half an hour after Seven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Chairman may have leave to sit again.

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

Evening Sitting.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Irish Land Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Chairman may have leave to sit again.

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

CLAUSE, No. 1 (Advances for purchase of holdings where whole estate sold).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16, to leave out from the word "advance" to the end of Sub-section (2), in order to insert the words "provided that the purchase annuity payable under this Act will be, in the case of the purchase of a holding subject to a judicial rent fixed or agreed to since the passing of the Act of 1896, not less than fifteen per cent. below the existing rent, and, in the case of the purchase of a holding subject to a judicial rent fixed before that date, or of a holding which is not subject to a judicial rent, but the tenancy in which is one to which, in the opinion of the Land Commission, the Land Purchase Acts apply, not less than twenty-five per cent. below the existing rent."—(Mr. John Redmond)—instead thereof.

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Evening Sitting.

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Resolved, That this House will, this Evening, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
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"Purchase Acts apply (or, not less than twenty-five per cent. below the existing rate)—(Mr. John Redmond)—instead thereof."

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "or," in l. 18, stand part of the Clause:

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means 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, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police (Superannuation) 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 Metropolitan Streets 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 Marriages Legalisation Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the London Education Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South African Loan and War Contribution 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 Ireland Development Grant 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 Sugar Convention 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 Metropolitan Improvements (Funds) 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 Patent Office Extension Bill;

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

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

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

Ordered, 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 Bankers (Ireland) Act Repeal Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Committee of Supply of the 8th day of this instant June (Evening Sitting) several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1903-4.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,549,430, be and be granted to His 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 1904, for the Salaries and Working Expenses of the Post Office Telegraph Service.

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2. That a Sum, not exceeding £88,019, be and be granted to His 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 1904, for the Salaries and other Expenses of the British Museum, and of the National Gallery, including a Grant in Aid for the purchase of Pictures.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £7,027, be and be granted to His 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 1904, 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 £2,445, be and be granted to His 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 1904, for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Portrait Gallery, including a Grant in Aid for the purchase of Pictures.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,281, be and be granted to His 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 1904, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Wallace Collection (Hertford House).

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £22,780, be and be granted to His 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 1904, for the Salaries and Expenses of the South African Loan and War Contribution Board.
necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904, for sundry Grants in Aid of Scientific Investigation, &c., and other Grants.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £77,100, be granted to His 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 1904, 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, 1899.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

Tuesday, 16th June, 1903:

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Resolution which, upon the 27th day of May last, was reported from the Committee of Supply, and which Resolution was then postponed;

Ordered, That the said Resolution be taken into further consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Railways (Electrical Power) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Employment of Children Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Marine Store Dealers (Ireland) 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 Bishopric of Bristol 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 Ecclesiastical Commissioners Bill [Lords];

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 12th day of May last, That the Church Discipline (No. 3) Bill be committed to a Select Committee;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

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 Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prevention of Pollution of Rivers and Streams 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 Foreigners' Marriages 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 Law Superannuation (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 British and Irish Meat Protection Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Elementary Education Act (Blind and Deaf Children) Bill;

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

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

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Tuesday, 16th June, 1903.

The House met at Two 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 Orders not previously inspired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Exeter Corporation Bill [Lords],

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The London and North Western Railway Bill [Lords], was read a second time; and committed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to join Lords' take into consideration the Saint Luke's Church and Parish Quoad Sacra, Edinburgh, Order Confirmation Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Friday next.

The Education Board Provisional Orders Confirmation (East Ham, &c.) Bill [Lords], 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.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill, was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill, was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill, was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill, was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill, was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill, was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.
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The Fire and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 6) 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. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Minutes of Proceedings of the South African Customs Union Conference held at Bloemfontein, March 1903.

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that he 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, Cost, and Results of the Proceedings instituted by the Director in accordance with those Regulations from the 1st day of January 1902 to the 31st day of December 1902 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 145, of Session 1902).
—(Mr. Cockburn.)

Mr. George Whiteley reported from the Committee on Group F of Private Bills; That the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

Mr. John Edward Ellis reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:
1. That, in the case of Kip's Patents Bill (Lords), the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to deposit their Petition for a Bill.
2. That, in the case of the Alexandria Park and Palace, 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.
3. That, in the case of the Hoare, Worthing, and District Tramways 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.

Ordered, That the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 28th day of April last, That the Parliamentary Voters Registration Bill be now read a second time, be resumed upon Monday next.

Mr. Wodehouse reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had nominated the following Five Members to serve on the Joint Committee of Lords and Commons on the Port of London Bill:
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Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from His Majesty's Command, to be read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That the same be printed.

The Lords have agreed to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill, without any Amendment.

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The Lords have agreed to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill, without any Amendment.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from His Majesty, that He will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House, a Return showing the working of the Union of Benefices Act, 1860, and for the disposal of unnecessary Chapels of Ease; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for extending the operation of and amending the Act for the Union of Benefices Act, 1860, and for the disposal of unnecessary Chapels of Ease; which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the Chatham and District Light Railways Company to construct Tramways and Tramroads and other works, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Chatham and District Light Railways Bill (Lords) was read the first time.

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

Six Charles Dilke, supported by Mr. John Shaps, Torrens, Mr. Flower, Mr. Lloyd-George, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Crooks, Mr. Melville, Mr. Bennett, Sir Harrington Simon, and Mr. Tennant, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Shops: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee on the Irish Land Bill.

(Clauses, No. 1 (Advance for purchase of holdings where whole estate sold).)

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, 15, to leave out from the word "advance" to the end of Sub-section (2), in order to insert the words "provided that the purchase money payable under this Act shall be, in the case of the purchase of a holding subject to a judicial rent fixed or agreed to since the passing of the Act of 1896, not less than fifteen per cent. above the existing rent, and, in the case of the purchase of a holding subject to a judicial rent fixed before that date, or of a holding which is not subject to a judicial rent, but the tenure in which is one to which, in the opinion of the Land Commission, the Land Act applies."
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Question put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "or," in l. 18, stand part of the Clause:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 'Yes', [Sir Alexander Acton-Head] 217.
Tellers for the 'Noes', [Mr. Anstruther] 175.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 18, to leave out from "1896" to the word "or," in l. 21.—(Mr. T. W. Russell.—)

Question, That the words "or if" stand part of the Clause, put, and negatived.

Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again,—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means 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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Irish Land Bill.

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Question, That the words "or if" stand part of the Clause, put, and negatived.

Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again,—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means 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.

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

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and 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.

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

Sir Alexander Acton-Head reported from the Committee on Irish Land [Advances, &c.] a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for carrying out the provisions of any Act of the present Session to amend the Law relating to the occupation and ownership of Land in Ireland, it is expedient—

(a) to authorise the creation of Capital Stock for raising money required for the Irish Land Purchase Fund and the Land Purchase Aid Fund; and to authorize the National Debt Commissioners to borrow and lend money for the purposes aforesaid, and to charge on the Consolidated Fund the payment of the dividends on such Stock; so as not to pay out of the income of the Irish Land Purchase Fund, and to authorize the payment, out of money to be provided by Parliament, of Sums sufficient to pay the dividends and sinking fund required for the Land Purchase Aid Fund;

(b) to authorize the payment, out of money to be provided by Parliament, of the salaries of the Estates Commissioners, the Public Trustees, and of officers and persons employed by them, and of certain expenses of the Land Commission; and

(c) to authorize the payment, out of the Consolidated Fund, of superannuation allowances to certain Land Commissioners.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Electric Second Reading of the Electric Lighting (London) Bill [Lords.]

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Second Reading of the Metropolitan Improvements (Funds) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Patent Office Second Reading of the Patent Office Extension Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply 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 Ways and Means 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 Marine Store Dealers Committee on the Marine Store Dealers (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 Bishopric of the Bishopric of Blookth Bill Branch [Lords.]

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Teswick and Second Reading of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners 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 to be put on the 12th day of this instant June, That the Outdoor Relief (Pensioners) Bill be now read the third time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.
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Mr. Secretary Aber-Douglas presented,—
Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 16th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to the Provisions of Offences Acts, 1872 and 1884.

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

Viscount Cranbrook presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 1966 to 2000.

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that He will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Names of the Firms or Individuals to whom Concessions have been granted in East Africa or Uganda, the exact nature and terms of those Concessions, and the exact localities and areas of their operation.—(Mr. Malmb.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Imports and Exports of Reports, to the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries, self-governing Colonies, India, and other British Possessions separately, for the periods 1891-5, 1888-90, and for each year since.—(Mr. Lumb.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Net Public Income and Net Public Expenditure under certain specified heads, as represented by Receipts into and Issues out of the Exchequer from 1860-1 to 1902-3, inclusive (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 325, of Session 1902).— (Sir Henry Fowler.)

Mr. George Whiteley reported from the Committee on the Metropolitan Police Provisional Order 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, 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. Hallie reported from the Committee of Selecton; That they had discharged the following Member from the Joint Committee of Lords and Commons on the Port of London Port of Bill,—Sir Alexander Henderson; and had, ap. London Bill, pointed in substitution: Sir Charles Renouf.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Union of Benefices Act (1860) Amendment Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, Member for Stirling Burghs, 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 misunderstanding of speeches of standing created in the mind of the Government Ministers of the Colony of New South Wales by the speeches of the Prime Minister and the Colonial Secretary, and the necessity of making it clear to the Government of New South Wales that these speeches are isolated expressions of opinion to which the Cabinet is in no way committed; and the pleasure of the House having been signified;
Post Office Site Bill.  

Mr. Austen Chamberlain, Sir Thomas FitzGerald, and Mr. Rose were nominated Members of the Select Committee on the Post Office Sites Bill.  

(Sir Alexander Acland-Hood.)

Public Office (Dublin) Bill.  

Mr. Arthur Kettle, Mr. Balston, and Mr. Charles Allen were nominated Members of the Select Committee on the Public Offices (Dublin) Bill.  

(Sir Alexander Acland-Hood.)

Irish Land Bill.  

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Irish Land Bill.

Claim No. 1. (Advance for purchase of holdings where whole estate sold.)

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 22, to leave out the word "ten," in order to insert the word "fifteen"—(Mr. John Redmond)—instead thereof.

Question put, That the word "ten" stand part of the Clause:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 217.  

Mr. A. Arthur:  

Tellers for the Noses, 152.  

Sir Thomas Emundson, Captain Donelon:

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 24, to leave out the word "thirty," in order to insert the word "forty"—(Mr. John Redmond)—instead thereof.

Question put, That the word "thirty" stand part of the Clause:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 214.  

Mr. A. Arthur:  

Tellers for the Noses, 152.  

Sir Thomas Emundson, Captain Donelon:

And, it being half an hour after Seven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and 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 Evening, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 23, to leave out the word "twenty," in order to insert the words "twenty-five"—(Mr. John Redmond)—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the word "twenty" stand part of the Clause:

Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. John Redmond)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means 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 Congested Districts (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Police (Superannuation) (Ireland) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Second Reading of the Metropolitan Streets (Scarcity) 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 Marriages Legislation Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the London Education 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 South African Second Reading of the South Africa Loan and War Contribution 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 Ireland Development (Developmental) Grant Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Sugar Second Reading of the Sugar Convention Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Repeal Second Reading of the Bankers (Ireland) Act (Ireland) Bill:

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

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

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The Order of the day being read, for 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 Railway Committee on the Railways (Electrical Power) (Montreal Power) Bill:

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

Employment of Children Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Employment of Children Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Patent Office Extension Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patent Office Extension Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Supply.
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.

Ways and Means.
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.

Military Lands Bill.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Military Lands Bill.

[In the Committee.]

Clause No. 1, as amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 2, agreed to, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be taken into consideration upon Thursday the 25th day of this instant June.

Church Discipline (No. 3) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 12th day of May last, That the Church Discipline (No. 2) Bill be committed to a Select Committee; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

Crush to Animals Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 2nd day of March last, That the Crush to Animals Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

Elementary Education (Blind and Deaf Children) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Elementary Education (Blind and Deaf Children) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

British and Irish Meat Protection Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British and Irish Meat Protection Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Post Office Mail Bill.
Resolved, That the Contract with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, dated the 12th day of October 1901, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mail, Troops, and Store between Halifax (or Quebec) and Hong Kong, was made by the period from the 7th day of April 1901 to the 8th day of April 1902, printed in Parliamentary Paper, No. 21, of Session 1902, be approved.

(Mr. Austen Chamberlain.)

Ordered, That Mr. Arkwright and Mr. Nussey be added to the Select Committee on the Poor Prisoners' Defence Bill.—(Sir Alexander Acland-Hood.)

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Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Ventilation of the Commons House.

Mr. Dillon, Dr. Farquharson, Sir Michael Foster, Mr. Goddard, Sir John Batty Tuke, Mr. Abel Henry Smith, and Mr. Victor Cavendish were accordingly nominated Members of the Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Sir Alexander Acland-Hood.)

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

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The House met at Two of the clock.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to Railway Bill, vidt Sixth Schedule 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 South Shields 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 so much of Standing Order 91 Standing as first Five as the Quorum of the Select Committee on Standing Orders be read and suspended.

Ordered, That, for the remainder of the Session, Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Hailey.)

Ordered, That in the case of the Alexandra Park and Palace, Petition for Bill, Standing Order 70 be suspended, and that the Examiners have leave to sit and proceed tomorrow.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

The Metropolitan Police Provisional Order Metropolitan Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Ways and Means.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders in Worting, and respect of the Hose, Worthing, and District Tramways Bill [ Lords ] might be read; and the Bill [ Lords ] same being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time. —(Mr. Caldwell.)

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

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Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, for India, several papers pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parlia-

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the Hamilton Burgh 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 Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report lie upon the Table.

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

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Hamilton Burgh 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 Amendments, to the House.

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

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Order, 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.
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The Order for resuming, To-morrow, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 1st day of May last, That the Local Veto Bill be now read a second time, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 28th day of July next.

The Order for resuming, To-morrow, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 3rd day of April last, That the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday Bill be now read a second time, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 28th day of July next.

Mr. George Whiteley reported from the Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill; That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the Provisional Order relating to the County of Dublin and the Urban Districts of Blackrock, Dalkey, Killiney and Rathfarnham, Pembroke, Rathmines and Rathgar ought not to be confirmed; that the Order for the County of Dublin ought to be confirmed; and that he had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Mr. George Whiteley further reported from the Committee; That they had amended the Title, as follows:—A Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to the County of Wexford, the Urban District of Wexford, and the Town of Kewby.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table. Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Shops (Early Closing) Bill [Lords] was read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Workmen's Compensation Act (1897) Amendment Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 1st day of July next, 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 Edward Strachey reported from the Committee on the Oxford and District Electric Tramways Bill; That, in pursuance of a Resolution of the House of the 10th day of March last, the Committee had struck out of the Bill the powers to construct Tramways Nos. 8, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 12A, 13B, 14, 15, and 16.

Sir Edward Strachey 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 Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Edward Strachey reported from the Committee on the Oxford and Paddington Tramways Bill; That, in pursuance of a Resolution of the House of the 10th day of March last, the Committee had struck out of the Bill the powers to construct Tramways Nos. 1 and 2.

Sir Edward Strachey 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 Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Edward Strachey reported from the Committee on the Oxford and Paddington Tramways Bill; That, in pursuance of a Resolution of the House of the 10th day of March last, the Committee had struck out of the Bill the powers to construct Tramways Nos. 3 to 16.

Sir Edward Strachey 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 Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:—

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Order (Housing of the Working Classes) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Order (No. 1) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Order (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make further provision with respect to the arrangement of Polling Districts for the Election of County Councillors; 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 Carmarthenshire Electric Power Company; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Carmarthenshire Electric Power Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. Harrington, supported by Mr. T. W. Rees, Mr. Patrick O'Brien, and Mr. Field, presented a Bill for the establishment of Day Industrial Schools in Ireland; and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 1st day of July next; and to be printed.

The Select Committee on the Aged Pensioners Bill was nominated of Sir Alexander Harcourt, Sir William Brown, Mr. Channing, Mr. Crem, Mr. Flower, Mr. Gaulding, Mr. John Hutton, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. George, Mr. Grant Lawon, Mr. O'Shea, Mr. Pemberton, Colonel Wilkinson, Sir Robert Ross, Mr. Reenan, Mr. Shackleton, and Mr. Shears.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to read for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum of the Committee.—[Sir Alexander Acland-Honde.]
Friday, 19th June, 1903:

And it being Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman 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 Supply into consideration the Resolution which, upon the 27th day of May last, was reported from the Committee of Supply, and which Resolution was then postponed;

Ordered, That the said Resolution be taken into further consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Electric Lighting (London) 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 Metropolitan Improvements (Funds) 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 Marine Store Dealers (Ireland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1, agreed to.

Clause, No. 2 (General dealers to furnish a description of their premises and keep books).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 14, after the word "article," to insert the words "Provided that where articles of the same kind, value, and description are on any particular occasion bought or sold in a lot or parcel it will be sufficient to describe such lot or parcel without describing each of the several articles comprising same."—(Mr. Mac Veagh.)—Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

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 the Deputy Chairman 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 Bishopric of Bristol Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Ecclesiastical Commissioners Bill [Lords];

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

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

Alexandra Park and Palace.
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 Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on previously not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have not been complied with, viz.:

Rochester Corporation Tramways and Improvements Bill [Lords].
Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Harrogate Water Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Richmond Harrogate Gas Bill [Lords], as amended in the Lords.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Broughty Ferry Gas Provisional Order  [Lords] 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 Hamilton Burgh Provisional Order Bill [Lords] 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 Orders Bill [Lords] 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 Saint Luke's Church and Parish Quoad Sacra, Edinburgh, Order Confirmation Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to Edinburgh, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking local into consideration the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to local into consideration the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 16) Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

A Petition of the Alexandra Park Trustees, for leave to bring in a Bill to ameliorate the Alexandra Park and Palace.
19th June. 1903. [No. 75.]

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 "Bill be," to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "re-committed to a Select Committee."—(Sir John Gorst.)

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;

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Sir William Hobden, 
Mr. Haywood Johnston, 
149.

Tellers for the Noes, 
Sir John Gorst, 
Sir Francis Sharp, 
87.

So it was resolved in the Affective.

And the Main Question being put:
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:

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

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affective.

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 Question proposed upon the 12th day of the present instant June.

The Outdoor Relief (Pensioners) Bill be now read the third time;

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

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affective.

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 County Courts Jurisdiction Extension Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 11, by leaving out the words "one hundred" and inserting the word "sixty"—(Sir Frederick Banbury).—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "one hundred" stand part of the Bill:
The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Mr. Brymer Jones; 
197.

Tellers for the Nos, 
Mr. Griffith-Bowers, 
53.

So it was resolved in the Affective.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time—(Sir Albert Ballit) —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 on Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking the Pittis Bill into consideration, the Pittis Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Church Committee on the Church Discipline Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve into the said Committee.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Medical Act (1886) Amendment (No. 2) 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 Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 3rd day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shops (No. 2) 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 Superannuation 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 Amendment (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

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 (now Lords) for further promoting the Revision of the Church Discipline (No. 2) Bill; 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 Cobharn Gas, Woking Gas, Conisbrough Gas, Seacroft Harbour District Gas, and Heme Bay Gas, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for consolidating the Capital of the Derby Bill [Lords] Gas, Light and Coke Company; for enabling that 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 incorporate the Manchester Southern Tramways Company, and to empower that Company to make and maintain Tramways and other Works in the County Palatine of Lancaster and in the County of Chester, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
The Derby Gas Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Manchester Southern Tramways Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

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 not been complied with, viz.:—

Hastings Harbour District Railway Bill [Lords].

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 not been complied with, viz.:—

Maryport Harbour Bill [Lords].

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, originating in the Lords, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:—

North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Bill [Lords].

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 Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:—

Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Provisional Order Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.
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Law, on the Draft Regulations (October 1903) proposed to be made for Factories and Workshops in which the process of File-cutting by hand is carried on.

Mr. William Abbot-Douglas also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copy of Regulations, dated 19th June 1903, made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department in pursuance of Section 79 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, for the process of File-cutting by hand.

Copies of Order, dated 18th June 1903, made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department in pursuance of Section 49 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, with regard to the Overtime employment of Women in the making of Christmas and New Year Cards.

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

and be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, — Return to an Order, dated the 17th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to Imports and Exports.

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

Mr. Wyndham presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, — Copy of the Receipts and Expenditure under the Dogs Regulation (Ireland) Act, 1885, for the year ending 31st December 1902.

An Abstract of the Accounts of all Fines and other Penal Sums accounted for under the Acts 14 & 15 Vic, c. 90, and 21 & 22 Vic, c. 100, for the year ending 31st December 1901.

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

Mr. Hope reported from the Standing Committee, — Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 3001 to 3005.

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 2nd day of August 1894, for a Return relative to Charitable Endowments (London).

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House, — Copy of additional Rule under the Public Record Office Acts, 1877 and 1898, for the disposal of certain Documents.

Ordered, That the said Return be printed.

Mr. Stuart-Wortley reported from the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, to whom the Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister 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 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.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to Sir Henry Graham, K.C.B., the Clerk of the Parliaments, to attend as a Witness before the Committee of Public Accounts. — (Sir Arthur Hopton.) Vol. 158.

Mr. Reynold Johnstone reported from the Police and Secretory Committee that, in the case of the Ethn Tramways and Improvement 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. 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 and Tramways and Improvement Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Law relating to Musical Copyright; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for the removal of obstructions to the raising of rates by the Borough of Bromley, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to ensure the Personal Injuries Bill to the provision of a separate Fund; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the City of Bristol to construct additional Dock Railways and 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 authorise the Borough of Bournemouth Gas and Water Company to acquire additional Lands; to construct 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 Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the City of Bristol to construct additional Dock Railways and 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 enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Salford to construct an additional Tramway; and to adapt and use portions of Tramways outside the Borough; and to make Street Improvements; to provide for transfer to the Corporation of certain powers of Electric Lighting; and to raise additional Money by mortgage and by the creation and issue of Stock, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Bournemouth Gas and Water Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Bristol Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Salford Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
Water Orders Confirmation Bill [Lords].

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

Finance Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That Clause No. 1 be postponed—(Mr. Lawrence Hardy)—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, No. 1 (Duty on grain, &c. to cease).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 11, to leave out the words " rate of eleven " and 12, to leave out the words " rate of eleven " instead thereof.

Question, That the words " twenty-five " stand part of the Clause,—put, and agreed to.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes,  
Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, 146.  
Mr. Austruther, 32.

Tellers for the Noes,  
Sir Henry Selon-Kerry, 32.  
Lord Wilmot (in the Committee.)

Clause, No. 2 (Duty on tea).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 28, to leave out the words " continue to," in order to insert the words " cease, and the duty of four pence " instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the words " continue to " stand part of the Clause:

And it being half an hour after Seven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means 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 evening, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Evening Sitting.

Finance Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 2 (Duty on tea).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 28, to leave out the words " continue to," in order to insert the words " cease, and the duty of four pence " instead thereof.

Question put, That the words " continue to " stand part of the Clause:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes,  
Mr. Austruther, 36.

Tellers for the Noes,  
Mr. Leng, 32.  
Mr. Broadhurst, 92.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses, No. 3 and No. 4, agreed to.

Clause, No. 5 (Income tax for 1903-1904).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 11, after the word " shall," to insert the words " as regards all " profits derived from investments other than in " the United Kingdom of Great Britain and " Ireland or in any other part of His Majesty's " Dominions,—(Mr. David Macfarren.)

Question, That those words be there inserted,—put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 11 and 12, to leave out the words " rate of eleven " pence," in order to insert the words " following rate, namely —

" In respect of incomes exceeding seven " hundred pounds a year, eleven pence;

" In respect of incomes exceeding six " hundred pounds and not exceeding seven hundred pounds a year, ten pence;

" In respect of incomes exceeding five " hundred pounds and not exceeding six hundred pounds a year, nine pence;

" In respect of incomes exceeding four " hundred pounds and not exceeding five hundred pounds a year, seven pence;

" In respect of incomes exceeding three " hundred pounds and not exceeding four hundred pounds a year, six pence;

" In respect of incomes exceeding two " hundred pounds and not exceeding three hundred pounds a year, four pence;

" In respect of incomes exceeding one " hundred and sixty pounds and not exceeding two hundred pounds a year, three pence;—(Sir Herbert Lewis),—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause, No. 6 (Amount of permanent annual charge for National Debt).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 27, to leave out Subsection (1).—(Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman.)

Question proposed, That Subsection (1) stand part of the Clause:

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Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes,  
Mr. Austruther, 36.

Tellers for the Noes,  
Mr. McKeown, 32.  
Mr. Buchanan, 92.

Clause, No. 7, agreed to.

Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Joseph Walmsley),—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means 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 evening, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Congested Districts (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Streets (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the London Education Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South African Loan and War Contribution 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 Ireland Development Grant 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 Sugar Convention 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 Bankers (Ireland) Act Repeal Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Irish Land 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 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.

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 Electric Lighting (London) 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 Metropolitan Improvement (Pilots) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Marine Store Dealers (Ireland) 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 Bishopric of Bristol 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 Poor Law Superannuation (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 British and Irish Meat Protection 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 Trade Marks Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday the 13th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on the 22nd day of May last, That the Town Tenants (Ireland) 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 Jury Acts (Ireland) 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 Medical Act (1886) Amendment Bill (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Easements of Light: And that Mr. Fletcher Moulton, Mr. Holland, Mr. Robson, Mr. Henry David Greene, and Mr. Herbert Robertson do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Fletcher Moulton accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Easements of Light: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before One of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 77.]

Tuesday, 23d June, 1903.

The House met at Two 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 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.:

Cornwallisshire Electric Power Bill [Lords].
Manchester and Southern Tramways Bill [Lords].
Dirty Gas Bill [Lords].
Birmingham Corporation Tramways Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

The Harrogate Water Bill [Lords] 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 Richmanworth Gas Bill [Lords] 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 Belfast Water Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Harrow Road and Paddington Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Shepshed Urban District Gas Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Here, Worthing, and District Tramways Bill [Lords] be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The North British Railway (General Powers) Order Confirmation Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

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

Sir William Jones presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statement of Schemes for Education during the month of May 1903 by the Board of Education, under Section 17 of the Education Act of 1893.

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

Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Finance Accounts of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland for the financial year 1903–4, ended 31st March 1904.

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

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented,—East India (India Office, Retirement at 65).
Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration tomorrow.

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.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration tomorrow.

Ordered, That the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration tomorrow.

Ordered, That the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

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Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration tomorrow.

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration tomorrow.
23rd June. 1903. [No. 77.]

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Employment Bill, and took into consideration the Employment of Children Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Saving for industrial and other schools):

"Nothing in this Act or any bye-law made thereunder shall apply to the exercise of manual labour by any child under order of detention in certified industrial or reformatory school, or by any child while receiving instruction in manual labour in any school."—[Mr. Secretary Abber-Douglas.]

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 "labour," the words "during a portion of the school hours."—[Mr. Tennant.]

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

The House divided.

The Yeas.—[Mr. Tennant, 84.]

Tellers for the Yeas, Sir Alexander Arlend, Mr. Austerlith. 209.

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Broadhurst. 94.

So it passed in the Negative.

And it being after half-past Seven of the clock, further consideration of the Bill, as amended, stood adjourned till this evening.

Evening Sitting.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Employment Bill, and took into consideration the Employment of Children Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Saving for industrial and other schools)—(Mr. Secretary Abber-Douglas)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Incorporation and amendment of a. 3 of 57 & 58 Vic. c. 41): "Section three of the Prevention of Cruelty to Children Act, 1894 (which regulates the employment of children in public entertainments), shall have effect as if re-enacted in this Act: Provided as follows:—"

(1) A licence under that section shall not be granted to any child under the age of nine years; and

(2) Any inspector or other officer charged with the execution of this Act shall have all the powers of an inspector of factories and workshops under that section, and that section shall apply accordingly."—[Mr. Secretary Abber-Douglas.]

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patent Office Extension Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and 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 Supply into consideration the Resolution which, upon [23rd April] the 27th day of May last, was reported from the Committee of Supply, and which Resolution was [postponed], then postponed; Ordered, That the said Resolution be taken into further consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Electric Second Reading of the Electric Lighting (London) Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Second Reading of the Metropolitan Improvement (Ponds) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Marine Store Dealers (Ireland) Bill.

CLAUSE, No. 2 (General dealers to furnish a description of their premises and keep books).
Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 14, after the word "article," to insert the words "Provided that where articles of the same kind, value, and description are on any particular occasion bought or sold in a lot or parcel it will be sufficient to describe such lot or parcel without describing each of the several articles comprising same."—(Mr. Mevagissey.) Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted:
Question put, and agreed to.

CLAUSES, No. 3 and No. 4, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSES, No. 5 to No. 11, agreed to.

CLAUSES, No. 12, amended, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the House having continued to sit till Wednesday, 24th June, 1903:

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Congested Districts (Scotland) (No. 5) 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 Metropolitan Streets 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 Marriage (Legislation) 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 Railways (Electrical Power) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Railways (Electrical Power) 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 Police (Superannuation) 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 2nd day of May last, That the Town Tenants (Ireland) 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 Jury Acts Amendment (Ireland) 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 Medical Act (1888) Amendment (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Order, That the Amendment made by the Coal Mines (Certificates) 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.

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

[No. 77.]

Wednesday, 24th June, 1903.

The House met at Two of the clock.

Prayers.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Southampton Harbour Bill (Lords), as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Ulster and Connemara Light Railways Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Barry Railway Bill (Lords) was read a second time; and committed.

The Didcot, Newbury, and Southampton Railway Bill (Lords) was read a second time; and committed.

The Fife Electrical Power Bill (Lords) was read a second time; and committed.

The Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Tramways Bill (Lords) was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Scottish American Mortgage Company, Limited, Bill [Lords] be read a second time To-morrow.

The Willenden Urban District Council Bill (Lords) was read a second time; and committed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 3rd day of August next.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 2nd day of March last, That the Cruelty to Animals Bill be now read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Coal Mines (Certificates) 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.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Act (1888) Amendment (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 Local Government Act (1888) Amendment (London) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 3rd day of August next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Light Locomotives (Registration) 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 2nd day of March last, That the Cruelty to Animals Bill be now read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Workers' Compensation Act (1897) Amendment (Seamen) 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 Municipal Corporations (Audit) 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 Law Superannuation (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 British and Irish Meat Protection 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 2nd day of May last, That the Town Tenants (Ireland) Bill be now read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Jury Acts (Ireland) Amendment 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 Medical Act (1888) Amendment (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Order, That the Amendment made by the Coal Mines (Certificates) 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.

And then the House, having continued to sit till fourteen minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday 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 Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill ( Lords) 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.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill.

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
Tomorrow.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 17) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 17) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time
Tomorrow.

Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time
Tomorrow.

Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time
Tomorrow.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Alexandra Park and Palace (Public Purpose) Act, 1906, and to confer powers on the Alexandra Park Trustees to make charges for admission on Bank Holidays, 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 Rochester Corporation Tramways and Improvements Bill ( Lords) might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Sir Charles Dilke reported from the Public Select Committee on Public Petitions: That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 23th, 26th, 27th, and 28th days of May last, and the 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 15th, 16th, 17th,
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Irish Land Bill.

(Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 1 (Advances for purchase of holdings where whole estate sold).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 28, to leave out the word "twenty," in order to insert the word "twenty-five."—(Mr. John Redmond)—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the word "twenty" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 21, at end, to insert the words—

"(4) Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary contained in the Purchase of Land Amendment Act, 1888, an advance may be sanctioned under the provisions of the Land Purchase Acts exceeding the sum of three thousand pounds or five thousand pounds, as the case may be, to one purchaser where, in the opinion of the Land Commission, it is expedient to make any such larger advance for the purpose of carrying out the sale of a large farm which, in the opinion of the Land Commission, has been for five years before the passing of this Act mainly used for tillage or dairying purposes."—(Mr. Leamy.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 22, to leave out Subsection (4).—(Sir John Colahm.)

Question proposed, That Subsection (4) stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 2 (Advances for purchase of other portions of estate where whole estate sold).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 30, to leave out the word "ten," in order to insert the word "fifty."—(Mr. Twylg)—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the word "ten" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 54, to leave out the words from the word "apply" to the word "Provided," in l. 52.—(Mr. Dilson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 38, after the word "made," to insert the words "to the legal personal representative of the deceased person, if any, or, if none, them."—(Mr. Herbert Robertson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 39, at end, to insert the words—

"(a) A labourer as defined in the Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883 to 1896, as amended by this Act, and residing upon or within three miles of the estate."—(Mr. O'Brien.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 39, at end, to insert the words—

"(a) A person who, in the opinion of the Land Commission, would be a suitable occupier of such holding:"—(Mr. Hugh Law.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 39, after the word "section," to insert the words "to persons other than those mentioned in subsection one (d) hereof."—(Mr. William O'Brien.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

And it being half an hour after Seven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the House again resolved itself into the Committee.

Evening Sitting.

The Finance Bill was, according to Order, Finance Bill, 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 Irish Land into a Committee on the Irish Land Bill.

(Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 2 (Advances for purchase of other portions of estate where whole estate sold).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 40, after the word "section," to insert the words "to persons other than those mentioned in subsection one (d) hereof."—(Mr. William O'Brien.)

Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause
Clause agreed to.

Amendment proposed, p. 3, l. 13, after the word "owner," to insert the words "who for five years prior to the passing of this Act has been resident for more than six months of each year in Ireland."—(Mr. T. P. O’Connor.) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, p. 3, l. 13, to leave out from the word "has" to the third word in line:—(Mr. Rafter.) Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, p. 3, l. 17, to leave out the word "occupation," in order to insert the words "own use":—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question proposed, That the word "occupation" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, p. 3, l. 17, after the word "estate," to insert the words:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, p. 3, l. 17, to leave out the word "estate," to insert the words:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, p. 3, l. 18, to insert the words "or any other person interested in the land, and the land so resold shall be subject to the same uses and trusts, other than uses and trusts in favour of mortgagors and charges and owners of superior titles or interests," inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, p. 3, l. 19, to leave out Subsection (3):—(Mr. Adelan.) Question proposed, That the words "Where any land is so resold" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 4.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means 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.

Supply.

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.

Supply. 24th June.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Resolution which, upon the 27th day of May last, was reported from the Committee of Supply, and which Resolution was then postponed:—

Ordered, That the said Resolution be taken into further consideration upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking London Education Bill, as amended in the Committee;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the South African Loan and War Contribution Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Irish Development Grant Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the African Loan and War Contribution Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Second Reading of the Metropolitan Streets Strengthening Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Employment into consideration the Employment of Children in Childead Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;—Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Second Reading of the Metropolitan Development Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Patent Office Extension Bill, as amended in the Committee;—Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Arthur Elliot.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Improvements (Funds) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking London Education Bill, as amended in the Committee;—Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bishopric of Bristol Bill;—Ordered, That the said Resolution be taken into further consideration upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bishopric of Chichester Bill;—Ordered, That the said Resolution be taken into further consideration upon Friday next.

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

Order of private business—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Order of private business—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marriages Legalisation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Order of private business—The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Railways (Electrical Power) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Order of private business—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police (Superannuation) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

Order of private business—The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Gauges Postal Orders Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Friday next.

Order of private business—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shops (Early Closing) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Order of private business—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shops (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Order of private business—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 2nd day of March last, That the Cruelty to Animals Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

Order of private business—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Municipal Corporations (Audit) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Order of private business—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Superannuation (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Order of private business—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British and Irish Meat Protection Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Order of private business—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 22nd day of May last, That the Town Tenants (Ireland) Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

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

[No. 79.]

Thursday, 25th June, 1903.

The House met at Two 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, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders have previously been complied with, viz.:

Poole and District Electric Traction Bill [Lords].
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, the Standing Orders have been complied with, viz.:

Castleisland, Keady, and Armagh Railway (Extension of Time) Bill.
Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill, that they have power to make provision therein accordingly.

The Scottish American Mortgage Company, Limited, Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill; ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next (Evening Sitting).

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill; ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next (Evening Sitting).

The Local Government Provisional Orders Local Limited, Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to (No. 8) Bill, the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Local Government Provisional Orders Local Government (Ireland) Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders have previously been complied with, viz.:

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 17) Bill, was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to (No. 17) Bill, the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government Provisional Orders Poole and Harbour (No. 2) Bill, was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to (No. 2) Bill, the Lords, and desire their concurrence.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to inquire into the consideration of the North British Railway (General Powers) Order Confirmation Bill (Lords).—Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

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The Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidably absence of the Chairman of Ways and Means.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table. A Public Petition was also presented, and read; and referred to a Select Committee.

Mr. Secretary Brodrick, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Commission on the nature, pathology, causation, and prevention of Dysentery, and its relations with Enteric Fever, appointed by the Secretary of State for War, August 1900. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour, presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Report by the Board of Trade on Applications made during the year 1902 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 be printed. —(Mr. Baldwin.)

The Statute Law Revision (Scotland) 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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee appointed in the last Session of Parliament to inquire into the consideration of the House.

Ordered, That the House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain reported from the Post Office Select Committee on the Post Office Sites Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Corporation 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.

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Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1903-4.

Clause II.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £96,499, be granted to His 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 1904, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of His Majesty’s Secretary of State for the Home Department and Subordinate Offices:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A (Salaries, Wages, and Allowances) be reduced by £100, in respect of the Salary of the Secretary of State—(Sir Charles Dilke) — Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed:

And it being half an hour after Seven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman 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, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Congested Districts (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Electric Lighting (London) Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Bankers (Ireland) Act (Ireland) Bill Repeal Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Streets Acts (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Improvements (Funds) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking Employment into consideration the Employment of Children Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken in further consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Second Reading of the Bishopric of Bristol Bill [Lords];

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The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Police (Superannuation) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Monday next.

Military Lands Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to
take into consideration the Military Lands Bill,
as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time
this day.

Hall-marking of Foreign Coin (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Tuesday the 7th day of July next.

Small Holdings Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Small Holdings Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Wednesday, the 8th day of July next.

Lands Valuation (Scotland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon the 9th day of July next.

Courts' Holdings (Scotland) Act (1886) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming
the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed
upon the 1st day of April last, That the
Courts' Holdings (Scotland) Act (1886) Amendment Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned
till Thursday next.

School Board Electorate (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming
the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed
upon the 18th day of March last, That the
School Board Electorate (Scotland) Bill be now
read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned
till Thursday next.

Parliamentary Voters Registration Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming
the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed
upon the 29th day of April last, That the
Parliamentary Voters Registration Bill be now
read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned
till Thursday next.

Musical Copyright Bill (Lords).

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Musical Copyright Bill (Lords);
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
this day.

Light Locomotives (Registration) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Light Locomotives (Registration) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Monday next.

Cruelty to Animals Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming
the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed
upon the 2nd day of March last, That the
Cruelty to Animals Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned
till Monday next.

Municipal Corporations (Audit) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Municipal Corporations (Audit) 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 Poor Law
Second Reading of the Poor Law Superannuation (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the British and
Second Reading of the British and Irish Meat Protection Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Town Tenants
the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed (Ireland) Bill,
upon the 22nd day of May last, That the Town Tenants (Ireland) Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned
till Monday next.

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

[No. 80.]

Friday, 26th June, 1903.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills
from one of the Examiners of Petitions for [Lords],—
Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

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Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional
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Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Order Bills
Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

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 considera-
the Amendments made by the Lords to the Gas Bill,
Commercial 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 considera-
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the Amendment made by the Lords to the Coke Company
Gas Light and Coke Company Bill; and the
same was 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 Amendment made by their Lordships.

Great Eastern Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Great Eastern 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.

Belfast Water Bill (Lords.)

The Belfast Water Bill [Lords] 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 Harrow Road and Paddington Tramways Bill was read the third time, and passed, with a New Title, as follows:

An Act to empower the Harrow Road and Paddington Tramway Company to work their Tramways by mechanical power; to lease their Undertaking to the Metropolitan Electric Tramways, Limited, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Shepshed Urban District Gas Bill (Lords.)

The Shepshed Urban District Gas Bill [Lords] 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 Croydon and District Electric Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Swansea Urban District Water Bill (Lords.)

The Swansea Urban District Water Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee, was read the third time.

Liverpool University Bill (Lords.)

The Liverpool University Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

Taff Vale Railway Bill (Lords.)

The Taff Vale Railway Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 19th day of this instant June, That the County Courts Jurisdiction Extension Bill be now read the third time; and

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 all the words after the words "Bill be," and adding the words "recommitted to a Committee of the whole House in respect of a new Clause (Increase of courts)."—(Mr. Galloway.)

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.

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And the Main Question being put:

The House divided.

The Yeas were:

The Noes were:

Tellers for the[Mr. Churchill]:

Yea, 

Sir James Wodehouse:

160.

Tellers for the:—Sir Albert Rollett,

None, 

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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 Guineas Postal Orders Bill was, according Guineas Postal Order Bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Military Lands Bill was, according to Military Lands Bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Incest Bill, take into consideration the Incest Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. l, l. 6, by leaving out the words "of or above the age of thirteen years."—(Mr. Talbot.)

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 Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 7, by inserting, after the word "sister," the words "or who, being " married, has committed incestuous adultery "within the meaning of section twenty-seven "of the Matrimonial Causes Act, 1857."—(Sir William Trenchan.)

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. 1, l. 10, by leaving out the words "and not exceeding seven years."—(Mr. Talbot.)

And the Question being proposed, 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. l, l. 25, by inserting, after the word "brother," the words "stepgrandfather, " stepfather, or stepson."—(Mr. Viscount Gibus.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 9, by leaving out Clause 5.—(Mr. Talbot.)

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. 2, l. 15, by leaving out Clause 6.—(Mr. Galloway.)

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 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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The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Imbeciles' Liability Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Exception)—[Mr. Galloway].

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time, and passed.

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 Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Tellers for the [Mr. Galloway, 75, Mr. Visery Gibbs];

Tellers for the [Sir William Bromton, 130];

So it passed in the Negative.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the [Mr. Galloway, 73, Mr. Groves];

Tellers for the [Sir William Bromton, 140];

So it passed in the Negative.

The Question being put, That the said Clause be now read a third time, and passed:

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Another Clause (Right of appeal)—[Mr. Galloway]—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 5, by inserting, after the word “shall,” the words “from opening until closing time.”—[Mr. Galloway].

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the [Mr. Galloway, 73, Mr. Groves];

Tellers for the [Sir William Bromton, 140];

So it passed in the Negative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 24, by leaving out the words “Scotland or”—[Mr. Galloway].

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the [Mr. Solicitor General, 140, Mr. Caldecott];

Tellers for the [Mr. Galloway, 52, Mr. Groves];

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And it being after half-past Five of the clock, further consideration of the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Bill be resumed upon Monday next.

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The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Pictish 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 withdrawn.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That this House will, upon the 12th day of May last, That the Church (No. 2) Bill be committed to a Select Committee.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Jury Acts (Ireland) 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 Medical Act (1886) 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 Resolution which, upon the 27th day of May last, was reported from the Committee of Supply, and which Resolution was then postponed;
Ordered, That the said Resolution be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed in the Lords.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Private Bill Extension (Expenses);
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 Resolution of the House, that the Standing Committee on Provisional Order (Gas) Bill had stated that the evidence of Francis Blackford, a Berkeley Place, of 2, York Gate, Regent's Park, 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 Francis Blackford do attend the said Committee on Tuesday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That Francis William Anderson, A. Berkeley Place, and Arthur Blackford do attend the said Committee on Tuesday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

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The Lords have agreed to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Naval Works Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Ipswich Gas 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 Harrow and Staines Gas Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Wirral Railway Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Richmond Gas Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Harrogate Water Bill [Lords], 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 Tramways Acts, 1870, relating to Harrow-on-the-Hill, Tramways, Horsforth Urban District Council Tramways, Kirkby Corporation Tramways, and Ramsgate Urban District Council Tramways ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords give leave to the Clerk of the Parliaments to attend to be examined as a witness before the Select Committee appointed by this House on Public Accounts.

The Mid Yorkshire Tramways Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

The Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill [Lords] 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 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 the 31st day of May 1903, under the following Acts—Local Taxation (Customs and Excise) Act, 1899; Education and Local Taxation Account (Scotland) Act, 1899; Technical Schools (Scotland) Act, 1897; Technical Instruction Act (Scotland) Act, 1892; and Public Libraries Acts.—(The Lord Advocate.)

The Deputy Chairman 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.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the Pier and Harbour Provisional Vou. 155,
The House met at Two 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 inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Bournemouth Gas and Water Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from the Committee of the Whole House on the Several Public Petitions, That the Petition of the Board of Conservators of the River Kelvin, in the County of Dumbarton, for leave to present a Petition relating to the Kelvin Waterworks (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee, was read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

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

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Education (Small Grants) Bill, as amended, and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Tramways (Extensions) Bill, as amended, and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Corporation Tramways and Improvements Bill, as amended, and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill, as amended, and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time; and passed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Pier and Harbour Railway Bill [Lords.], and desire their concurrence.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time; and committed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Pier and Harbour Corporation Tramways and Improvements Bill [Lords.], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time; and passed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time; and committed.

Mr. Windham presented.—Return to an Order, dated the 10th day of March last, for Returns relative to Urban Districts (Ireland), Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill, as committed by the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Education (Small Grants) Bill, as amended, and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time; and committed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Tramways (Extensions) Bill, as amended, and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time; and committed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Corporation Tramways and Improvements Bill, as amended, and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time; and committed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill, as amended, and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time; and passed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Pier and Harbour Railway Bill [Lords.], and desire their concurrence.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time; and committed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Pier and Harbour Corporation Tramways and Improvements Bill [Lords.], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time; and passed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time; and committed.

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

Vide Seventh Report from the Select Committee on the directions of an Act of Parliament, to facilitate the settlement of the accounts of the Revenue, and the Expenditure under the same, the Steamer's Fund Wind-up Act, from 1st January to 31st December 1892.

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


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Lunacy. No. 230. Mr. Arthur Elliot presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account for the year ended 31st December 1902, showing the interest accrued in respect of the Securities standing in the Names of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to the credit of the Post Office Savings Banks, and the interest paid and credited to Depositors in pursuance of the Acts relating to Post Office Savings Banks, and the Expenses incurred in the execution of those Acts. Account for the year ended 30th November 1902, showing the interest accrued in respect of the Securities standing in the Names of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to the credit of the Fund for the Savings Banks, and the interest paid and credited to Trustees of Savings Banks. Account for the year ended 30th November 1902, showing the interest accrued in respect of the Securities standing in the Names of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to the credit of the Fund for Friendly Societies, and the interest paid and credited to the Trustees of Friendly Societies.

Supernumerary Act, 1864. Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 22nd June 1903, under the Supernumerary Act, 1884, declaring that Paul Powell, Royal Carriage Department, War Office, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate through inadvertence on the part of the Head of his Department.

Lunacy. No. 231. The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account for the year ended 20th November 1902, showing the aggregate Naval Expenditure on Seagoing Force; 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 1802 (in continuation of Parliamentary Papers, No. 576, of Session 1891.—(Sir John Colman).)

Lunacy. No. 232. Mr. Bond reported the Pongyfield Urban District Council Bill [Lords], with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Postage Stamp Urban District Council Bill [Lords]. Vote Supplement to the Taxes. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Message from the Lords. 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 Finance Bill, without any Amendment. VOL. 165.

The Lords have agreed to the Grangemouth Water Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Lanarkshire Electricity and Refuse Destruction Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Forth Navigation Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Caledonian Canal Railway Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Edinburgh Corporation (Markets, Slaughter Houses, &c.) Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Gorleston and Southwold Gas Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Home of the Working Classes) Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the New Hanover Improvement Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments to the Belfast Water Bill made by this House, to the Southwold Urban District Gas Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments to the Bill; the Shepshed Urban District Gas Bill [Lords], 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 Gas and Water Works Facilities Act, 1870, relating to Aldershot Gas and Water, Amersham, Beaconsfield, and District Water, Snett Dovedale Water and District Water, Saint Neot’s Water, and Hexford Gas; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act granting valid certain Letters Patent to William Phillips Thompson in respect of Inventions communicated to him from abroad by Frederic Elsworth Kip (1) for improvements in Stop-motions for Looms, Warping Machines, and the like; and (2) for improvements in electrical Stop-motions for Warps; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the City of Birmingham Tramways Company, Limited, to construct additional 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 powers on the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Bradford with respect to Tramways, Waterworks, and Gas Supply; to enable the Corporation and Urban District Council of Shipley to exchange portions of their respective Gas Undertakings; and to make further provision with respect to Rating and various matters of local administration and management; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisi...
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Orders (House of the Working Classes) Bill. 

Kip's Patents Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

Birmingham District Tramways Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

Bradford Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

Gas and Water Orders Confirmation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

Hexham Gas Bill [Lords].

Sir Francis Evans reported from the Committee on the Hexham Gas Bill [Lords]; 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 taken through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Irish Land Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 4 (Advances to trustees).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 28, after the word "purchase," to insert the words "by any county or district council, or —" (Mr. Tully).

Question, That those words be there inserted. 

—put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 30, after the word "Act," to insert the words "for the purpose of providing allotments of land for labourers as defined by the Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883 to 1896, as amended by this Act, or —" (Mr. O'Shea).

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted: Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, No. 5 (Purchase of estates by Land Commission).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 36, after the word "makes," to insert the words "or not less than two-thirds of the tenants of an estate make." (Mr. Mansefield.)

Question, That those words be there inserted. 

—put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 38, after the third word "the," to insert the word "compulsory." (Mr. Tully)

Question, That the word "compulsory" be there inserted. 

—put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 40, after the word "inquiry," to insert the words "as to prices which tenants are prepared to pay for their holdings, and such other matters as they deem necessary." (Mr. Dillon).

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted: Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 40, to leave out from the word "estate" to the end of the subsection, in order to insert the words "and in estimating the price shall have regard to the foregoing provisions of this Act in respect of advances" —(Mr. Wyndham), instead thereof.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out be inserted.

Amendment proposed, to the proposed Amendment, to leave out the words "foregoing provisions of this Act in respect of advances," in order to insert the words "prices which tenants on the estate are willing to give for their holdings." —(Mr. Dillon), instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment: Amendment to the proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Proposed Amendment amended, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 14, after the word "thereof," to insert the words "or in addition thereto." —(Sir John Colerick).

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted: Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 18, at the end, to insert the words—

"(4) Where the Estates Commissioners purchase an estate under the provisions of this Act, or where the landlord is selling his estate to the tenants or former tenants thereof under the Land Purchase Acts, there are upon such estate tenants in occupation of holdings from which other tenants were evicted within twenty-five years before the passing of this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Estates Commissioners to arrange for the surrender to them or to the landlord, as the case may be, of such holdings by the tenants in occupation thereof, on such terms as may be agreed upon, including the transfer of such tenants to other holdings or the payment of such sums of money as compensation for such surrenders as they deem necessary."

(5) Where the Estates Commissioners purchase an estate under the provisions of this Act, and there are upon the estate are willing to give for their holdings —(Mr. O'Brien).

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted: Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

And it being half an hour after Seven of the Clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means 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 evening, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Evening Sitting.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself back into a Committee on the Irish Land Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 6 (Purchase of estates by Land Commission).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 18, at the end, to insert the words—

"(4) Where the Estates Commissioners purchase an estate under the provisions of this Act, or where the landlord is selling his estate to the tenants or former tenants thereof under the Land Purchase Acts, and there are upon such estate tenants in occupation of holdings from which other tenants were evicted within twenty-five years before the passing of this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Estates Commissioners to arrange for the surrender to them or to the landlord, as the case may be, of such holdings by the tenants in occupation thereof, on such terms as may be agreed upon, including the transfer of such tenants to other holdings or the payment of such sums of money as compensation for such surrenders as they deem necessary." —(Mr. O'Brien), instead thereof.
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"such estate tenants in occupation of holdings from which other tenants were evicted within twenty-five years before the passing of this Act, shall be lawful for the said Estates Commissioners to make such awards to them or to the landlord, as the case may be, of such holdings by the tenants in occupation thereof, on such terms as may be agreed upon, including the transfer of such tenants to other holdings or the payment of such sums of money as compensation for such surrenders as they may think fit, not exceeding in any one case twice the amount of the annual rent payable thereon as aforesaid being made, it shall be lawful for the said Estates Commissioners to order, and, upon such surrender as aforesaid being made, it shall be lawful for the said Estates Commissioners to authorize, the former tenants thereof, and thereupon such former tenants as so reinstated shall have the same rights under the Land Purchase Acts as they would have had if they had never been evicted from such holdings."—(Mr. William O'Brien.)

Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, 1, 34, to leave out from the second word "estate" to the second word "of," in l. 35, in order to insert the words "to the extent of a congested districts county or not, a substantial part"—(Mr. Dillon.)—instead thereof.

Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, 1, 32, to leave out the words "half," in order to insert the words "one-fourth"—(Mr. Tully.)—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the words "half" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, 1, 36, to leave out the words "or of mountain or bog land."—(Sir John Colquhoun.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

CLAUSE, No. 6 (Sales in Court of Land Judge).

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, 1, 5, to insert the words "and to which the provisions of section forty of the Act of 1886 apply."—(Mr. Butcher.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, 1, 24, to leave out from the word "shall" to the first word "as," in l. 25.—(Mr. Dillon.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 7 and No. 8, agreed to.

Question proposed, That the words to the end of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, 1, 24, to leave out the words "an estate," in order to insert the word "may," in order to insert the word "shall:"—(Mr. Dillon.)—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the word "may" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, 1, 24, to leave out the word "may," in order to insert the word "shall:"—(Mr. Dillon.)—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the words "may" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, 1, 24, to leave out the word "shall" to the first word "as," in l. 25.—(Mr. Dillon.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 10, agreed to.

Question proposed, That the words to the end of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means, 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 Ireland Development (Land鲜艳) Development (Grant) 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 Police (Superannuation) (Grant) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time

To-morrow.

Sir Alexander Acland-Hood reported from the Committee of Supply of the 24th day of this instant June a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

Resolved, That the House will,-To-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments (Estimates, 1903-4.

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That a Sum, not exceeding £96,499, be granted to His 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 1904, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department and Subordinate Offices.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Resolution which, upon the 27th day of May last, was reported from the Committee of Supply, and which Resolution was then postponed;
Ordered, That the said Resolution be taken into further consideration To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:—

Ordered, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

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

Ordered, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

London Education Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the London Education Bill, as amended in the Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

South African Loan and War Contribution Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South African Loan and War Contribution Bill:

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

Sugar Convention Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sugar Convention Bill:

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

Post Office Sites Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Post Office Sites (re-committed) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses, No. 1 to No. 16, agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

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

Tuesday, 30th June, 1903:

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Statute Law Revision (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Statute Law Revision (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 Congested Districts (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Electric Lighting (London) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Electric Lighting (London) Bill [Lords]:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Bankers (Ireland) Act Repairs Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankers (Ireland) Act Repairs Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Employment of Children Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Employment of Children Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Second Reading of the Metropolitan Streets (Sewers) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Second Reading of the Metropolitan Improvements (Funds) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Marine Stores Dealers (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

And 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 the Second Reading of the Sugar Convention 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 Ecclesiastical Commissioners Bill [Lords.]:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prevention of Pollution of Rivers and Streams 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 8th day of May last, That the Railways (Private Sidings) Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 13th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Marks (Cotton Wares) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 7th day of July next.

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The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of March last, That the Cruelty to Animals 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 22nd day of May last, That the Town Tenants (Ireland) 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 Light Locomotives (Registration) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 15th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of April last, That the Parliamentary Voters Registration Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Musical Copyright Bill (Lords);
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Housing of the Working Classes) 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.

The Education Board Provisional Orders Confirmation (East Ham, &c.) Bill [Lords] 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 Pier and Harbour 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.

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 Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill [Lords] 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. Secretary Albro-Douglas 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 management and discipline of the Church Army (Newdigate Farm) Home, Surrey.

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


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Mr. Austen Chamberlain presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Postal Order (Inland) Regulations, 1903, dated the 20th June 1903.

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

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Papers relating to the Inter-Colonial Council, South Africa, Order in Council, 1903.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return for the United Kingdom for each of the years 1801, 1811, 1821, 1831, 1841, 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891, 1901, and 1902, in the following form:

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

A Message was delivered by Thomas Dacres Royal Assent, Butler, Esquire, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod.

Mr. Gibson Bowles.
Mr. Speaker,  
The Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His 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 heard the Commission read.
Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and assenting to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:—
1. Finance Act, 1903.
2. Naval Forces Act, 1903.
3. Berks & Wilts County Town Act, 1903.
5. Land Drainage Provisional Orders Confirmation Act, 1903.
7. Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1903.
8. Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Act, 1903.
9. Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 4) Act, 1903.
10. Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 5) Act, 1903.
11. Lanarkshire and Ayrshire Railway Order Confirmation Act, 1903.
12. Dunder Royal Lunatic Asylum Order Confirmation Act, 1903.
13. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1903.
14. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Order Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1903.
15. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Act, 1903.
16. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 6) Act, 1903.
17. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 7) Act, 1903.
18. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (Housing of Working Classes) Act, 1903.
19. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1903.
20. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1903.
21. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Act, 1903.
22. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 4) Act, 1903.
23. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 5) Act, 1903.
24. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 7) Act, 1903.
25. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 11) Act, 1903.
26. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (Gas) Act, 1903.

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29. Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1903.
31. Lanarkshire Electricity and Refuse Destruction Order Confirmation Act, 1903.
32. Firth Navigation Order Confirmation Act, 1903.
33. Caledonian Railway Order Confirmation Act, 1903.
34. Edinburgh Corporation (Markets, Slaughter Houses, &c.) Order Confirmation Act, 1903.
35. North British Railway (General Powers) Order Confirmation Act, 1903.
36. Western Trust, Limited, Act, 1903.
37. Great Western Railway (Pension Fund) Act, 1903.
38. Iscahugh Trust Act, 1903.
40. Great Northern and City Railway Act, 1903.
41. Midland Gas Act, 1903.
42. Stoke Neston Borough Council Act, 1903.
43. North Midland Gas Act, 1903.
44. Plymouth and Stonehouse Gas Act, 1903.
45. Faversham Gas Act, 1903.
47. Life Association of Scotland Act, 1903.
48. Pelican and British Empire Life Office Act, 1903.
49. Lms Railways Company, Limited, Act, 1903.
50. Ester Railway Act, 1903.
51. All Saints, Poplar (Rate Abolition), Act, 1903.
52. London Hydraulic Power Company's Act, 1903.
53. Sutton District Waterworks Act, 1903.
54. Bridgewater Gas Act, 1903.
55. East Ardsley Gas Act, 1903.
56. Burgess Hill and Saint John's Common Gas Act, 1903.
57. Scarborough Gas Act, 1903.
58. Sittingbourne District Gas Act, 1903.
60. Clevedon and Durham County Electric Power Act, 1903.
62. Mifford Docks Act, 1903.
63. Market Drayton Gas Act, 1903.
64. Wellington (Salop) Gas Act, 1903.
66. Winchester Water and Gas Act, 1903.
67. Midland Railway Act, 1903.
68. Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal Act, 1903.
69. Hertford and Stannmore Gas Act, 1903.
70. Werral Railway Act, 1903.
71. Richmarnworth Gas Act, 1903.
72. Harrogate Water Act, 1903.
73. Gorseinon and Swansea Gas Act, 1903.
74. Belfast Water Act, 1903.
75. Shrewsbury Urban District Council Gas Act, 1903.
76. Gas Lights and Coke Company's Act, 1903.
77. Commercial Gas Act, 1903.
78. Great Eastern Railway Act, 1903.
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Ordered, That the Report and Minutes of Evidence of the Select Committee on the Cottage Homes Bill, of Session 1899, and the Report and Minutes of Evidence of the Select Committee on Aged Persons Bill, be referred to the Select Committee on the Aged Persons Bill. — (Mr. Great evacuation.)

Mr. Halsey 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 towns of (Scotland) Bill: — Sir William Aveling, Mr. Asher, Mr. Buchan, Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Cramond, Colonel Davy, Mr. Pack of Inverarn, Mr. Maxwell, Sir John Stirling-Maxwell, Mr. Nicol, Mr. Pirie, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, Mr. Cathcart Wason, and Mr. Wyllie.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Standing Orders.

Chatham and District Light Railways Bill [Lords].

Mr. Halsey reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

1. That, in the case of the Chatham and District Light Railways 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 Maryport Harbour Bill [Lords], the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that Clauses 62 and 63 be 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 Salford Corporation 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 Jewish Colonization Association Bill [Lords], Petition for dispensing with Standing Order 129 in the case of the Jewish Colonization Association Bill [Lords], the said Standing Order ought not to be dispensed with.

The first three Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Salford Corporation Bill [Lords].

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Resolution of the Lords was read the first time.

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

The Gosport and Fareham Tramways Bill [Lords], was read the first time.

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

The Manchester Corporation Bill [Lords], was read the first time.

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

The West Bromwich Corporation Bill [Lords], was read the first time.

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

The Whitsun Estate Bill [Lords], was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be 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 Salford Corporation Bill [Lords] 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 Chatham and District Light Railways Bill [Lords], might be read and the same being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time. — (Mr. Caldwell.)

Message from the Lords.

Lochneil Estate Bill [Lords].

Gosport, Fareham, and Cosham Tramways Bill [Lords]. (new Gosport and Fareham Tramways Bill.)
Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 25, to leave out Subsection (9), in order to insert the words—

"The words of mining rights shall mean all of rights of mining, and taking minerals, and of digging and searching for minerals, and of opening quarries, or beds of stone, limestone, sand, marl, gravel, or clay, and taking materials therefrom, and of raising timber from under the ground, and all rights to and in respect of mining rents and royalties; and the words water rights shall mean all rights of or to water power."

"(2) On a sale under the Land Purchase Acts of an estate, whether to the Land Commission or otherwise, the owner of the estate, or any other person or corporation entitled to any mining rights or water rights, shall, in the absence of express agreement to the contrary by such owner, person, or corporation, be entitled to, and shall retain and exercise or dispose of as he or they shall think fit, all such mining rights and water rights.

"(3) On any such sale as aforesaid, notwithstanding that any mining rights and water rights are retained by or reserved to the owner of the estate, such sale shall be deemed to be a sale of an estate within the meaning of the Land Purchase Acts, and advances shall be made accordingly.

"(4) The Land Commission may purchase from the owner of an estate, or from any person or corporation, at such price as may be agreed on, any mining rights or water rights, and such sale shall be deemed to be a sale within the meaning of the Land Purchase Acts, and advances shall be made accordingly.

"(5) Where any mining rights or water rights become vested in the Land Commission, such rights, or any of them, shall be disposed of by them in manner hereafter to be provided by Parliament."—(Mr. Butcher),—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. 9, l. 19, after the word "person," to insert the words "on all incumbrancers and such other persons."

"—(Mr. Sheppard.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

And it being half an hour after Seven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means 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 evening, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Evening Sitting.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Irish Land Bill.

(From the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 15 (Persons whom Land Commission may deal with as owners).

Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 30, after the word "person," to insert the words "not being a mortgagee and not being a tenant for life, or a person having the powers of a tenant for life, who is a bankrupt, or whose estate or interest in the land has been assigned or parted with."

"—(Mr. Butcher.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 31, after the word "Act," to insert the words "registered under the Local Registration of Title (Ireland) Act, 1891, as amended by this Act, as owner of an estate sufficient to constitute him a person having power to sell under the Land Purchase Acts, or. —(Mr. Butcher.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 39, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that an owner who has not for six years immediately preceding been in receipt of any portion of the rents or profits of the land (other than the demesne, and whether or not in the possession of the owner, as tenants thereof, the powers conferred by this section shall apply to the same manner as if the estates were vested in the Land Commission.—(Mr. William O'Brien.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 30, to leave out the words "forgoing provisions of," in order to insert the words "Land Law Acts and—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy),—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, as amended, agreed to.

The Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resumed, That this House will, this evening, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Evening Sitting.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Irish Land Bill.
"not be under an occupation rent for such demesne) shall not, without the consent of the tenants, or any of them, shall be deemed to have purchased as and on any estate purchased by the Land Commission, or as much as may be necessary of the whole or as much as may be necessary of the bog to the Land Commission for the use of the tenants, at such price as in case of dispute may be considered fair by a Land Commission inspector."—(Dr. Thompson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 35, at the end, to insert the words "But such regulations shall not interfere with the practice of making mud and turf where the same now exists."—(Mr. Farrell.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

(Other Amendments made).

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 3, after the word "may," to insert the words "with the consent of all the proprietors and tenants affected thereby."—(Mr. Serjeant Hemphill.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 3, after the word "fit," to insert the words "for the carrying out of such purchase."—(Mr. Serjeant Hemphill.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 14, to leave out the words "one of."—(Mr. Dillon.)

Question proposed, That those words "one of" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question proposed, That the words "Land Commissioners may, if, having regard to the circumstances of the case, they think it expedient, order that, the remaining tenants, or any of them, shall be deemed to have accepted the offers made to them, and that the Land Purchase Acts shall apply accordingly.

Provided that the Commissioners, before making such order, shall consider any objection thereto, or modification therein, made by such tenants, and may alter or modify the terms at which such tenants, or any of them, shall be deemed to have purchased as may be considered equitable"—(Mr. T. W. Russell), instead thereof.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and negatived.

Question proposed, That those words be there added.

Amendment amended, by leaving out from the word "holdings" to the end of the Clause, in order to add the words—"The Estates Commissioners may, if, having regard to the circumstances of the case, they think it expedient, order that, the remaining tenants, or any of them, shall be deemed to have accepted the offers made to them, and that the Land Purchase Acts shall apply accordingly.

Provided that the Commissioners, before making such order, shall consider any objection thereto, or modification therein, made by such tenants, and may alter or modify the terms at which such tenants, or any of them, shall be deemed to have purchased as may be considered equitable."—(Mr. T. W. Russell), instead thereof.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and negatived.

Question proposed, That those words be there added.

Amendment amended, by leaving out from the word "holdings" to the end of the Amendment. Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, No. 18, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No. 19 (Regulations as to turbary and on holdings).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 30, to leave out the word "may," in order to insert the word "shall"—(Mr. Edward Mitchell), instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the word "may" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 31, after the word "addressed," to insert the words "and on any estate purchased by the Land Commission when the only bog available is in possession of the landlord. It shall be neces-

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Committee of Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police (Superannuation and Pensions) Bill:

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking Supply into consideration the Resolution which, upon the 27th day of May last, was reported from the Committee of Supply, and which Resolution Resolution was then postponed:

Ordered, That the said Resolution be taken into further consideration To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply 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 Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The
The Order of the day being read, for the
Third Reading of the Post Office Sites Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time
upon Friday next.

Statute Law Revision,  
(Scotland) (No. 2) Bill [Lords.]  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners
Act (Scotland) Bill [Lords];  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Metropolitan Streets
Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Thursday next.

Bankers (Unlimited) Act  
Repeal 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 Electrical Lighting
(London) Bill [Lords];  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Thursday next.

And the House having continued to sit till
after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday
morning;  
Wednesday, 1st July, 1903:

The Order of the day being read, for taking
into consideration the Employment of Children
Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;  
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further
consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Metropolitan Streets
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 Metropolitan Improvements
(Funds) 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 Bishopric of Bristol
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 Ecclesiastical Commissioners
Act [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 Marriages Legalisation
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 Law Superannuation
Act (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 Musical Copyright Bill  
Copyright Act [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 Poor Law Superannuation
Act (Scotland) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Workmen's Compensation
Act (1897) Amendment (Seamen) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming
Cruelty to Animals Bill to now read a second
Order, That the Debate be further adjourned
till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming
Town Tenants (Ireland) Bill for the adjourned Debate
on the Question proposed upon the 22nd day of May last, That the Town
Tenants (Ireland) Bill be now read a second
Order, That the Debate be further adjourned
till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Musical
Second Reading of the Musical Copyright Bill  
Copyright Act [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 Poor Law Superannuation
Act (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 British and Irish Meat
Protection Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
this day.

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

Wednesday, 1st July, 1903.

The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consid­eration the London and North Western
Railway Bill [Lords];  
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consid­eration the Strathspey and
Lochaber Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Bristol Corporation Bill [Lords] was Bristol
read a second time; and committed.

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

Mr. Arthur Elliot presented, by His 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 1902.

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Mr. Arthur Elliot also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—
Account of all Deposits received and paid under the authority of the Act 24 Vict. c. 14, during the year ended 31st December 1902; and
Account of the sums received and paid by the National Debt Commissioners on account of the Fund for the Post Office Savings Bank per Act 24 Vict. c. 14, from 1st January 1902 to 31st December 1902, inclusive.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Voucher relative to Post Office Savings Banks be printed.

Tracy—Viscount Cranborne presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Convention between the United Kingdom and the Netherlands, regulating the Allowances to Witnesses in Prize cases. Signed at The Hague, 26th April 1902. Ratifications exchanged at The Hague, 22nd May 1903.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of making further provision for the construction of Works in the United Kingdom and elsewhere for the purposes of the Royal Navy, and of authorising the payment, out of the Consolidated Fund, of such Sums as may be necessary for these purposes.—(Mr. Primrose.)
Sir Saile Cranley, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty has been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.
Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing, in respect of each Union and Parish under a separate Board of Guardians in England and Wales, the Number of Persons of each sex in receipt from Boards of Guardians (a) of indoor Relief or (b) of outdoor Relief on the 1st day of September 1903, who were over 60 years of age, distinguishing those who were over 60 and under 65, 65 and under 70, 70 and under 75, 75 and under 80, and 80 and over years of age and upwards; Lunatics in Asylums, licensed Houses, and registered Hospitals, Vagrants, and persons who were only in receipt of Relief constructively by reason of Relief being given to Wives or Children, not being included (in the Number of Persons of England and Wales, Parish under a separate Board of Guardians in the next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Select Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Sir Robert Grant reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting 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 such 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. Heywood Johnstone reported from the Police and Sanitary Committee; That, in the case of the Kingston-upon-Hull 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.

Mr. Heywood Johnstone reported from the Police and Sanitary Committee; That, in the case of the Aston Manor Improvement Bill (Lords), 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. Heywood Johnstone reported from the Police and Sanitary Committee; That, in the case of the Nantwich Urban District Council Bill (Lords), 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.

Ordered, That the Local Government Act 1888 Amendment Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Municipal Corporations (Audit) Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing, Shipping, and Marine) to ascertain what power they have to consolidate the Licensing (Scotland) Acts Amendment Bill and the Licensing Acts Consolidation (Scotland) Bill into one Bill.—(The Lord Advocate.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Irish Land Bill.

Clause, No. 21 (Certain powers and duties of Land Commission to be exercised by Estates Commissioners).
Another Amendment proposed, in the Committee on the Public Offices (Dublin) Bill, in p. 12, l. 32 and 33, to leave out the words "shall be under
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"under the control of the Lord Lieutenant."—(Mr. Butcher.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 24, at end, to insert the words "and such regulations shall be deemed to be statutory rules within the meaning of the Rules Publication Act, 1893."—(Mr. Butcher.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clauses, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses, No. 22 (Distribution of purchase money).

Amendment proposed, in p. 14, 1, to leave out Subsection (3).—(Mr. Butcher.)

Question, That Subsection (3) stand part of the Clause.—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 8, after the word "him," to insert the words "or in respect of any premium or any policy of insurance charged on the lands sold."—(Sir Lewis M'Iver.)

Question, That those words be there inserted,—put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 22, after the word "thereof," to insert the words—"Provided that any person making any claim against the purchase money, or the income thereof, may apply to the Judicial Commissioner to have the said purchase money paid into the High Court to be distributed thereby; and if the Judicial Commissioner, if satisfied that the said claim is bona fide, and that a dispute exists as to the title to, or distribution of or payment of, the said purchase money, or any part thereof, as to which a dispute exists, and the income thereof, shall make an order for the payment of the said purchase money, or any part thereof so as to which a dispute exists, and the income thereof, into the High Court to be distributed among and paid to the parties entitled thereto in the same manner as if it were the proceeds of the sale of lands ordered to be sold by the Chancery Division of the High Court under its ordinary jurisdiction."—(Mr. Serjeant Hemphill.)

Question, That those words be there inserted,—put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 14, 1. 23, after the words "state," to insert the words "where the purchase money thereof is sufficient to discharge all claims affecting same, and,"—(Sir Lewis M'Iver.)

Question, That those words be there inserted,—put, and negatived.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses, No. 23 (Closing day).

Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 24, to leave out the words "twelve months" in order to insert the words "two years"—(Mr. Shorpe)—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the words "twelve months" stand part of the Clause.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses, No. 24, agreed to.

Clauses, No. 25 (Raising of new two and three-quarters per cent, stock).

Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 11 and 12, to leave out the words "two and three-quarters," in order to insert the words "three"—(Mr. Lambert)—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That those words be to be left out stand part of the Clause.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses, No. 29 to No. 32, agreed to.

Clauses, No. 33, amended, and agreed to.

Clauses, No. 34 to No. 39, agreed to.

Clauses, No. 40 (Payment to Land Commission in respect of advances).

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself again into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Report to the House. The Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ireland Development Grant 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 Sugar Convention 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 South African Loan and War Contribution Bill as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sugar Convention 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 Police (Superannuation) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply of the Police (Superannuation) Bill; Ordered, 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 Statue Law Revision Bill; Ordered, 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 Congested Districts Board 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 Congested Districts Board Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Streets Bill; Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolis Street and Works 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 Metropolis Street and Works Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Metropolitan Improvements (Funds) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Improvements (Funds) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Bishopric of Bristol Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bishopric of Bristol Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Ecclesiastical Commissioners Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Marriages Legalisation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marriages Legalisation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Railways (Electrical Power) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Railways (Electrical Power) Bill;

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

Patent Office Extension (Expenses) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Patent Office Extension (Expenses);

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

Innkeepers' Liability Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Innkeepers' Liability Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration upon Wednesday the 15th day of this instant July.

Church Discipline Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Church Discipline Bill;

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

Day Industrial Schools (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Day Industrial Schools (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Local Government (Ireland) 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 upon Friday next.

Cruelty to Animals Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 2nd day of March last, That the Cruelty to Animals Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

Poor Law Superannuation (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Superannuation (Ireland) 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 British and Irish Meat Trade Protection Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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

[No. 84.]

Thursday, 2nd July, 1903.

The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Clerk at the Table informed the House the Chairman of the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Ways and Means.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the New Householders 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.

The British Gas Light Company (Norwich) Bill [Lords] 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 Erith Tramways and Improvement Bill was read the third time, and passed, with a New Title, as follows:

An Act to authorise the Urban District Council of Erith, in the County of Kent, to construct and work Tramways; to carry out Street Improvements; and to make further provision in regard to the supply of Electricity; and for the Improvement, Health, Local Government, and Finance of the District, 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 take into consideration the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions.

Mr. William Anson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—

Copy of Order in Council of the 25th June, 1863, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, authorising the Corporation of Trinity House to appoint Sub-Commissioners for the Examination of Pilots for certain Ports in the County of Camberland.

Copy of Order in Council of the 25th June, 1863, under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1885, entitled the Swaziland Order in Council, 1890, under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, entitled the Swaziland Order in Council, 1890.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
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Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copy of Draft Order setting out in the Second Schedule to the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Act, 1898, for the purpose of the levying of Light Duties in pursuance of the Act.

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

Mr. Arthur Elliot presented, by His Majesty’s Command, a Copy of Thirty-third Annual Report of the Deputy Master and Comptroller of the Mint, 1902.

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

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented,—Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 15th day of May last, for a Return relative to East India (Liability to increase in British Soldiers’ Pay).

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return, setting forth the Names and Characters, and Amount and Manner of the Advantages granted to other Countries, showing also the Amount of Trade with such Countries for the Five years preceding and the Five years succeeding the date when the differentiation came into force in each case.

Ordered, That the Shops (Early Closing) Bill [Lords] be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Shops (No. 2) Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Musical Copyright Bill [Lords] be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Heywood Johnstone reported from the Police and Sanitary Committee; that, in the case of the Frisian-on-Sea Sea Defences Bill [Lords], 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 Edward Stracey reported from the Committee on Group No. 10 of Railway Bills; that the parties promoting the Humber Commercial Railway and Dock 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; and be printed.

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

(In the Committee.)


1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 4,571,500, be granted to His 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 1904:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item I. (Royal Reserve of Merchant Cruisers) be reduced by £ 28,000.—(Mr. Gibson Bowles):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

2. £ 5,300,100 for Naval Armaments.

3. £ 69,400 for Scientific Services.

4. £ 116,100 for Educational Services.

5. £ 387,500 for the Royal Naval Reserve, the Royal Fleet Reserve (including Seamen Pensioner Reserve), and the Reserve of Retired Officers.

6. £ 469,500 for various Miscellaneous Effective Services.

7. £ 506,400 for the Admiralty Office.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1903–4.

Class II.

8. £ 15,859 to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of His Majesty’s Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues.

9. £ 15,312 to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Class III.

10. £ 116,635 to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Inspectors of Reformatory Schools, and under the Youthful Offenders Act, in Great Britain.

11. £ 21,551 to complete the Sum for the maintenance of Criminal Lunatics in the Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum.

Class VI.

12. £ 27,900 to complete the Sum for the Salaries and other Expenses of Temporary Commissions, Committees, and Special Inquiries.

13. £ 14,291 to complete the Sum for certain Miscellaneous Expenses.

14. £ 19,259 for making good certain Sums written off from the Assets of the Local Loans Fund.

15. £ 30,000 for a Grant in Aid of the Salaries and Expenses of the Royal Commission for the Sand Loan Exhibition, 1904.

16. £ 9 to complete the Sum for the maintenance of the Offices of the Royal Fleet Reserve, in England and Wales.

17. £ 10,001 to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners in Lunacy in England.

18. £ 16 to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Mint, including the Expenses of Coinage.

19. £ 7,493 to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Debt Office.

20. £ 14,158 to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Public Record Office, and of the Office of Land Revenue Records and Involvements.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, that the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Deputy Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved,
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bishop of
Bristol Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriages Legalisation
Committee on the Railways (Electrical Power) [Lords.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders
Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjourned, put, That this House do now adjourn—(Sir
Alexander Anstruther);—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes before Seven
of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

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Friday, 3rd July, 1903.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

M. R. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills
from one of the Examiners of Petitions for
[St n Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further
consideration To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Congested
Districts (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (Noton)
Bill, was, according to Order, read the third
time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to (No. 5) Bill,
the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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

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Intermediate Education (Ireland.)

Mr. Wyndham presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rule made by the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland, determining the Number of Centre Superintendents to be appointed for the Examinations, 1903.

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

Africa (No. 1, 1903) (East Africa, Madagascar, and Uganda).—Viscount Cranborne presented, by His Majesty's Command, in pursuance of the Address of the 17th day of June last—(Mr. Melrose).—Copy of Return of Concessions in the East African and Oudjda Protectorates.

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

Railways (Continuous Brakes.)

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return by Railway Companies of the United Kingdom on the use of Continuous Brakes, for the six months ending the 31st December 1902.

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

Iron and Steel, 1902.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Copy of Statistical Tables showing the production and consumption of Iron Ore and Pig Iron, and the production of Steel, in the United Kingdom and the principal Foreign Countries, in each year from 1890 to 1901, so far as the particulars can be stated.—(Mr. Gerald Balfour.)

Naval Works (Consolidated Fund.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Naval Works [Consolidated Fund].

(Resolution.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to make further provision for the construction of Works in the United Kingdom and elsewhere for the purposes of the Royal Navy, and to authorize the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of such Sums not exceeding £7,996,000, as may be required for those purposes, and to make provision for raising in the manner provided by Section Five of the Naval Works Act, 1895, the Sums so issued by the issue of Continuous Brakes, for the six months ending the 31st December 1902.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the House divided.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes:—Sir Alex. Acland, 178.

Tellers for the Noes:—Mr. Austen; 98.

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Tellers for the Noes:—Mr. Austen; 98.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Employment of Children Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Employment of Children Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

The Proceedings on the Amendment proposed, upon the 23rd day of June last, to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 1, 5, to leave out the word "any" and insert the words "every".—(Mr. Tennant, negative.)

And the Question being again proposed, That the word "any" 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. 2, l. 1, 5, by leaving out "any" and inserting the words "every".—(Mr. Tennant, negative.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment to the Bill, by leaving out the words "places or under conditions prejudicial to morality," and inserting the words "places or public places."—(Mr. Tennant, negative.)

And the Question being put, That the words "places or public places" stand part of the said proposed Amendment to the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes:—Sir Alex. Acland, 178.

Tellers for the Noes:—Mr. Austen; 98.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 23, by leaving out Subsection (7) of Clause 5.—(Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas.)

And the Question being put, That the words "provided that it is proved that such person was aware of the age of such child."—(Sir Edward Strachey.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in 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. 23, by leaving out the word "sixteen" to the word "be," in l. 27, and inserting the words "causes or knowingly permits a child to be so employed":—(Mr. J. Jesse Collings, negative.)

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. 3, l. 24, by leaving out Subsection (4) of Clause 5.—(Mr. Jesse Collings.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "provided,"
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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Congregated Second Reading of the Congregated Districts Education (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bishopric of Second Reading of the Bishopric of Bristol Bill [Lords]; 
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 Commissioners Bill [Lords]; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Railway Commissioners Bill [Lords]; 
Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office Extension Procedure and Transfer Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Licences Renewal and Transfer Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchandise Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Criminal Second Reading of the Criminal Aliens Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the Local Government Act Amendment Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Parliamentary Registration Bill; 
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday 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 Tuesday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 3rd day of March last, That the Craviss to Animals 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.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the 2nd day of March last, That the 1897 Cruelty to Animals Bill be now read a second time; 

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

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The Deputy Chairman reported the Port Talbot Railway and Docks Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

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

The Deputy Chairman reported the Jewish Colonisation Association Bill [Lords], 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 Message from the Lords, to the effect that the Lords have agreed to the County Councils (Bills in Parliament) Bill, without any Amendment.

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The Lords have agreed to the Education (Borrowing) Bill, without any Amendment.

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The Lords have agreed to the Contracts (India Office) Bill, without any Amendment.

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The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (Poor Law) Bill, without any Amendment.

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The Lords have agreed to the Nelson Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The Lords have agreed to the Pembroke Coal Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The Lords have agreed to the Charing Cross, Easton, and Hampton Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Hanger to make a gift of a new site for Hanger College; to provide Recreation Grounds; to acquire the Pennington Hall, 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 Shropshire and Worcestershire Electric Power Company; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Shropshire and Worcestershire Electric Power Bill [Lords], was read the first time.

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

The Shropshire and Worcestershire Electric Power Bill (Lords) was read the first time.

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
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.

**Hexham Gas and Water Bill [Lords.]**

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Hexham Gas and Water Bill [Lords.], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

**Kington-upon-Hull Corporation Bill.**

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Kington-upon-Hull Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

**Sheffield and South Yorkshire Navigation Bill [Lords.].**

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Sheffield and South Yorkshire Navigation Bill [Lords.], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

**Sheffield Corporation Bill.**

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Sheffield 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. Goldsworthy.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with a New Title, as follows?

An Act to confer further powers on the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Sheffield with respect to their Water Undertaking and their Electrical Undertaking; to authorise the execution of various Street Widings and other Works in the City; to consolidate into one Township certain Townships in the City to make further and better provision for the Improvement, 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.

**Torquay Corporation Water Bill [Lords.]**

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Torquay Corporation Water Bill [Lords.], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

**Bournemouth Gas and Water Bill [Lords.]**

The Government Gas and Water Bill [Lords.] was read a second time; and committed.

**Chatham and District Light Railways Bill [Lords.]**

The Chatham and District Light Railways Bill [Lords.] was read a second time; and committed.

**Maryport Harbour Bill [Lords.]**

The Maryport Harbour Bill [Lords.] was read a second time; and committed.

**Mid Yorkshire Tramways Bill [Lords.]**

The Mid Yorkshire Tramways Bill [Lords.] was read a second time; and committed.

**Salford Corporation Bill [Lords.]**

The Salford Corporation Bill [Lords.] was read a second time; and committed.

**Castlehaven, Keady, and Armagh Railway (Extension of Time) Bill.**

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Provisional Order Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time

Mr. Arthur Elliot presented, pursuant to the Superintendence of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulation, dated 6th July 1903, withdrawing Article 102 of the Provisional Code of 1903.

Copy of Regulations for Secondary Schools, Board of Education, from 1st August 1903 to 31st July 1904.

Copy of Regulations for Evening Schools, Board of Technical Institutions, and Schools of Art and Education, Art Classes, from 1st August 1903 to 31st July 1904.

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

Mr. Wyndham presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland, for the year 1902.

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

Mr. Walter Long presented, pursuant to the Metropolitan Directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made by the Local Government Board, prescribing Regulations with respect to the creation, issue, transfer, dealing with, and redemption of any Metropolitan Water Stock which the Metropolitan Water Board create under the Metropolitan Water Act, 1902.

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

Mr. Secretary Brodrick presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Letter from General Officer Commanding the Forces in South Africa, transmitting the Proceedings of a Board
Ordered, That the Medical Act (1880) Amendment (No. 2) Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Prevention of Cruelty to Children (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time and printed.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, Church Discipline Bill.

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 Lanarkshire and Dumbartonshire Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the West Cumberland and Cumberland Railway Bill, upon the Preston Estate, in the County of Lancashire, for the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable Money to be raised or secured upon the Preston Estate, in the County of Lancashire, for the purpose of repayment and reduction of their 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 empower the South Western and Isle of Wight Tramways Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Irish Land Bill.

Clause, No. 43 (Allocation of funds).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 22, l. 29, to leave out from the word "annual" to end of l. 30, in order to insert the words "agreed to be sold within five years after the commencement of this Act a bonus of fifteen per centum of the amount of the purchase money of said estate, such bonus to be paid upon the completion of the sale"—(Mr. John Redmond), instead thereof.

Question again proposed, That the words "stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 22, l. 42, to leave out from the word "stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 22, l. 11, to add, at end, to add the words "No stamp duty or fee fund shall be charged on any searches directed by the Land Commission for Land Judge in the Registry of Deeds, Registry of Titles, or Registry of Judgments."—(Mr. Sergeant Hemphill).

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 22, l. 11, to add, at end, to add the words "(4) No writ of fieri facias or other process of a court shall be executed by seizure or sale of the estate or resold or sold under section three of this Act."—(Mr. O'Shee).

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 44, agreed to.

Clause, No. 45 (As to stamp duty).

Amendment proposed, in p. 23, l. 11, at end, to add the words "Such stamp duty or fee fund shall be payable on any conveyance or transfer of land purchased under the Land Purchase Act, or Part II. of this Act, only in respect of the amount or value of the consideration for such conveyance or transfer, and exclusive of the redemption value of the security payable to the Land Commission."—(Mr. O'Shee).

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 23, l. 11, after the word "commission," to insert the words "and the President for the time being of the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland, and,"—(Mr. Sergeant Hemphill).

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 46, agreed to.

Clause No. 47 (Public Trustee).

Amendment proposed, in p. 24, l. 38, after the word "Commission," to insert the words "and the President for the time being of the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland,"—(Mr. Sergeant Hemphill).

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 24, l. 43, after the word "sale," to insert the words "such rules shall be made by a majority, of whom the Judicial Commissioner shall be one."—(Sir John Colenso).

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, No. 48 (Amendment of 51 & 52 Vic. c. 49, s. 2, with respect to limitation of advances in certain cases).

Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 25, l. 19, to leave out Subsection (2).—(Mr. Herbert Robertson).

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, as far as the word "made," in l. 21, stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 49 (Restrictions on subdivision and incumbrance of holding).

Amendment proposed, in p. 25, l. 39, to leave out paragraph (c).—(Colonel Nolan).

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 26, l. 2, to leave out from the word "map" to the word "nominate," in l. 8.—(Sir John Colenso).

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 26, l. 9, to leave out the words "interested in the holding."—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy).

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 26, l. 13, to leave out Subsection (2).—(Mr. Seymour Omsby-Gore).

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 26, l. 22, after the word "registered," to insert the words "within one month."—(Mr. O'Shee).

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 26, l. 22, at end, to insert the words "(4) No writ of fieri facias or other process of a court shall be executed by seizure or sale of the estate or resold or sold under section three of this Act."—(The Marquess of Hamilton).

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 26, l. 25, at end, to add, as a new subsection, the words "(5) This section shall not apply to any lands resold or sold under section three of this Act."—(The Marquess of Hamilton).

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 50, amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 51 (Maps and information to be furnished to Land Commission).

Amendment proposed, in p. 27, l. 9, at end, to insert, as a new subsection, the words "(4) A fee prescribed by the Lord Lieutenant shall be payable by the Land Commission in each case to any official giving the information required by subsections two and three."—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy).

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 52 (Liability for interest on purchase money in case of proceedings before Land Judge).

Amendment proposed, in p. 27, l. 41 and 42, to leave out the words "not more than one year," in order
order to insert the word "no"—(Mr. Dillon)—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 55 (Amendment of 59 & 60 Edw. VII., c. 67, § 40, with respect to report of Land Commission and certain court lettings).

Amendment proposed, in p. 28, l. 4, to leave out Subsection (1)—(Mr. Dillon.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 28, l. 7, after the word "reconsideration," to insert the words "on any question other than that of price."—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clauses agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 54 (Apportionment of quit and crown rents).

Amendment proposed, in p. 26, l. 28, to leave out the word "may," in order to insert the word "shall"—(Mr. Butcher)—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the word "may" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 29, l. 32, at end, to add the words "(8) In all cases in which the Commissioners of Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues are parties to any proceedings in the High Court or the Land Commission, the court or judge shall have power to award costs to or against said Commissioners."—(Mr. Butcher.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

And it being half an hour after Seven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means 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 evening, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Evening Sitting.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Irish Land Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 55 (Apportionment of quit and crown rents).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 29, l. 35, at end, to add the words "(8) In all cases in which the Commissioners of Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues are parties to any proceedings in the High Court or the Land Commission, the court or judge shall have power to award costs to or against said Commissioners."—(Mr. Butcher.)

Question again proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clauses, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 56 (As to superior interest where security sufficient).

Amendment proposed, in p. 30, l. 6, at end, to add the words "(3) The trustees of any estate sold under this Act or the Public Trustee may, after liquidation of all liabilities, on the application of the landlord, or his representatives, advance out of the purchase money to the landlord a sum not exceeding one year's purchase."—(Dr. Thompson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 57, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 58 (Amendment of 50 & 51 Vic. c. 23, § 10 (3), as to fixing redemption price).

Amendment proposed, in p. 30, l. 38, to leave out the words "Land Commission," in order to insert the words "Judicial Commissioner,"—(Mr. Butcher)—instead thereof.

Question, That the words "Land Commission" stand part of the Clause,—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 30, l. 29, at end, to add the words "and in no case shall the redemption price of the superior interest to which any holding is subject (including the cost of proving the title to such superior interest) exceed the amount of the purchase money advanced in respect of such holding, exclusive of any percentage payable to the vendor under section forty-three of this Act."—(Mr. Londonderry.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 59 to No. 63, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 64, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 65 (Advances to Congested Districts Board).

Amendment proposed, in p. 32, l. 22, to leave out the word "seven," in order to insert the word "two"—(Mr. William O'Brien)—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the word "seven" stand part of the Clause:—put, and agreed to.

Tuesday, 7th July, 1903:—

And it being Nine o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means 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 Ireland Development Grant Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Metropolitan Streets 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 Second Reading of the Jutland Peace Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking London Education Bill into consideration, 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 Second Reading of the South African Loan and War Contribution 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 Sugar Convention 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 Statute Law Revision (Scotland) Bill [Lords]; 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 1st day of this instant July, That the Bankers (Ireland) Act Repeal 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 receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd day of this instant July; Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

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. Pretorius reported from the Committee on Naval Works [Consolidated Fund] a Resolution; which was read, as follows: That it is expedient to make further provision for the construction in the United Kingdom and elsewhere for the purposes of the Royal Navy, and to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of such Sums, not exceeding £7,996,000, as may be required for those purposes, and to make provision for raising, in the manner provided by Section Five of the Naval Works Act, 1895, the Sums so issued by Terminable Annuities for a period not exceeding Thirty years from the date of the borrowing.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the subject.

Mr. Pretorius accordingly presented a Bill to make further provision for the construction of Works in the United Kingdom and elsewhere for the purposes of the Royal Navy; and that the said Resolution be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Employment of Children Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Offices (Dublin) (re-committed) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means 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 Police (Superannuation) 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 Electric Lighting (London) Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Police (Superannuation) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Statute Law Revision 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 Congested Districts (Scotland) (No. 2) 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 Ecclesiastical Commissioners 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 Bishopric of Bristol 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 Marriages Legalisation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Railway Committee on the Railways (Electrical Power) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Prevention of Pollution of Rivers and Streams 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 the Second Reading of the Labourers (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time today.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Cruelty to Animals Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the House be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Musical Copyright Bill [Lords]; Ordered, 1903. [No. 86.}
Tuesday, 7th July, 1903.
The House met at Two 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 suspended into which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

- Shropshire and Worcestershire Electric Power Bill [Lords].

Hampton Court Gas Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Hampton Court Gas Bill; and acquiesce in, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Baker Street and Waterloo Railway (Extension of Time) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquiesce in, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordsships.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the South Lancashire Tramways Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next (Evening Sitting).

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Acton Manor Improvement Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That, in the case of the Castlebury, Castletown, Keady, and Armagh Railway (Extension of Time) Bill, Standing Orders 211, 236, and 237 be suspended, and that the Committee of Selection have leave to appoint the Committee on the Bill to sit and proceed forthwith. — (Mr. Calwell.)

Ordered, That, in the case of the Kingston-upon-Hull Corporation Bill, Standing Order 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read a second 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 Drainage and Improvement of Lands Drainage and Improvement 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 Local Government Provisional Orders 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 Order of the day being read, for the Gas and Water Orders Confirmation Bill [Lords], was, according to Order, read the second time, and committed.

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

Mr. Secretary Ayrton-Douglas presented, by telegraph, His Majesty's Commands.—Copy of Reports by Mr. J. R. Muir, His Majesty's Consul General at Dusseldorf, and Dr. F. H. Kosygin, the British Vice Consul, on the Outbreak of Ankylostomiasis in the Westphalian Colliery District in Germany. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to Gas and Water Act, and the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report by the Board of Trade, in compliance with Section 4 of the Gas and Water Act 1902, as amended in the Committee, and committed.
Facility Act, 1870, as to dispensing with the consent of the Local Government in the case of the Mid Kent Water Provisional Order. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Deputy Chairman reported the Carmarthen Electric Power Bill [Lords], with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Halsey reported from the Select Committee on National Expenditure: 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 any Evidence taken before them, and an Appendix. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Petition had been presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, &c.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by the Select Committee on the Cairnshill Railway, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders Confirmation (East Ham, &c.) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the British Gas Light Company (Norwich) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

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The Deputy Chairman reported the Carmarthen Electric Power Bill [Lords], with Amendments. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Deputy Chairman reported the Fife Electric Power Bill [Lords], with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.


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Orders.

The House doth resolve itself into 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. Black, Colonel Brown, Mr. Charles Douglas, Sir Wifred Lawson, Sir Charles Cusack, Mr. Round, Mr. Eugene Watson, Earl of Dalloch, and Mr. Samuel Young; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Burt, Mr. Dillon, Colonel Long, Sir William Mother, Mr. Fellowes, Mr. Lennox, Mr. Channing, Mr. Gueff, and Mr. O' Malley. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Halsey reported from the Select Committee on National Expenditure: 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 any Evidence taken before them, and an Appendix. 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 Amendment made by the Select Committee on the Radnorshire Electric Power Bill [Lords], with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Education Board Provisional Orders Confirmation (West Ham, &c.) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Bill [Lords], 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 British Gas Light Company (Norwich) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the British Gas Light Company (Norwich) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Irish Land Bill.

(At the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 65 (Advances to Congested Districts Board).

Amendment proposed, in p. 33, l. 29, to leave out the word “seven,” in order to insert the word “two”—(Mr. William O'Brien), instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the word “seven” stand part of the Clause,—put, and negatived.

Question proposed, That the word “two” be there inserted,—put, and negatived.

Word “five” there inserted.—(Mr. Wyndham).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 32, l. 33, at end, to add the words “(4) The county councils of the congested districts shall have the power to nominate two representatives to sit on the Congested Districts Board for three years, who shall possess the same rights and privileges as the other members of the Board.”—(Mr. Thompson).

Question proposed, That those words be there added.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 66, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 67 (Limit as to untenanted land vested in Board).

Amendment proposed, in p. 33, l. 5, at end, to add the words “All untenanted lands which become vested in the Board shall be offered by them for sale within two years after they shall have become so vested in parcels to tenants or proprietors of holdings not exceeding ten acres in area and five pounds in rateable value each on estates adjacent to or in the neighbourhood of the said lands, or in the case there shall be no such tenants or proprietors, then to any persons to whom the said Board may sell the said land under the provisions of the Congested Districts Board (Ireland) Acts.”—(Mr. Ambrose).

Question proposed, That those words be there added.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 69 (Sales by Congested Districts Board to certain tenants).

Amendment proposed, in p. 33, l. 10, to leave out the word “twenty”—“Mr. Tully,” instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the word “twenty” stand part of the Clause.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 33, l. 15, at end, to add the words—

“(5) When the Congested Districts Board, in exercising any power vested in them under section forty-four of the Act of 1896, or otherwise, sell any parcels of land to tenants of small holdings or others, the cost of any improvements other than the cost of the building or rebuilding of houses carried out by the Board upon any such parcel of land previous to such sale shall not be included in the estimate of the price to be paid for the same, and shall not be payable by the purchaser thereof, nor shall any money be payable by way of fine by any such purchaser to the Board upon such sale.

“(6) The Congested Districts Board shall, within two years, out of the income provided for them by the Congested Districts Board (Ireland) Acts, set apart the sum of forty thousand pounds for the purposes of migration and settlement, as mentioned in section thirty-seven and section thirty-nine, subsection one (a), of the Act of 1891, and for the enlargement of small holdings under the powers conferred upon them by section forty-four of the Act of 1896 and said section in such proportions as they may determine. And in case the sum of twenty thousand pounds a year referred to in section thirty-five of this Act is paid to the Board, such sum shall be applied by them to the like purposes only.”—(Mr. O'Malley).

Question proposed, That those words be there added.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 33, l. 16, at end, to insert the words—

“(7) No advance shall be made under any of the Land Purchase Acts for the purchase of a holding situated within a congested district county in any of the following cases:

“(a) Where the tenant does not reside upon the holding or within one mile thereof;

“(b) Where the holding comprises more than fifty acres in extent, and for the purpose of the Congested Districts Board, is suitable for the enlargement of existing holdings, or for any of the purposes mentioned in subsection one (a) of section thirty-nine of the Act of 1896.”—(Mr. John O'Donnell).

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUDES, Nos. 69 to No. 71, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 72 (Purchase of land by Board).

Amendment proposed, in p. 34, l. 11, at end, to insert the words “(2) Where any agricultural or pastoral land is for sale in a congested district county, and the vendor is a person who may be dealt with as the owner of the land in accordance with the provisions of Part I. of this Act or otherwise, the Congested Districts Board shall be entitled to a right of pre-emption of said land. No person shall sell any such land to any person or persons other than the said Board, or enter into any agreement for the sale thereof without first serving within the prescribed time and in the prescribed manner upon the said Board notice of his intention to do so. On receiving such notice the said Board shall, in case they determine to purchase the said lands for all or any of the purposes of the Congested Districts Board (Ireland) Acts, serve upon the vendor thereof within the prescribed time and in the prescribed manner a notice of their intention to purchase the same. The said Board thereupon shall be entitled to purchase the said land for such sum as may be agreed upon, or, in the event of disagreement, may be ascertained by the Land Commission Court to be the true value thereof, and the sale shall thereupon be completed in the same manner in all respects as if it were a purchase by agreement by the said Board within the provisions of section seventy-two of this Act. For the purposes of this subsection, the true value of said lands shall be ascertained by the Land Commission in the same manner as if it were a tenancy being sold to the landlord under the provisions of the Act of 1881, subject to such variations as the Land Commission may by rules direct.”—(Mr. O'Donnell).

Question proposed, That those words be there added.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
the county council of the county in which the
land is situate, declare the sale to be void. In
case the said Board, having received the
notice of the vendor's intention to sell, shall
fail to serve the said notice of their intention
to buy, they shall be deemed to have
waived all right of pre-emption under this
section, and the vendor shall thereupon be
intitled to sell the land as if this section had
not passed."

Question proposed, That those words be there
inserted—Amendment by leave withdrawn.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 34, l. 17,
at end, to add the words "(3) In any case in
which the Congested Districts Board, or the
county council having jurisdiction in a county
as appended by this Act to the Congested
Districts Board shall have all such powers of
purposes of pasture, or an agreement for the
agreement or temporary depasturage of land
within said congested districts county, has been
made since the passing of the Act of 1891
with a view to defeating the purposes of
Part II. of that Act, it shall be lawful for
said Board or said county council to apply to
the Land Commission Court to have said
letting or agreement set aside, and for this
purpose notice of such application shall be
served within the prescribed time and the
prescribed manner upon the parties to said
letting or agreement, and the said Land
Commission Court, after giving all the fore­
gone parties an opportunity of being heard,
and having considered all the circumstances of
the case, may, if satisfied that said letting or
agreement as aforesaid has been so made,
make an order declaring same to be void as
from the date of such order upon such terms
as to costs or otherwise as to said Court shall
seem just, and thereupon the Congested
Districts Board shall have all such powers of
purchasing the lands comprised in such order,
"fused and discharged from said letting or
agreement, as are conferred upon them by
the Congested Districts Board (Ireland) Acts,
as amended by this Act, for the purchase of
"lands whether compulsorily or by agreement."

(Mr. William O'Brien.)

Question proposed, That those words be there
added—Amendment by leave withdrawn.
Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 73 to No. 75, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 76 (As to Land Commissioners).
Amendment proposed, in p. 35, l. 3, to leave
out Subsection (4).—(Mr. Dillon.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed
to be left out stand part of the Clause:—put, and agreed to.

Ordered, That this House will, this evening,
again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the second
reading of the Ireland Development
Grant 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 Law (Disestablishment of
School Districts and Adjustments) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan
Committee on the Metropolitan Streets Bill;

Ordered, That this House will, this day,
resolute itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the justices of
second reading of the justices of the peace
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 statute law revision
(Scotland) Bill [Lords];

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 repeal Bill
upon the 1st day of this instant July, That the
Bankers (Ireland) Act repeal 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 receiving the
Report from the Committee of Supply of Ireland
Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Report be received this
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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.

Ways and Means.
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.

Public Offices (Scotland) Bill.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Offices (Dublin) (re-committed) Bill.

(Ecclesiastical Superannuation) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police (Superannuation) Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means 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.

Electric Lighting (London) Bill [Lords]—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Metropolitan Improvements (Funds) Bill—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Electric Lighting (London) 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 Metropolitan Improvements (Funds) 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 Congested Districts (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill;

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

Bishops of Bristol Bill [Lords]—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bishops of Bristol Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Ecclesiastical Commissions Bill [Lords]—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Marriages Legislation Bill—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marriages Legislation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Railways (Electrical Power) Bill—The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Railways (Electrical Power) Bill;

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

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Kip's Patents Bill [Lords.] was read a second time; and committed.

The Jewish Colonisation Association Bill [Lords.] 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 Amendment made by the Lords to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 7) 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.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the North Western Electricity and Power-Gas Bill [Lords.] might be read; and the same being read,

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Translation of the proposed New General Customs Tariff for Austria-Hungary, with comparison, as far as possible, of the Rates of Customs Duty contained in the proposed Tariff with the Rates as present in force on Imports into Austria-Hungary from the United Kingdom.

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented,—Return Gas, Water Orders Confirmation Bill [Lords.], No. 244.

Return to an Order, dated the 7th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to the Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill [Lords.], No. 245.

Return to an Order, dated the 7th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to the Gas and Water Orders Confirmation Bill [Lords.], No. 246.

Return to an Order, dated the 7th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to the Gas and Water Orders Confirmation Bill [Lords.], No. 247.

Sir Robert Guest reported the Money Docks and Harbour Board Bill [Lords.], with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Old Age Pensions (Friendly Societies) Bill of Session 1898, the Old Age Pensions (Provident Pensions) Bill of Session 1900, the Old Age Pensions (No. 3) Bill, and Old Age Pensions (No. 5) Bill of Session 1901, and the Old Age Pensions Bill, Aged Pensioners (No. 2) Bill, and Cottage House Bill of the present Session, be referred to the Select Committee on the Aged Pensioners Bill,—(Mr. Grant Lawson.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday Licensing Law (Compensation for Non-Renewal) Bill.

THE House met at Two of the clock.

The Day Industrial Schools (Ireland) 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 Second Reading of the Poor Law Superannuation (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 British and Irish Meat Protection Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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 Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill [Lords.].—(Mr. Bonar Law.)

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 Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill [Lords.].—(Mr. Bonar Law.)

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 Gas and Water Orders Confirmation Bill [Lords.].—(Mr. Bonar Law.)

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 Water Orders Confirmation Bill [Lords.].—(Mr. Bonar Law.)

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 Fishguard and Stranraer Railways and Harbours Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

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Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Port Talbot Railway and Docks Bill [Lords.] be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Port Talbot Railway and Docks Bill [Lords.].

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time; and committed.

The Birmingham District Tramways Bill [Lords.] was read a second time; and committed.

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

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Charing Cross, Euston, and Hanptoned 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.

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Irish Land Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 82 (Extension of Acts to agricultural workers). Amendment proposed, in p. 37, l. 15, to leave out the words "(other than a domestic or menial servant)"—(Mr. J. O'Shea). Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.—(Mr. J. O'Shea). Amendment proposed, in p. 37, l. 16, to leave out from the word "district" to the end of the Clause.—(Mr. J. O'Shea). Question, That the words "whose wages do not exceed" stand part of the Clause.—put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSES, No. 83 and No. 84, agreed to.

CLAUSES, No. 85 to No. 89, agreed to.

Two Clauses added:

Another Clause (Trinity College, Dublin)—(Mr. Wyndham)—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 "Sir Alexander Acland—Yea,

Mr. Anstruther:" No.

Tellers for the "Sir Thomas逸级don—Yea,

Captain Donelan:" No.

Clause added.

Three other Clauses added.

Another Clause (Scheme under Land Commissioners Acts to be framed by Land Commission)—(3) Where the Land Commission have purchased an estate, or where application is made to the Commission to sanction advances for the purchase of holdings comprised in an estate, they shall make inquiry as to whether accommodation is needed for labourers on the estate, and if of opinion that such accommodation is needed they shall frame a scheme providing therefor.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Metropolitan Streets Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Metropolitan Streets Bill.

CLAIMED, No. 1.
Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:

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And it being Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means 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.

South African Loan and War Contribution Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South African Loan and War Contribution Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Sugar Conventions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sugar Convention Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ireland Development Grant Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ireland Development Grant Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Poor Law (Dissolution of School Districts and Adjustments) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law (Disolution of School Districts and Adjustments) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Justice of the Peace Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Justices of the Peace Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Statute Law Revision (Provincial) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Statute Law Revision (Provincial) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.


The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd day of this instant July;
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, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee; 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 Ecclesiastical Commissioners 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 Police (Superannuation) 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 Bishopric of Bristol Bill [Lords.];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the South African Loan and War Contribution Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office Sites Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Church Discipline Bill; Resolution, 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 Day Industrial Schools (Ireland) Bill.

CLAIMED, No. 1.
To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Sir William Tomlinson 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 Small Holdings Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of this instant July.
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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shops (Early Closing) Bill [Lords];
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 Jury Acts (Ireland) Amendment 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 Municipal Corporations (Audit) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 5th day of August 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 Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 22nd day of May last, That the Town Tenants (Ireland) 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 Poor Law Superannuation (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 British and Irish Meat Protection Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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

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The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

This House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Nelson 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 Hexham Gas Bill [Lords] 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 Nastasneh Urban District Council Bill Nastasneh [Lords] 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 Sheffield and South Yorkshire Navigation Sheffield and Bill [Lords] 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 Torquay Corporation Water Bill [Lords] 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 Clerk at the Table informed the House that the Chairman of the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Ways and Means.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions;
Vide Seventh Report.

Mr. Wyndham presented, by His Majesty’s Irish Land Command.—Copy of Report by the Irish Land Commissioners for the period from the 1st April 1902 to 31st March 1903;
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Arthur Elliot presented,—Return to an Order dated the 17th day of March last, for a Report relative to Revenue and Expenditure in England, Scotland, and Ireland;
Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Viscount Cranborne presented, by His Majesty’s Command.—Copy of Commercial Convention between the United Kingdom and Peru. Signed at Jodhpur, 9th February 1903. Ratifications exchanged at Tehran, 27th May 1903.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Acland-Douglas presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament (Reformatories, &c.),—Copy of Regulations made, with the approval of the Secretary of State for the Home Department, for the management and discipline of the certificated Inebriate Reformatories at Leeds and Chesterfield.

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Copy of amended Regulations made, with the approval of the Secretary of State for the Home Department, for the management and discipline of the certified Inebriate Reformatories at *Brentford and Harfield*.

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

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of Inquiry as to Hoaring Fishery in the Firth of Clyde, &c.

Ordered, That the said Paper do 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 Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill [Lords].—(Mr. Emerson Lenn.)

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), Shipping, and Manufactures:—Mr. Cameron Corbett, Mr. Forrester, and Mr. William McKillop; and had appointed in substitution: Bir William Tomlinson, Mr. Kilbride, and Mr. Hains.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Halley reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

That in the case of the *Manchester Corporation* Bill [Lords] the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

That in the case of the *Gosport and Fareham* Tramways Bill [Lords] the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

That in the case of the *Bangor* Corporation Bill [Lords] the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

That in the case of the South Eastern and London, and Dover Railway Bill [Lords] the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that Clause 30 and the Fourth Schedule be struck out of the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how 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 *Manchester Corporation* Bill [Lords] might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.  
—(Mr. Cadwall.)

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the *Gosport and Fareham* Tramways Bill [Lords] might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.  
—(Mr. Cadwall.)

Mr. Ashton reported from the Committee on the *Manchester Southern Tramways* Bill [Lords]; and in pursuance of the Resolutions of the House of the 17th of March last, in the cases respectively of the *Manchester Southern Tramways* (Cheshire) and the *Manchester Southern Tramways* (Lancashire) Bills, which Bills were consolidated into the present Bill in the House of Lords, the necessary consents of the local and road authorities to the Tramways specified in the said Resolutions were proved before the Committee.

Mr. Ashton 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.

Mr. Ashton reported from the Committee on the *Railway Bills* Group No. 12 of Railway Bills; That the Committee had adjourned till Monday next, at Twelve of the clock, there being no business ready.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords was read; and the same being put in force, the Lords passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for making further provision for the foundation of a Dean and Chapter of Newcastle, and for other purposes connected therewith; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the *Guinea Postal Orders Bill*, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the *Hamilton Burgh Provisional Order Bill*, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the *Brighthope Ferry, Fife* Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 14) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill, with Amendments; 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 foundation of a Dean and Chapter of Newcastle, 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 make further provision for the foundation of a Dean and Chapter of Newcastle, and for other purposes connected therewith; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Education Board Bill; and the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 14) Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill was read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee for the Examinations of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.
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The Education Board Provisional Order Confirmation (London) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

Sir William Atten attended the Bill to enable the School Board for London to complete the purchase of a Site for a Pupil Teachers' Centre, 16th allotted Supply.

Bill [Lords.] Bill 271.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 1st day of March 1904, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Education, and of the various Establishments connected therewith, including sundry Grants in Aid:

Ordered, That the Report be received this afternoon; and be printed.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1903-4.

Class IV.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £5,240,000, be granted to His 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 1904, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Education, and of the various Establishments connected therewith, including sundry Grants in Aid:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £5,240,000, be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Asquith):—

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Bill, not exceeding £5,240,000, be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Weir.)

The Committee proceeded to a Division, and Division the Chairman stated that he thought the Noes Division had it; and, on his decision being challenged, it appeared to him that the Division was frivolously claimed, and he accordingly directed the Ayes to stand up in their places; and Three Members having stood up, the Chairman declared that the Noes had it.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

Class V.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £9,985, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of His Majesty's Secretary for Scotland, and for the Establishment connected therewith, including sundry Grants in Aid:

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Supply.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1903-4.

Class IV.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £2,319,806, be granted to His 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 1904, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of His Majesty's Secretary for Scotland and Subordinate Office, Expenses under the Inebriates Acts, 1872 to 1900, and Expenses under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1896, including a Grant in Aid of the Congested Districts (Scotland) Fund:

Ordered, That the Report be received this afternoon; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd day of this instant July:

Ordered, That the Report be received this afternoon; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd day of this instant July; and the Report be received this afternoon; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd day of this instant July; and the Report be received this afternoon; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd day of this instant July; and the Report be received this afternoon; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd day of this instant July; and the Report be received this afternoon; and be printed.

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The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd day of this instant July; and the Report be received this afternoon; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd day of this instant July; and the Report be received this afternoon; and be printed.
Metropolitan Streets Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Metropolitan Streets Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Bishops of Southwark and Birmingham Bill (Lords).

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bishops of Southwark and Birmingham Bill (Lords);
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Poor Law (Dissolution of School Districts and Adjustments) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law (Dissolution of School Districts and Adjustments) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Justices of the Peace Bill (Lords).

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Justices of the Peace Bill (Lords);
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Statute Law Revision (Scotland) Bill (Lords).

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Statute Law Revision (Scotland) Bill (Lords);
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Police (Superannuation) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police (Superannuation) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Electric Lighting (London) Bill (Lords).

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Electric Lighting (London) Bill (Lords);
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Metropolitan Improvements (Pleas) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Improvements (Pleas) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Bishopric of Bristol Bill (Lords).

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bishopric of Bristol Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Marriages Legislation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marriages Legislation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Railway (Electrical Power) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Railways (Electrical Power) Bill;
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 Patent Office Extension [Expenses];
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Post Office Sites Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Post Office Sites Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Churches Holdings (Scotland) Act 1892 Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 1st day of April last, That the Churches Holdings (Scotland) Act (1888) 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 14th day of March last, That the School Board Electorate (Scotland) 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 Infant Life Protection Bill; (Scotland)
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill, upon Tuesday the 4th day of August next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Prevention of Second Reading of the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (Amendment) Bill (Lords);
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill (Lords) upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law (Supersession) Bill, upon the 22nd day of May last, That the Poor Law (Supersession) Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Streets Bill; That the 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 Poor Law Second Reading of the Poor Law Superannuation 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 Municipal Copyright Bill (Lords);
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 (Scotland) Bill, upon the 1st day of April last, That the Poor Law (Scotland) Bill be read a second time; upon the 18th day of March last, That the Bill be read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

Second Reading of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Second Reading of the Poor Law Superannuation (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Second Reading of the Irish Meat Protection Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

[No. 90.]

Friday, 10th July, 1903.

The House met at Twelve 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 Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with.

1. Bury and District Joint Water Board Bill (Lords);
Scottish Holdings and Manitoba Land Company Bill (Lords).
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Cheshire Lines Committee Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered,
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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.

Highland and Invergarry and Fort Augustus Railway Companies Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Highland and Invergarry and Fort Augustus Railway Companies 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 Ashton Manor Improvement Bill [Lords] be read the third time upon Monday next.

Pontypridd on-Sea Sea Defences.

Mr. Jones Campbell, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Pontypridd on-Sea Sea Defences Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

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

Postponed Urban District Council Bill [Lords].

The Postponed Urban District Council Bill [Lords] 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 Cardiff Railway Bill [Lords] be read the third time.

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

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Edinburgh (Hilltop Road Site) Bill with respect to the Standing Orders relative to Private Bills. (Sir William Anson.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Naval Works Bill [Lords];

And a Motion being made, and the Question 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 "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House declines to sanction expenditure on new works for the total cost of £50,000,000 (as may be)" to the practice, included in the Bill." (Mr. Buchanan), 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.

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acton;]
Yea. [Mr. Austen;]
Tellers for the [Mr. Buchanan;]
Nay. [Mr. Eugene Wason;]

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 Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Employment of Children Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration upon Tuesday next.

Metropolitan Streets Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Metropolitan Streets Bill;
Recessed, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ecclesiastical Commissions Bill [Lords.]
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners Bill [Lords.];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

South African Loan and War Contribution Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South African Loan and War Contribution Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

London School Board (Billdrop Road Site) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London School Board (Billdrop Road Site) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Supply (2nd July) Report.
The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd day of this instant July; Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Biographies of the Bishops of Birmingham and Birmingham Bill [Lords.];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Poor Law (Dissolution of School Districts and Adjustments) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law (Dissolution of School Districts and Adjustments) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Juvenile of the Peace Bill [Lords.]
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Justices of the Peace Bill [Lords.];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Police (Superannuation) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police (Superannuation) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Marriages Act Amendment Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marriages Act Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Committee of Supply of the London School Board (Billdrop Road Site) Bill; Income and War Contribution Bill; Second Reading of the South African Loan and War Contribution Bill; Second Reading of the Metropolitan Streets Bill; Employment of Children Bill; Second Reading of the Ecclesiastical Commissions Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Act Amendement (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

That the Bill be read a second time on the 26th day of April last, That the Parliamentary Vote Registration Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

That the Bill be read the third time on the 26th day of April last, That the Parliamentary Vote Registration 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 Colonial Marriages Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Medical Second Reading of the Medical Act (1888) Amendment (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Labour Second Reading of the Labourers (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Trade Marks Second Reading of the Trade Marks (Cotton Wares) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Union of Second Reading of the Union of Benefices Act (Ireland) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Crimes to Animals Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time upon the 2nd day of March last; That the Cruelty to Animals Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the 3rd Reading of the Jury Acts (Ireland) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the 2nd Reading of the Local Government Act (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Patent Office Committee on Patent Office Extension (Expenses);
Recessed, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office Proceedings;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rating of the Rating of Machinery Bill;
Ordered, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licences Renewal and Transfer Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 26th day of April last, That the Parliamentary Voters Registration 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 Colonial Marriages 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 Union of Benefices Act (Ireland) 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 Labourers (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill;
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Musical Copyright Bill [Lords].

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 22nd day of May last, That the Town Tenants (Ireland) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Deputy Chairman reported the Alexandra Park and Palace Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the Castlederg, Keady, and Armagh Railway (Extension of Time) Bill, That, in pursuance of the Instruction of the House of 25th June, the Committee had inserted in the Bill the additional provision referred to in that Instruction, whereby the Great Northern Railway Company (Ireland) are authorised to subscribe to and lend money for the purposes of the undertaking of the promoters.

The Deputy Chairman 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 Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the Worthing Corporation [Lords]; 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 thereto.

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

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the Derby Gas Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

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

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Tramways Bill [Lords]; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and 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.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the Bournemouth Corporation Tramways Bill [Lords]; 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 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 Musical Copyright Bill [Lords];

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

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the Police and District Electric Traction Bill [Lords]; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill [Lords]; 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. Henwood Johnston reported from the Police and Sanitary Committee; That, in the case of the Birmingham Corporation Bill [Lords], 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. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, dated 22nd May, had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to transfer to the Board of Agriculture the jurisdiction over fisheries, and for other purposes; 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 Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of Brighton, to construct and work Tramways and Street Works, 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 Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further powers upon the South Staffordshire Tramways (Limited) Company Bill [Lords]; Limited; for the working of Tramways by electrical power, 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.

And then the House, having continued to sit till eighteen minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
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 which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz. —

Public Estate Bill [Lords].

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 which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz. —

Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill [Lords].

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 which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz. —

South Western and Isle of Wight Junction Railway Bill [Lords].

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 Merthyr Tydfil 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.

The Port Talbot Railway and Docks Bill [Lords] 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 Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

And an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Leckhills Estate Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The North Western Electricity and Power Gas Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The Shropshire and Worcestershire Electric Power Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The West Bromwich Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The Frinton-on-Sea Sea Defences Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed, with Amendments; with a New Title, as followeth:

An Act to authorise the Council for the Urban District of Frinton-on-Sea, in the County of Essex, to construct and maintain Sea Walls and other Works at Frinton-on-Sea, and to improve and regulate the Sea Front of the said district, and for other purposes;
Mr. John Edward Ellis reported from the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, to whom the Prevention of Corruption Bill [Lords] was referred, That the Bill was read through, and made Amendments thereof.

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 To-morrow: and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Motion had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Order (No. 17) Bill, without any Amendment. The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Order (No. 18) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Wolvaston and Cannock Chase Railway (Extension of Time) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Poor Prisoners' Defence Bill; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Borough Funds Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Order (No. 16) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Lyth Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Leigh Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Lichfield Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Sandylands Corporation Bill [Lords.]

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 Sheffield and South Yorkshire Navigation Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the South Yorkshire Navigation Bill [Lords.], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Torquay Corporation Water Bill [Lords.], without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Order (No. 16) Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Mr. Bonsor reported from the Select Committee on the Poor Prisoners' Defence Bill, That they had agreed to the following Special Report:—

1. Your Committee have taken evidence upon the subject-matter of the Bill referred to them, the following witnesses having given evidence:—

The Solicitor General for Scotland, Sir Harry Peel, K.C.

Viscount Cranborne (Chairman of the East Ridgeway Quarter Sessions).

Mr. Thomas O'Shaunessy, K.C. (of the Irish Bar).

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The House desires the concurrence of this House.

The Earl of Desart, k.c.m. (Director of Public Prosecutions).

2. Your Committee also received a communication from the Hon. Mr. Justice Callow, during his absence on circuit, which is printed with the evidence.

In support of the principle of the Bill in its widest application it was urged—

(1) That in criminal matters, where the prosecution is conducted by experienced solicitor and counsel, it is contrary to the ordinary requirements of justice that no legal advice should be given to the prisoner.

(2) That a prisoner who is without means ought to be in no worse position to establish his innocence than a prisoner who is able to pay for legal assistance, and that the assistance of solicitor and counsel is of great importance for this purpose.

(3) That although it is the business of the judge to see that the prisoner's defence is fully developed, and with that object in view to cross-examine the witnesses for the prosecution, it is to re-examine the witnesses for the defence, including the prisoner, if he gives evidence and is cross-examined, but the judge is not in a position to do this as effectively as counsel properly instructed, because he has had no opportunity of communicating with the prisoners and ascertaining the details of his defence, nor has he usually sufficient materials for the cross-examination of the witnesses for the prosecution.

Furthermore, that, especially in the case of chairmen of quarter sessions who are not lawyers, the difficulty of their task is greatly increased in the absence of legal assistance for the defence.

(4) That in Scotland the widest application of these principles has been in successful operation for many years.

3. Most of the witnesses agreed as to the importance of these considerations, but some objected to the wide application which is given to them in Scotland on the grounds—

(1) That cases of conviction of innocent men are very rare, and that substantial justice is done under the present system.

(2) That the number of cases to be tried, especially in London, is so great that it would be impossible to dispose of them in the time available if a much larger number were defended by counsel, without a large increase of the present judicial machinery.

(3) That nearly 40 per cent. of prisoners tried plead guilty under the present system, and that it would not be worth while to tempt them with the offer of solicitor and counsel to try for the chance of acquittal. The last consideration was thought to be of considerable force by your Committee, and they recommend that the operation of the Bill should be limited to cases in which, having regard to the nature of the defence raised by a prisoner, it appears to be desirable in the interests of justice that he should have legal aid.

4. As to the stage at which such an order should be made, your Committee recommend that the committing justices should be empowered to give a certificate for legal aid for the defence, as they now do in certain cases where they consider the prosecution ought to have legal aid. The justices would have to make some inquiry

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Mr. H. B. Simpson (Principal Clerk in the Criminal Department of the Home Office).

Mr. H. C. Bassard, K.C. (Recorder of Leicester).

The Hon. Mr. Justice Grantham.
...as to the means of the accused, and also to consider whether, having regard to the nature of the defence, legal aid was desirable.

5. Your Committee also recommended that the judge or chairman at the trial should have the same power, but they contemplate that this power would rarely require to be exercised at the trial, as the matter would have been previously considered by the justices.

6. The above recommendations substantially met with the approval of all the witnesses who appeared before your Committee.

7. It was given to the effect that it is a matter of great importance that solicitor as well as counsel should be assigned to the prisoner, because the basis of an effective defence generally involves preliminary communication with the accused, obtaining of evidence for the defence, and inquiry into the case for the prosecution. In Scotland the Writers to the Signet and Societies of Solicitors or local societies perform the duty of appointing "agents for the poor" in the various districts of Scotland. The Incorporated Law Society were communicated with, but they did not shew any willingness to assist in the matter. Your Committee came to the conclusion that, in the absence of such assistance, it would be impossible to secure the voluntary help of sufficient solicitors throughout the country to work the provisions of the Bill.

Furthermore, it was strongly urged by several witnesses that the assistance of any but competent and experienced solicitors and counsel was worse than useless, and that they should be remunerated at the public expense.

8. Having regard to these considerations, your Committee recommended that solicitors and counsel should be instructed in such cases, and be paid for their services. The statute 30 & 31 Vict. c. 35, s. 3, recites that "Complaint is frequently made by persons charged with indictable offences, upon their trial, that they are unable by reason of poverty to call witnesses on their behalf, that the injustice is thereby occasioned to them, and it is expedient to remove, as far as practicable, all just ground for such complaint;" and the statute provides for the calling of such witnesses before the justices, and that their expenses and subsequently "shall be allowed and paid as part of the expenses of the prosecution," out of public funds, whether such prosecution be public or private. Your Committee recommended that the expenses of the defence, including the cost of solicitor and counsel, the cost of a copy of the depositions, and the expenses of any further witnesses required for the defence, in addition to those called before the justices, should be allowed and paid in the same way.

9. It was in evidence before your Committee that in Ireland the practice already exists of assigning both solicitor and counsel for the defence of a poor prisoner in certain cases, and of paying the expenses of the defence out of public funds. Having regard to this, and to the fact that neither solicitor nor the Bar in Ireland think it desirable to make any change in the existing law, your Committee recommended that the provisions of the Bill should not be extended to Ireland.

Ordered, That the Special Report do lie upon the table; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Licensing Acts (Scotland) Consolidation and Amendment Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Forfeiture of excise licences in certain cases).—(The Lord Advocate.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time, and amended; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Police to report offences)—(The Lord Advocate)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (No new grocers' licences to be granted).—(Mr. Crombie.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, the Question being put, That the said Clause be now read a second time:

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the [Mr. Crombie, Sir John Long; Mr. Fellowes:] 64.

Tellers for the [Mr. Alexander Acland; Mr. Fellowes:] 102.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Canvassing).—(Mr. Macrae Ferguson.)

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 Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Macrae Ferguson; Sir Mark M'Taggart; Mr. Fellowes:] 83.

Tellers for the [Mr. Alexander Acland; Mr. Fellowes:] 146.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Penalty on person found on premises during closing hours).—(Sir John Stirling-Maxwell.)

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 was agreed.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Exemption of railway stations).—(Mr. Galloway.)

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 Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Galloway; Mr. Macrae Ferguson; Sir Charles Reaehaw:] 148.

Tellers for the [Mr. Fellowes; Mr. Macrae Ferguson; Mr. Fellowes:] 117.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The said Clause was accordingly read a second time; and made part of the Bill.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 10, by leaving out the word "courts" and inserting the word "authorities"—(Mr. Crombie).—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "courts" stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

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

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The House, according to Order, proceeded to Licensing Acts (Scotland) Consolidation and Amendment Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 25, by leaving out the words “one-half of”—(Mr. Charles Douglas).—(Earl of Dalkeith.)

And the Question being put, That the words “one-half” stand part of the Bill:

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Fellowes: Mr. Black:

Mr. Acland: Mr. Groves,

Mr. Buchanan: Mr. Fellowes,

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 5, by leaving out the words “consisting of” to the word “four”—(Mr. Eugene Wason),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word “four” stand part of the said proposed Amendment to the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 30, by leaving out the words “the magistrates of which have power” to “grant certificates under the existing Acts.”—(Mr. Eugene Wason.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Fellowes: Mr. Black:

Mr. Acland: Mr. Groves,

Mr. Buchanan: Mr. Fellowes,

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 14, by inserting, after the word “seven,” and inserting the word “four”—(Earl of Dalkeith).—(Mr. Acland.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Fellowes: Mr. Black:

Mr. Acland: Mr. Groves,

Mr. Buchanan: Mr. Fellowes,

So it was resolved in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 3, by leaving out Clause 4.—(Mr. Mavor Ferguson.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It was resolved in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 13, by leaving out Clause 5.—(Mr. Crocket.)

And the Question being put, That the words “one-fourth” stand part of the Bill:

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Fellowes: Mr. Black:

Mr. Acland: Mr. Groves,

Mr. Buchanan: Mr. Fellowes,

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 15, by leaving out from the words “consisting of” to the word “Provided” in l. 14, and inserting the words “a committee appointed by the town council from their own number in accordance with the scale contained in the First Schedule to said proposed Amendment to the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 5, by leaving out the words “one-half of”—(Mr. Charles Douglas).—(Mr. Acland.)

And the Question being put, That the words “one-half” stand part of the Bill:

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Fellowes: Mr. Black:

Mr. Acland: Mr. Groves,

Mr. Buchanan: Mr. Fellowes,

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 3, by leaving out Clause 6.—(Mr. Mavor Ferguson.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Fellowes: Mr. Black:

Mr. Acland: Mr. Groves,

Mr. Buchanan: Mr. Fellowes,

So it was resolved in the Negative.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 3, by inserting, at the end, the words—

"(a) The court of appeal from a county 
licensing court or county district
licensing court, as hereinafter provided, shall be held on the third Tuesday of December one thousand nine hundred and five, when they shall hold office till the third Tuesday of December one thousand nine hundred and six, and for special reasons."

And the Question being put, That those words should be there inserted in 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. 13, l. 24, by inserting, at the end, the words "For the purpose of preventing repeated applications for new certificates a licensing court may, at any general half-yearly meeting, make regulations determining the time which must elapse after the hearing and refusal of one application for a certificate before another application may be made in respect of the same premises. Provided that the court may, in their discretion, for good cause shown, dispense with the observance of those regulations in any particular case."—

Mr. Hunter Craig.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

The House divided.

And the Question being put, That the word "or" 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. 22, l. 17, by inserting, after the word "day," the words "or when in any case the Court considers that the premises should be closed during the whole of Sunday."—

Mr. Black.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

The House divided.

And the Question being put, That the words "or" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 19, by leaving out the words "and on such other occasions as the licensing court may deem fit and expedient for special reasons."—

Mr. Groves.)

And the Question being put, That the words "on such other" stand part of the Bill:—

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 17, l. 1, by leaving out the words "and on such other premises as the neighbourhood of such house."—

Mr. Gretton.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

The House divided.

And the Question being put, That the word "or" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 13, l. 24, by leaving out the words "and on such other occasions as the licensing court may deem fit and expedient for special reasons."—

Mr. Groves.)

And the Question being put, That the words "on such other" stand part of the Bill:—

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 22, l. 40 and 41, by leaving out the words "and on such other occasions as the licensing court may deem fit and expedient for special reasons."—

Mr. Groves.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:

The House divided.

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Hardwicke; Sir Alexander Acland-Hood; 55.  
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Fellowes; 181.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "days not being more than four in any one year" be there inserted in the Bill — It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 24, l. 19, by leaving out the words "excisable liquors" and inserting the words "wines and spirits." — (Mr. Shaw-Stewart), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "excisable liquors" stand part of the Bill; The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Buchanan; Sir John Leng; 78.  
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Shaw-Stewart; Sir Charles Renton; 159.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "wines and spirits" be there inserted in the Bill — It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 24, l. 19, by leaving out the words "with other information, as may be considered by them necessary." — (Mr. Gretton.)

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. 25, l. 2, by leaving out the words "to be consumed on the premises." — (Sir John Leng.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill; The House proceeded to a Division.

Sir Alexander Acland-Hood and Mr. Fellowes were appointed Tellers for the Ayes; but no Member being willing to act as Teller for the Noes, Mr. Speaker declared that the Ayes had it.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 25, l. 26 and 29, by leaving out the words "in that part of the premises where excisable liquor is sold or consumed." — (Sir John Leng.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill; And it being Midnight, consideration of the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, stood adjourned.

Tuesday, 16th July, 1903:

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into further consideration upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Insurance Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for continuing consideration the London Education Bill, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

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Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Congregational Second Reading of the Congregational Districts (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for repealing the Irish Land 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 Sugar Second Reading of the Sugar Convention Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ireland Second Reading of the Ireland Development Grant Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the Report, the 9th day of this instant July; Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Ways and Means; Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Wages and Means; Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Success Law Second Reading of the Success Law Revision Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Electric Second Reading of the Electric Lighting Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Improvement Grant (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Historic and Second Reading of the Historic and (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Railways Committee on the Railways (Electrical Power) Bill; Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval Works Committee on the Naval Works Bill; Ordered, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners 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 South African Loan and War Contributions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Southwark and London School Board Bill; (Hilldrop Road Site) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police (Superannuation) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law (Dissolution of School Districts and Adjustments) Bill; (Hilldrop Road Site) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Justices of the Peace 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 Bishoprics of Norwich and St Edmunds 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 Bishoprics of Southwell and Birmingham 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 Peace 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 Police (Superannuation) 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 Marriages Legalisation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Patent Office Extension [Expenses];
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Post Office Sites Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Church Discipline Bill.

(To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.)
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 22nd day of May last, That the Town Tenants (Ireland) Bill be now read a second time.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

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

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The House sat at Two 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, having been made known in the Lords, and referred on the first reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously required into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—Brighton Corporation Bill [Lords].

South Staffordshire Tramways Bill [Lords].

Aston Manor Park and Palace Bill.

Cardiff Railway Bill [Lords].

Croydon and District Electric Tramways Bill.


York, Newbury, and Southamptom Railway Bill [Lords].

The House proceeded to consider the amendments made by the Lords to the Third Reading of the Didcot, Newbury, and Southamptom Railway Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Money Docks and Harbour Board Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The projector and Fareham Tramways Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The Manchester Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

The South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That, in the case of the Castleblaney, Castletown, Ready, and Armagh Railway (Extension of Time) Bill, Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, and 239 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 Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Aston Manor Improvement Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time; and committed.

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 Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Order (No. 16) Bill; and the same were No. 95, 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 Hastings Harbour District Railway Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Local take into consideration the amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Order (No. 16) Bill; and the same were No. 95, 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 Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Patriotic Fund do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Army (Statement of Excesses),

Mr. Secretary Bouchier presented, by His Majesty's Command, — Copy of Forty-first Report of the Royal Commissioners of the Patriotic Fund.

Copy of Statement of the sum required to be Army voted in order to make good Excesses of Army Expenditure beyond the Grants for the year ended 31st March 1903.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Patriotic Fund do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Army (Statement of Excesses),

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the Working Classes (Repayment of Loans) Bill be read a second time, in cases where it is desirable, the words "and for the purposes of such application the City of London shall be a county, and the mayor, aldermen, and commoners of that city in common council assembled shall be a county council."—(Mr. Acland Acland.)

And the Question being put, That these words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill in p. 1, l. 8, by leaving out Clause 2.—(Mr. Lough.)

And the Question being put, That the words of Clause 2, to the word "provided," in l. 8, stand part of the Bill:
The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left.


Tellers for the Noes; [Mr. Anstruther]; [Mr. Willian M'Arthur]; 111.

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. 1, l. 8, after the last Amendment, by leaving out the words "within the area of each metropolitan borough."—(Mr. Bond.)

And the Question being put, That the words "within the area of" stand part of the Bill:
The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Sir Alexander Acland] 255.

Tellers for the Noes; [Mr. Anstruther]; [Mr. Herbert Gladstone]; [Mr. William M'Arthur]; 130.

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. 1, l. 8, by leaving out the words "or bodies."—(Mr. Peel.)

And the Question being put, That the words "or bodies" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill in p. 1, l. 10, by leaving out the words "whose number," and inserting the words "a number of those managers and the manner in which schools, in cases where it is desirable, should be grouped under one body of managers or placed under more than one body of managers."—(Mr. Peel)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "whose number" stand part of the Bill;

And it being half an hour after the clock, further consideration of the Bill, as amended, stood adjourned till this evening.

Evening Sitting.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the London Education Bill, as amended in the Committee.
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The Proceedings upon the Amendment proposed to be made to the Bill upon the 14th day of this instant July, in p. 1, l. 19, to leave out the words "whose number," and insert the words "the number of those managers and the manner in which schools, in cases where it is desirable, should be grouped under one body of managers or placed under more than one body of managers"—(Mr. Peel)—were resumed.

And the Question being put, That those words "whose number" stand part of the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

The Amendment was amended, by leaving out the words "or placed under more than one body of managers."—(Sir William Anson.)

And the Question being put, That the words "the number of those managers and the manner in which schools, in cases where it is desirable, should be grouped under one body of managers or placed under more than one body of managers"—(Mr. Peel)—be there inserted in the Bill;—(Dr. Macnamara.)

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 19, by inserting, after the word "determined," the words "after consultation with."—(Dr. Macnamara.)

And the Question being put, That the word "shall" stand part of the Bill;—(Mr. Mansfield),—instead thereof.

The Amendment was amended, by leaving out the words "or placed under more than one body of managers."—(Mr. Peel.)—So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 19, by leaving out the word "shall" and inserting the word "may"—(Mr. Mansfield),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "shall" stand part of the Bill;—(Mr. Mansfield).—So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

And it being Midnight, further consideration of the Bill, as amended, stood adjourned.

Wednesday, 15th July, 1903:

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into further consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Employment into consideration the Employment of Children in Goldsmith Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Committee on the Metropolitan Streets Bill;—Resolution this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Prevention of Corruption Bill [Lords], 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 Congested Second Reading of the Congested Districts (Ireland) Bill [No. 2];—Resolution, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ireland Development Grant Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the Report, the 9th day of this instant July;

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

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

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

Statute Law Revision (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 Statute Law Revision (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

Electric Lighting (London) 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 Electric Lighting (London) Bill [Lords].

School Board (Birmingham) 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 School Board (Birmingham) Bill [Lords].

Supply Bill [2nd July].

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd day of this instant July; Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Bishoprics of Hexham and Newcastle and Birmingham 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 Bishoprics of Hexham and Birmingham Bill [Lords].

Poor Law (Dissolution of School Districts and Adjustments) 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 Poor Law (Dissolution of School Districts and Adjustments) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Matrimonial Legislation 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 Matrimonial Legislation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Patent Office Amendment (Expenses) Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Patent Office Extension [Expend.]; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Post Office Sites Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Post Office Sites Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Rating of Machinery Bill; Ordered, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Church Discipline Bill; Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Church Discipline Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Day Industrial Schools (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Railways (Private Siding) Bill upon the 8th day of May last, That the Railways (Private Siding) 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 Workmen's Compensation Act (1897) Amendment (Seamen) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the labours, Acts Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Trades Marks Second Reading of the Trade Marks (Cotton Wares) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Union of Benefices Act (1897) Amendment Bill [Lords.]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Union of Benefices Act (1860) Amendment Bill [Lords.]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 8th day of May last, That the Workmen's Compensation Act (1897) Amendment (Seamen) 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 Workmen's Compensatio...
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Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Musical Copyright Bill [Lords].
 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 22nd day of May last, That the Town Tenants (Ireland) Bill be now read a second time.
 Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Naval Works (Portsmouth Barracks Site) Bill with respect to compliance with the Standing Orders relative to Private Bills,—Mr. Prentice.

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

Wednesday, 15th July, 1903.

The House met at Two of the clock.

The Business of the Day was:—

The Alexandria Park and Palace 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 Burg and District Joint Water Board Bill [Lords], was read a second time; and committed.

The Scottish Ontario and Manitoba Land Company Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.

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

Mr. Arthur Elliot, by His Majesty’s Command, presented,—Copy of Ninth Report of the Royal Commission on Horse Breeding, with Appendices.

Mr. Arthur Elliot also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 31st day of March last, for a Return relative to Imperial Revenue (Collection and Expenditure) (Great Britain and Ireland).

Mr. Arthur Elliot also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1887, dated 11th July 1903, granting to Lewis Charles Lepts, Sorting Clerk aha Telegraphist, Liverpool Post Office, a Retired Allowance under the Act.
 Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Return be printed.

Mr. Wynham presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Resolution made by the Local Government Board for Ireland under the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1900, as to issue of Stock by Urban Authorities, Vol. 158.

The Lord Advocate presented,—Return to an Allotments Order, dated the 25th day of May last, for a (Scotland) Return relative to Allotments (Scotland).
 Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. John Edward Ellis reported from the Law, an. Standing Committee on Law, Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, to whom the Burgh Police (Scotland) Bill was referred; That Burgh Police 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 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. Halley 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. Halley; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Moore Ferguson.
 Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir James Ferguson reported from the Clerk of Selectmen’s Panel; That they had appointed Lord Commissioner Edmund Fitzmaurice to act as Chairman of the Panel.

Standing Committee for the consideration of Bills relating to Law, and Courts of Justice, Law, &c. Procedure,—Mr. Halley; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Moore Ferguson.
 Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hankey reported from the Standing Committee on Law, Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, to whom the case of the Sutton Coldfield Corporation Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in Cotland 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 thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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Mr. Heywood Johnstone reported from the Police and Sanitary Committee; That, in the case of the Sutton Coldfield Corporation Bill, they had gone through 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. Arthur Elliot presented a Bill to continue Expiring various Expiring Laws: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on consideration of the London Education Bill, as amended, 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 Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Shackleton—Hood, Yeas, 185.

Mr. Alastair, 91.

Tellers for the Mr. Long, Mr. Manfield.
 Nos.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded London to take into further consideration the London Education Bill, as amended in the Committee, and another Amendment was made to the Bill.

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Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 15, by leaving out from the last Amendment to the end of l. 16, and inserting the words "not less than one-third of the managers appointed by each appointing authority shall be women."—(Mr. Sydney Brown.)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "due regard shall be had" 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, by inserting, after the last Amendment, the words "and members chosen from the existing body of managers."—(Dr. Macnamara.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in 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, by inserting, after the words last inserted, the words "Provided also that until new groups are arranged and new managers are appointed the existing groups of schools and the existing managers shall be continued."—(Mr. Lough.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in 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. 17, by leaving out the word "be," in l. 18, stand part of the Bill.

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Acland-Hood; Mr. Austerlitz;)—201.

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Lough; Mr. Tweddel;)—104.

So it was resolved in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 18, by leaving out from the last Amendment to the end of l. 19, the words "Third of the managers appointed by each of the endowment, direct that any money which would be payable under the said Act is expedient to make such a scheme, with a view of preserving the benefits of the endowment."—(Mr. Bryce.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in 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, by inserting, after the words last inserted, the words "and of section eight of the principal Act."—(Mr. Bryce.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

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And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in 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. 1, l. 23, by leaving out from the last Amendment to the end of l. 24, the words "as to subject any endowed elementary school to the control or management of the local education authority."—(Dr. Macnamara.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in 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. 1, l. 25, by leaving out from the last Amendment to the end of l. 26, the words "Provided that the site required for the enlargement of a public elementary school shall not be deemed to be a site required for a new public elementary school within the meaning of this subsection and of section eight of the principal Act."—(Mr. Bryce.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in 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. 1, l. 10, by leaving out "four," stand part of the Bill.

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Acland-Hood; Mr. Austerlitz;)—201.

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Lough; Mr. Tweddel;)—104.

So it was resolved in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 10, by leaving out from the last Amendment to the end of l. 11, the words "four" and inserting the word "seven"—(Mr. Mansfield.)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "four" stand part of the Bill;—The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Loughton; Mr. Acland-Hood;)—120.

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Bull; Mr. Honey;)—214.

So it was passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 10, by leaving out from the last Amendment to the end of l. 11, the words "The provisions of section five and subsection two of section six of the principal Act shall not be construed so as to subject any endowed elementary school in the City of London not applying for a Parliamentary Grant, or for aid from the local education authority, to the control or management of the local education authority."—(Sir Joseph Dinmore.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

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And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in 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. 3, l. 20, by inserting, at the end of l. 15, the words "Any scheme made approved under section seventeen of the principal Act shall provide for the representation of the mayor, aldermen, and commons of the City of London, in common council assembled, by at least two members on the education committee."—(Sir Joseph Dinmore.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

So it is passed in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 27, by leaving out Clause 3.—(Captain Jessel.)

And the Question being put, That the words of Clause 3, to the word "proceedings," in l. 28, stand part of the Bill;—The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Lough; Mr. Acland-Hood;)—221.

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Mansfield; Mr. Austerlitz;)—111.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 27, by leaving out "four," and inserting the word "seven"—(Mr. Mansfield.)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "four" stand part of the Bill;—The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Mansfield; Mr. Acland-Hood;)—221.

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Acland-Hood; Mr. Austerlitz;)—111.

So it was passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 27, by leaving out from the last Amendment to the end of l. 28, the words "The provisions of section five and subsection two of section six of the principal Act shall not be construed so as to subject any endowed elementary school in the City of London not applying for a Parliamentary Grant, or for aid from the local education authority, to the control or management of the local education authority."—(Sir Joseph Dinmore.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

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And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

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And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in 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 the proposed Amendment to the Bill:—It was resolved in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

The Yeas were:

Mr. Macnamara, 
Mr. Herbert Samuel, 
Mr. Amstruther,
Mr. Mansfield,
Mr. Fellowes :  

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

So it passed in the Negative.

And it being after half-past Seven of the clock, the further consideration of the Bill, as amended, stood adjourned till this evening.

Evening Sitting.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to London take into further consideration the London Education Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 6, by inserting, at the end, the words "(10) The education committee of the local education authority shall transcus all its ordinary business in public."—(Dr. Macnamara.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

The Yeas were:

Mr. Macnamara, 
Mr. Fellowes :  

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 6, by inserting, at the end, the words "(10) The education committee of the local education authority shall transcus all its ordinary business in public."—(Mr. Vossall.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, by inserting, after the words "endowment," the words "or for education other than elementary aided by public funds."—(Mr. Mansfield.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, by inserting, after the words "which the benefits of the endowment were intended," be added, after the word "scheme," in l. 5 of the proposed Amendment, as amended, to the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the words "scheme" be added, after the word "scheme," in l. 5, the words "in any such scheme due regard "shall be had to the interests of the locality for "which the benefits of the endowment were "intended."—(Sir William Anson.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added to the proposed Amendment to the Bill:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Amendment to the Bill, by inserting, after the word "any," the word "all," the words "or of the premises."—(Mr. Leaugh.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, by inserting, after the words last inserted, the words "(11) The local education authority shall have power to close any public elementary school which, in their opinion, is unnecessary on the grounds of economy, or in the inefficiency of the teaching "or of the premises."—(Mr. Mansfield.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, by inserting, after the words last inserted, the words "(11) No teacher shall be required, as a condition of being appointed "or of the premises."—(Mr. Mansfield.)

And the Question being put, That the words "shall" be added, after the word "shall," the word "primarily," the words "or of the premises."—(Mr. Cripps.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added to the proposed Amendment to the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the word "scheme" be added, after the word "scheme," in l. 5, the words "in any such scheme due regard shall primarily be had to the interests of the locality for "which the benefits of the endowment were "intended," be added, after the word "scheme," in l. 5 of the proposed Amendment, as amended, to the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the words "but the Board of Education may, on the "application of the trustees of the endowment, "or of the local education authority, direct that "the money which would be payable under the "said section thirteen to the county council "shall be applied in manner provided by a "scheme made by the Board, if the Board "consider that it is expedient to make such a "scheme. In any such scheme due regard "shall primarily be had to the interests of the "locality for which the benefits of the endow­ "ment were intended," be there inserted, in p. 4, l. 6, of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 6, by inserting, at the end, the words "(10) There shall always be "at least six women upon the education com­ "mittee of the local education authority."—(Dr. Macnamara.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

The Yeas were:

Mr. Macnamara, 
Mr. Fellowes :  

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:

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Mr. Mansfield,
Mr. Fellowes :  

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

The Yeas were:

Mr. Macnamara, 
Mr. Fellowes :  

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It was resolved in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, by inserting, after the words last inserted, the words "(11) In every school "or Sunday school."—(Mr. Lough.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

The Yeas were:

Mr. Macnamara, 
Mr. Fellowes :  

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was made to the Bill.
"the local authority the authority shall be represented on the governing body in such proportion as will, as nearly as may be, correspond to the proportion which the aid given bears to the income from all other sources."—(Mr. Lloyd-George.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the bill:

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

Tellers for the Mr. Lloyd-George, Mr. Samuel Evans;
Mr. Austen, Mr. Fellowes;

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the bill, by inserting, after the words last inserted, the words "(11) If at any time after the expiration of one year from the commencement of this Act it is represented to the Board of Education that there is in any district an insufficient amount of school accommodation under public management for any grade of education, and the Board of Education are satisfied after inquiry that such is the case, the Board of Education shall direct the deficiency to be supplied in manner provided by section sixteen of the principal Act."—(Mr. Lough.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the bill:

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

Tellers for the Mr. Lough, Mr. Herbert Lewis;
Mr. Austen, Mr. Fellowes;

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the bill, by inserting, after the words last inserted, the words "(11) Notwithstanding anything contained in section eight of the principal Act, no school which was transferred to the School Board for London previous to the passing of this Act shall be so re-transferred under that section, and under section twenty-four of the Elementary Education Act of 1870, as to be treated under this Act or the principal Act as a non-provided school."—(Mr. Soares.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the bill—which proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next; and be printed.
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 Musical Copyright Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Town Tenants (Ireland) Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed (originally) upon the 22nd day of May last, That the Town Tenants (Ireland) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for payment of Compensation to the owners of carcasses of Animals condemned after slaughter and destroyed by order of a magistrate on account of Tuberculosis: And that Mr. Ernest Gray, Sir Joseph Dinan, Mr. Field, Mr. Betty Longley, Mr. Charles M'Arthur, Mr. Samuel Roberts, Sir Albert Rollit, Mr. William Rutherford, Mr. Schockaert, and Mr. Tinkham, do prepare, and bring it in.

And then the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after One of the clock, adjourned till Thursday morning.

THE HOUSE met at Two 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, the Standing Orders applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Education Board Provisional Order Confirmation (London) Bill [Lords].

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, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 10th day of July, no Standing Orders applicable, viz.:

London School Board (Hildreath Road Site) 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.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Corporation 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 Bill, referred, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 10th day of July, no Standing Orders applicable, viz.:

London School Board (Hildreath Road Site) Bill.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendments made by the Lords to the Army Act, 1887, as amended by the Director General, Army Medical Service, in pursuance of Section 40 (4) of the Bill, which this House doth desire the concurrence of His Majesty's Command, — Copy of Memorandum stating the nature of the Proposals contained in the Provisional Bill (No. 1) Amendment to the Trade and Works Bill [Lords],—(Mr. Courtenay Warner.)

Ordered, That a Return of the Number of Rifle Ranges in the United Kingdom, giving the Situation, Range, and Number of Targets available on each Range; the Number of Government Ranges that have been closed during the last year and the Number that have been opened; and the Number and Description of Rifle Ranges being conformed. — (Mr. Courtenay Warner.)

Ordered, That the 3aid Paper do lie upon the Table, and be printed. votes of the House, that the House doth desire the concurrence of His Majesty, that He will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Trade of the various Colonies and Possessions, inclusive of the United Kingdom, other British Possessions, and Foreign Countries during each of the years 1890-1900, in the following forms —

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Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that He will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House, a Return showing the number of Rifle Ranges in the United Kingdom, giving the number and description of Rifle Ranges being conformed.

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Orders.

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:

The Lords have agreed to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Lords have agreed to the Baker Street and Waterloo Railway (Transfer) Bill (changed to Baker Street and Waterloo Railway Bill), with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Baker Street and Waterloo Railway (Transfer) Bill (changed to Baker Street and Waterloo Railway Bill), with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Lords have agreed to the Wood Green Urban District Council Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Wood Green Urban District Council Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Lords have agreed to the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

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

(see Appendix 2.)

Ordered, That 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 evening, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon the 9th day of March 1904:

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Lords have agreed to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon the 1st day of this instant July;

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Ordered, That the Report be received upon the 3rd day of this instant July;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon the 4th day of this instant July;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon the 5th day of this instant July;

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon the 8th day of this instant July;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon the 9th day of this instant July;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon the 10th day of this instant July;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon the 11th day of this instant July;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon the 12th day of this instant July.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for taking the Adjourned Debate into consideration the Lords' Liability Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; and that the Amendment made by the Lords to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill be now read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for taking the Adjourned Debate into consideration the Lords' Liability Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; and that the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for taking the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed the 2nd day of this instant July; and committed.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for taking the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on the 1st day of this instant July; and committed.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for taking the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on the 2nd day of this instant July; and committed.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for taking the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on the 3rd day of this instant July; and committed.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for taking the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on the 4th day of this instant July; and committed.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for taking the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on the 5th day of this instant July; and committed.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for taking the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on the 6th day of this instant July; and committed.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for taking the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on the 7th day of this instant July; and committed.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for taking the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on the 8th day of this instant July; and committed.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for taking the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on the 9th day of this instant July; and committed.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for taking the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on the 10th day of this instant July; and committed.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for taking the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on the 11th day of this instant July; and committed.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for taking the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on the 12th day of this instant July; and committed.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for taking the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on the 13th day of this instant July; and committed.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for taking the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on the 14th day of this instant July; and committed.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for taking the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on the 15th day of this instant July; and committed.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for taking the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on the 16th day of this instant July; and committed.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for taking the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on the 17th day of this instant July; and committed.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for taking the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on the 18th day of this instant July; and committed.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for taking the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on the 19th day of this instant July; and committed.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for taking the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on the 20th day of this instant July; and committed.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for taking the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on the 21st day of this instant July; and committed.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for taking the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on the 22nd day of this instant July; and committed.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for taking the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on the 23rd day of this instant July; and committed.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for taking the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on the 24th day of this instant July; and committed.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for taking the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on the 25th day of this instant July; and committed.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for taking the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on the 26th day of this instant July; and committed.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for taking the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on the 27th day of this instant July; and committed.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for taking the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on the 28th day of this instant July; and committed.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for taking the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on the 29th day of this instant July; and committed.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for taking the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on the 30th day of this instant July; and committed.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for taking the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on the 31st day of this instant July; and committed.
Board Eleoriate (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time; and Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

Local Government (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Ireland) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Marry Law Superannuation (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marriage with Foreigners Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Cruelty to Animals Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 22nd day of March last, That the Cruelty to Animals Bill be now read a second time; and Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

Musical Copyright Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Musical Copyright Bill [Lords.]; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Town Tenants (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 22nd day of May last, That the Town Tenants (Ireland) Bill be now read a second time; and Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

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

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 therein, the Standing Orders applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.—Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill [Lords.]; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

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.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Metropolitan District Railway (Various Powers) 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 Midland and Belfast and Northern Counties Railways 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 Docks and Harbour Board Bill [Lords]; 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 Mersey Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill [Lords] be now read a second time; and 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.

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The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Irish Land Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Compulsory acquisition of land).—[Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

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 (Variable head rents)—[Mr. Timothy M. Healy]—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Subdivided holdings)—[Mr. Timothy M. Healy]—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Triton College and church perpetuity leases).—[Mr. Lonsdale.)

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 was offered to be added to the Bill (Mill farms).—[Mr. Lonsdale.)

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.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 56, by leaving out from the beginning of the line to the end of l. 3, in p. 2.—[Mr. T. W. Russell.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "may," in l. 27, 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. 3, l. 54, by inserting, as the end, the words—

"(5) In entering into agreements for the re-sale of any land to the vendor of an estate "the Land Commission shall have regard to "the amount of land available for the enlargement of holdings, where they consider "such enlargement necessary,

"(6) Where an advance is made in pursuance of this section the Judicial Commis- "sioner may, if he thinks it equitable, on the application of any person who, at the date of "the sale of the land to the Land Commission, "was entitled to any estate in remainder or "reversion in that land, order, upon such terms and "conditions as he may think reasonable, "that the land so re-sold shall devolve in accordance "with the terms of the settlement which "at the date of the sale to the Land Commission "affected it."—[Mr. Wyndham.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 15, l. 17, by inserting, after the word “estate,” the words “where the purchase money thereof is sufficient to discharge all claims affecting the same.” —(Sir Lewis M‘Ivor.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in 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. 15, l. 27, by leaving out from the beginning of Subsection (8) of Clause 24 the word “all,” in l. 23.—(Mr. Serjeant Hemphill.)

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. 16, l. 34, by leaving out Subsection (5) of Clause 25.—(Mr. Butler.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in 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. 17, l. 6, by leaving out the words “shall in the case of agreements entered into,” and inserting the word “sanctioned”—(Sir Lewis M‘Ivor).—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.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 20, l. 35, by leaving out Clause 38.—(Mr. T. W. Russell.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words of Clause 38, to the word “the,” in l. 36, 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. 24, l. 6, by inserting, at the end, the words “(3) The vendor shall, out of the percentage payable to him under this section, pay and discharge such of the costs of and incidental to the sale as would but for this provision be payable out of the purchase money of the estate.” —(Mr. Butcher.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

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Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 24, l. 17, by inserting, after the word “in,” the words—

“arrears of the Land Judge’s Court in the United Kingdom, and not exceeding in amount one-fourth part of the annual value at a rack rent of the premises out of which such ground rents issue; 

(c) debentures or mortgages of railway companies in the United Kingdom incorporated by Act of Parliament; 

(d) stocks or shares of any tramway or light railway issued upon which is guaranteed from or charged upon rates or taxes levied under the Tramways (Ireland) Acts; 

(e) debentures or mortgages secured upon any investments in which trustees are authorised by this or any other Acts to invest trust funds; 

(f) debentures or fully paid shares or stocks of any railway or commercial or industrial company in the United Kingdom, provided that the sufficiency of such investment to realise the sum invested therein under the death of the tenant for life or the termination of the trust shall be secured to the satisfaction of the public trustee under this Act; or (g) 

—(Mr. Peel.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in 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. 29, l. 39, by inserting, after the word “tenant,” the words “provided that no arrears shall be recoverable where the tenant has paid a sum equivalent to a year’s rent within the year immediately preceding such offer.”—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in 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. 29, l. 28, by inserting, after the word “Acts,” the words “Provided that, in any case where no part of such guarantees deposit has been actually applied, in pursuance of the Land Purchase Acts, for five years after the date that the holding in respect of which the same was retained was vested in the purchaser thereof, the Land Commission shall, on application, pay the same to the person entitled thereto.”—(Sir Lewis M‘eer.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in 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. 33, l. 3, by inserting, after the word “acts,” the words “Provided that, in any case where no part of such guarantees deposit has been actually applied, in pursuance of the Land Purchase Acts, for five years after the date that the holding in respect of which the same was retained was vested in the purchaser thereof, the Land Commission shall, on application, pay the same to the person entitled thereto.”—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in 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. 37, l. 35, by inserting, after the word “acts,” the words “Provided that, in any case where no part of such guarantees deposit has been actually applied, in pursuance of the Land Purchase Acts, for five years after the date that the holding in respect of which the same was retained was vested in the purchaser thereof, the Land Commission shall, on application, pay the same to the person entitled thereto.”—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in 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. 38, l. 5, by inserting, after the word “acts,” the words “Provided that, in any case where no part of such guarantees deposit has been actually applied, in pursuance of the Land Purchase Acts, for five years after the date that the holding in respect of which the same was retained was vested in the purchaser thereof, the Land Commission shall, on application, pay the same to the person entitled thereto.”—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time Bill 391, upon Tuesday next; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Metropolitan Streets Streets into a Committee on the Metropolitan Streets Streets Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1.

Question again proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:

Question put, and agreed to.

Clause, No. 2, agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman 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 taking into consideration the Licensing Acts (Scotland) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration upon Tuesday next.

Naval Works Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Naval Works Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Contested Districts (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Contested Districts (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill;

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

Statute Law Revision (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

The Statute Law Revision (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday next.

Innskeeper Liability Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Innskeepers’ Liability Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration upon Wednesday next.

Day Industrial Schools (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Day Industrial Schools (Ireland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Laborers (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Laborers (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill;

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

Local Government (Ireland) 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 upon Monday next.

Provisional 

County to 

Animal Bill.

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 Cruelty to Animals Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Medical Copyright Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Medical Copyright Bill [Lords];

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

Mr. Ashton reported from the Committee on the Birmingham District Tramways Bill [Lords];

That, in pursuance of a Resolution of the House of Commons of the 21st March last, the contents of the County Councils of Warwickshire and Worcestershire to the Bill were proved before the Committee, and consequently Tramways Nos. 1, 1A, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 remain in the Bill.

Mr. Ashton 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.

Ordered, That the Shops (Early Closing) Bill [Lords] be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill [Lords]; 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.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill [Lords]; 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.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Gas Orders Confirmation Bill [Lords]; 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.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Gas and Electricity Bill [Lords]; 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 amended in the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title of the Bill.

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Vide Supplement to the Votes.

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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:—

Message from the Lords.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Elementary Education Amendment Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by the Lords to the Great Western Railway Bill; and the Bill was read the First time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 27th day of this instant July; and to be printed.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by the Lords to the Taff Vale Railway Bill; and the Bill was read the First time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 27th day of this instant July; and to be printed.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by the Lords to the Barry Railway Bill, with Amendments; and the Bill was read the First time; and ordered to be read a second time; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

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

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And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

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

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The Carmarthenshire Electric Power Bill [Lords] 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 Fife Electric Power Bill [Lords] 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 Saint Philip’s Chapel (Regent Street) Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed. Bill

The Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed. Bill

The Power Bill [Lords] 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 under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1896, relating to the Scottish Episcopal Clergy Widows and Orphans’ Fund: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland do prepare, and bring it in.

The Lord Advocate accordingly presented a Scottish Episcopal Clergy Widows and Orphans’ Fund Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to the Scottish Episcopal Clergy Widows and Orphans’ Fund: And the same was ordered to be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 16th day of this instant July, for Returns relative to Trade (Colonies and United Kingdom.) No. 262.

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

Mr. Secretary Brodrick presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Despatches (Despatches relative to the Operations of the Somaliland Field Forces.)

Mr. Secretary Brodrick also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, — Copy of Further Regulations relating to the Militia. Copy

Orderd, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table. Orders

Sir William Assom presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Syllabus and Lists of Education, Apparatus applicable to Schools and Classes other than Elementary (from 1st August 1903 to 31st July 1904). Copy

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

Mr. Arthur Elliot presented, by His Majesty’s Government—Copy of Report of the Principal Chemist upon the Work of the Government Laboratory, for the year ended 31st March 1903, with Appendices.

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Viscount Cranborne presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports (Annual Series, Nos. 3034 and 3035). Copy

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Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Parishes in the Counties of Orkney, Shetland, Caithness, Sutherland, Ross and Cromarty, Inverness, and Argyll, in which the Office of Resident Parochial Medical Officer has been vacant within the last seven years, stating (a) Name of Parish; (b) Number of Times a vacancy has occurred; (c) Length of Time the Office has been vacant in each case.—[Mr. Cathcart Watson.]

Ordered, That the Licences Renewal and Transfer Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

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 London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to the Lanarkshire Tramways; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lanarkshire Tramways Order Confirmation Bill [Lords.] Bill 286.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House, be read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant July; and to be printed.

Mr. Speaker reported from the Select Committee of Supply, to reorganise the administration of the Patriotic Fund: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Speaker reported from the Select Committee, that the Bill, as amended in the Select Committee, be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next; and be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to reorganise the administration of the Patriotic Fund.—[Mr. Pretyman;]

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question in pursuance of Standing Order No. 11. And the Question was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Pretyman and Mr. Arnot-Flower to prepare, and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Pretyman accordingly presented a Bill to reorganise the administration of the Patriotic Fund: 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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The Order of the day being read, for the Ecclesiastical Second Reading of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bishops of Second Reading of the Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Expired Laws Second Reading of the Expired Laws Continuance Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the London Emigration Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Employment into consideration the Employment of Children Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bill of the Port of London Committee (re-committed) London Bill;
Ordered, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sugar Second Reading of the Sugar Convention Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the South African Loan and War Contribution Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Electric Second Reading of the Electric Lighting (London) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Second Reading of the Metropolitan Improvements (Funds) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Second Reading of the Poor Law (Diminution of School Districts and Adjustments) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriages Second Reading of the Marriages Legalisation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Patent Office Extension [Ex. penses]; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bill of the Post Office Sires Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.
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The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Her Majesty's Command, as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Church Discipline Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Church Discipline Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Day Schools (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Day Schools (Ireland) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Prevention of Pollution of Rivers and Streams Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prevention of Pollution of Rivers and Streams Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

British and Irish Meat Protection Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British and Irish Meat Protection Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Parliamentary Voters Registration Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Debate on the Question proposed upon Thursday last, That the Parliament Voters Registration Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

Marriage with Foreigners Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marriage with Foreigners Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Poor Law Superannuation (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Superannuation (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Labourers (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Labourers (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Local Government (Ireland) 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 upon Wednesday next.

Crudeity to Animals Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 2nd day of March last, That the Cruelty to Animals Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

Musical Copyright Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Musical Copyright Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

A Motion being made, That this House Military Bill, will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means. Ordered, That the House do consider of making further provision for defraying the Expenses of certain Military Works and other Military Services, and to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of such Sums as may be required for those purposes—[Lord Stanley].

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

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

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

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Tuesday, 21st July, 1903.

The House met at Two of the clock.

Prayers.

The Clerk at the Table informed the House the Chairman of the unavoidable absence of the Clerk of Ways and Means.

The Derby Gas Bill [Lords] 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 Dudley, Stourbridge, and District Tramways Bill [Lords] was 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 Lockhill Estate Bill [Lords] was read the 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 same, without Amendment.

The Poole and District Electric Traction Bill [Lords] 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 Taff Vale Railway Bill [Lords]. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill; and the same (No. 5) Bill 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.

The Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed, with Amendments. Ordered,
Ordered, That the Clerk do cause 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.

Royal Assent.
A Message was delivered by Thomas Duerre Butler, Esquire, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod:
Mr. Speaker,
The Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His 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 His 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:
2. Education (Provision of Working Balances) Act, 1903.
5. Elementary Education Amendment Act, 1903.
6. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (Housing of Working Classes) Act, 1903.
7. Local Government Board’s Provisional Orders Confirmation (Poor Law) Act, 1903.
8. Local Government Board’s Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 9) Act, 1903.
9. Local Government Board’s Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 10) Act, 1903.
10. Local Government Board’s Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 12) Act, 1903.
11. Local Government Board’s Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 14) Act, 1903.
12. Local Government Board’s Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 15) Act, 1903.
13. Local Government Board’s Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 17) Act, 1903.
14. Local Government Board’s Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 18) Act, 1903.
15. Military Lands Provisional Orders Confirmation Act, 1903.
16. Education Board Provisional Orders Confirmation (East Ham) Act, 1903.
17. Hamilton Bridge Order Confirmation Act, 1903.
18. Broughty Ferry Gas Order Confirmation Act, 1903.
22. Southampton Harbour Act, 1903.
24. West Cumberland Electric Tramways Act, 1903.
25. Invergarry and Fort Augustus Railway Companies Act, 1903.
27. Merthyr Tydfil Urban District Council Act, 1903.
29. Preston-on-Sca Sea Defences Act, 1903.
30. Cardiff Railway Act, 1903.
31. Aston Manor Improvement Act, 1903.
32. Grindleford, Baslow, and Bakewell Railway Act, 1903.
33. London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Companies Act, 1903.
34. Port Talbot Railway and Docks Act, 1903.
35. Broadstairs Gas Act, 1903.
37. Leigh Corporation Act, 1903.
38. Great Northern Railway Act, 1903.
40. Midland Railway (Belfort and Northern Counties Railway Purchase) Act, 1903.

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

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Inebriates Act, 1898, of the Number of Inebriates Act, 1898; Prisoners (Scotland) Act, 1877, and Secretary for Scotland Acts, 1885 to 1889, which was presented upon the 8th day of June last, be printed.

Sir William Assou presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of seven Orders in Council of 7th July 1903, under the Winter Assizes Act, 1876, relating to the ensuing Winter Assizes.

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

Mr. Wylde was presented, by His Majesty's Queen's Command,—Copy of Report of the President of College Queen's College, Cork, for the Session 1902-3, (Cork) with Appendices.

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 last quarter ended on the 30th June 1903.

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

Mr.
Mr. Gerald Balfour, presented, by His 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 three months ending 31st March 1903; together with Reports of the Inspecting Officers, Assistant Inspecting Officers, and Sub-Inspectors of the Railway Department to the Board of Trade upon certain Accidents which were inquired into.

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—

Copy of Report by the Board of Trade of their Proceedings under Part III. of the Sea Fisheries Act, 1868, Orders for Fishery Grants, 1902-3.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the Sea Fisheries Act, 1890, be printed.

Trade Reports (Annual, Series.)

Consular Service (Annual, Series.) Nos. 3036 and 3037.

Consular Copy of Report of the Committee appointed to inquire into the constitution of the Consular Service, (Miscellaneous.)

Metropolitan Water Companies.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Accounts, as they are respectively made up, of the Metropolitan Water Companies, and of the Sta кines Reservoirs Joint Committee, to the 30th day of September and the 31st day of December 1902 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 286, of Session 1902.—(Mr. Grant Lawon.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Amounts received respectively by the several Railway Companies in the United Kingdom, from Duties on Imports, in Imports.

Standing Orders.

South Western and Isle of Wight Junction Railway Bill [Lords].

That in the case of the South Western and Isle of Wight Junction Railway Bill [Lords] the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; and the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

Ordered, That in the case of the Naval Works (Portsmouth Barracks) Bill the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Bill be permitted to proceed.

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 Western and Isle of Wight Junction Railway Bill [Lords] might be read; and the same being read, Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Railway Companies Bill [Lords].

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the Bristol Corporation Bill [Lords]. 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 thereunto.

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

Vide Supplement to the Votes.

The Board of Agriculture and Fisheries Bill Board of Agriculture and Fisheries Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be printed.

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

Vide Supplement to the Votes.

Copies and Particulars of Tramways Bills [Lords]. That, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 17th day of March last, both struck out of the Bill during its passage through the House of Lords.

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

Vide Supplement to the Votes.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the Heave, Working, and District Tramways Bill [Lords]; That the powers to construct Tramways Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 11, 12, 15, Bill [Lords.] 16, 17, and 18 had, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 17th day of March last, both struck out of the Bill during its passage through the House of Lords.

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

Vide Supplement to the Votes.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the South Eastern and London, and London, Chatham, and Dover Railways Bill [Lords]; That, in pursuance of the Resolution of the Railway Bills (Hansard), House of the 9th day of this instant July, the Committee had struck out of the Bill Clause 30 and the Fourth Schedule.

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

Vide Supplement to the Votes.

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Premises Bill, Bill 289.

Sir William Holland, supported by Mr. Crombie and Mr. Parkes, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Electoral qualifications, the Registration of Voters, Parliamentary Elections, and to make provision for the payment of Election Expenses and of Members of Parliament, and the duration of Parliament: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Sir William Holland, supported by Mr. Crombie and Mr. Parkes, presented a Bill to provide for the Registration of dishonoured Bills of Exchange, and to allow summary judgment thereon: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Irish Land Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:

Mr. Balfour, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, places his interest at the disposal of Parliament. And the Question being put; The House divided.

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

Tellers for the [Mr. Alexander Acland—] 317.

Tellers for the [Mr. Anstruther:] 20.

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.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Military Works [Consolidated Fund].

Motions made, and Question proposed, That it is inexpedient to make further provision for defraying the Expenses of certain Military Works and other Military Services, and to authorize the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of such Sums, not exceeding £5,000,000, as may be required for those purposes; and to make provision for raising in the manner provided by Section Two of the Military Works Act, 1897, the Sums so issued by Terminable Annuities for a period not exceeding Thirty years from the date of borrowing.—(Mr. Secretary Brodrick.)

And it being half an hour after Seven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman 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 evening, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That it is inexpedient to make further provision for defraying the Expenses of certain Military Works and other Military Services, and to authorize the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of such Sums, not exceeding £5,000,000, as may be required for those purposes; and to make provision for raising in the manner provided by Section Two of the Military Works Act, 1897, the Sums so issued by Terminable Annuities for a period not exceeding Thirty years from the date of borrowing.—(Mr. Secretary Brodrick.)

Amendment proposed, to leave out £5,000,000, in order to insert £4,000,000—(Mr. Dalziel)—instead thereof.

Question put, That £5,000,000 stand part of the Question:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland—] 118.

Tellers for the [Mr. Anstruther:] 68.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received Tomorrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Licensing Acts (Scotland) Consolidation and Amendment Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

The Proceedings on the Amendment proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 25, l. 28 and 29, by leaving out the words “in that part of the” premises where excisable liquid is sold or consumed”—(Sir John Leng)—were resumed.

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 [Mr. Anstruther, Mr. Fellowes:] 135.

Tellers for the [Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Black:] 75.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 25, l. 30, by leaving out the words from the word “Act” to the end of l. 34.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

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 Alexander Acland- Rodd,] 153.  
Tellers for the [Mr. Arthur O'Connell,] 85.  
So it was resolved in the Affective.  

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.  
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 28, l. 6, by inserting, after the word "then," the word "half."—(Mr. Caldwell.)  
And the Question being put, That the word "half" be there inserted in the Bill:—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. 24, by leaving out Clause 92.—(Mr. Gretton.)  
And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "or," in l. 3 of the Clause, stand part of the Bill; The House divided.  
The Yeas to the Right:  
The Noes to the Left.  
Tellers for the [Sir Charles Reeshow,] 149.  
Tellers for the [Mr. John Hope,] 104.  
So it was resolved in the Affective.  

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.  
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 37, l. 32 and 33, by leaving out the words "and not under the care or" in l. 5 of the Clause, stand part of the Bill; The House divided.  
The Yeas to the Right:  
The Noes to the Left.  
Tellers for the [Sir Charles Reeshow,] 149.  
Tellers for the [Mr. John Hope,] 104.  
So it was resolved in the Affective.  

And it being after Midnight, further consideration of the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, stood adjourned.  
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into further consideration this day.  

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Employment of Children Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;  
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration this day.  

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Naval Works Bill;  
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 Prevention of Corruption Bill [Lords,] as amended in the Standing Committee;  
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ORDERED, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.  

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.  

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [2nd July] the 2nd day of this instant July:  
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.  

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Congested Districts (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.  

The Order of the day being read, for the Statute Law Committee on the Statute Law Revision (Scotland) Bill [Lords];  
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.  

The Order of the day being read, for the London School Board Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill, upon Thursday next.  

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [9th July] the 9th day of this instant July;  
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.  

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [9th July] the 9th day of this instant July;  
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.  

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Statute Law Revision (Scotland) Bill [Lords];  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill, upon Monday next.  

The Order of the day being read, for the Justices of the Peace Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.  

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Health (Superannuation) Pension Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.  

The Order of the day being read, for the Improvement of the Public Health (Superannuation) Grant Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.  

The Order of the day being read, for the Bishopric of Bristol Bill [Lords];  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next. x x 3  

The Order of the day being read, for the Bishopric of Bristol 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 4th day of May last, That the Railways (Private Sittings) 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 resuming Town Tenants (Ireland) Bill, upon the 2nd day of May last, That the Town Tenants (Ireland) 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 Poor Law Superannuation (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Cruelty to Animals Bill, upon the 2nd day of March last, That the Cruelty to Animals 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 Musical Copyright Bill, upon the 22nd day of May last, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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

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Wednesday, 22nd July, 1903.

The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

**ORDERED,** That the Standing Committee, standing on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure have leave to sit this day after a quarter-past Two, during the Sitting of the House.—(Lord Edmond Euston.)

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Corporation Middlesbrough Corporation Bill; and the Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments,

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquit them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Verbal Amendments were made to the Tyne, Tynemouth and District Tramways Bill (Lords); and the Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments,

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquit them, that this House hath agreed to the same, Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Birmingham Corporation Bill (Lords); and the Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments,

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquit them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Prayers.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Exeter Corporation Bill (Lords), as amended in the Committee. And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Wiltshire Urban District Council Bill (Lords)

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Wiltshire Urban District Council Bill, (Lords), as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Railway Corporation Order Confirmation

The Lord Advocate accordingly presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to the Royal Borough of Rutherglen: and that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to the Royal Borough of Rutherglen: and that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordering the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be printed.

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 to-morrow; and be printed.

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

Sir Frederick Goschen reported from the Committee on the Somerset and District Electric Power 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.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Further Return to a Return relative to Inquiry into Charities (County of Wiltshire), No. 267, 1893, arranged in chronological order of date of administration.

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

The following Paper was laid upon the Table, for a Return relative to Inquiry into Charities (County of Wiltshire), No. 267, 1893, arranged in chronological order of date of administration.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the Number and Tonnage of Vessels sold from United Kingdom ownership under the British Flag to Foreign ownership under Foreign Flags in each year from 1875 to 1902, in the following form:

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(Mr. Bevan.)

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Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 65, l. 8, by leaving out the word "fourteen" and inserting the word "sixteen"—(Mr. Black)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "fourteen" stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Acland-Hood.
Tellers for the Noes, Lord Cameron.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 65, l. 12, by leaving out the words "such hour" and inserting the word "eight of the clock"—(The Lord Advocate)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "such hour" stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Fellows.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Cameron-Carrett.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the words "eight of the clock" be there inserted in the Bill;

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Calderwood.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Hunter Craig.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "eight of the clock" be there inserted in the Bill;

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Acland-Hood.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Fellows.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the words "eight of the clock" be there inserted in p. 65, l. 12, by leaving out the word "such hour" and inserting the words "eight of the clock"—(The Lord Advocate)—instead thereof.

And it being Midnight, further consideration upon Friday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.
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and for purposes connected therewith.—(Mr. Arthur Balfour).
Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Expiring Laws Continuance Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Prevention of Corruption Bill [Lords].
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Prevention of Corruption Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee:
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd day of this instant July;
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 3rd day of this instant July;
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 4th day of this instant July;
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Naval Works (Portsmouth Barracks Site) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Naval Works (Portsmouth Barracks Site) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Ways and Means.
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.

Port of London Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Port of London (re-committed) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Sugar Convention Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sugar Convention Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

South African Loan and War Contribution Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South African Loan and War Contribution Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Board of Agriculture and Fisheries Bill [Lords]....
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
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Sir Alexander Acland-Hood reported from the Committee on Military Works (Consolidated Fund) a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That it is expedient to make further provision for defraying the Expenses of certain Military Works and other Military Services, and to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of such Sums, not exceeding £5,000,000, as may be required for those purposes; and to make provision for raising, in the manner provided by Section Two of the Military Works Act, 1897, the Sums so issued by Terminable Annuities for a period not exceeding Thirty years from the date of borrowing.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.
Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Military said Resolution: And that Mr. Secretary Works.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Improvements (Funds) 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 Metropolitan Improvements (Funds) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next;—Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time;—Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn;—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 Union of Benefices Act (1860) Amendment Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 3rd day of August next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tuberculosis (Animals) Compensation 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 Shops (Early Closing) Bill [Lords];

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 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 Prevention of Cruelty to Animals 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 Musical Copyright Bill [Lords];

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 Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

Thursday, 23rd July, 1903.

The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That the Bournemouth Corporation Tramways Bill [Lords] be read the third time To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Sutton Coldfield Corporation Bill [Lords] be read the third time To-morrow.

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

Mr. Fellowes presented, by His Majesty's Oulandise Command,—Copy of Report of the Progress of Survey, the Ordinance Survey to the 31st March 1903.

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

Mr. Wyndham presented, by His Majesty's Agrarian Command,—Copy of Return of the Number of Irish Agricultural Outrages which were reported to the Inspector General of the Royal Irish Constabulary during the quarter ended 30th June 1903.

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

Mr. Arthur Elliot presented, pursuant to the Provisions directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated the 21st July 1903, directing the application of money received by the Board of Trade in the year ended 31st March 1903, in respect of the Rights and Interests of the Crown in the Foreshores of the United Kingdom.

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

Mr. Secretary Aber-Douglas presented, pursuant to the Provisions directions of an Act of Parliament, 1892,—Copy of Correspondence relative to the refusal of the Certificate of the Secretary of State, under Section 17 (2) of the Police Act, 1856, to the River Tyne Police Force for the year ended 29th September 1902.

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

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by His West Indian Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report on Excise Restrictions in force in the West Indies and British Guiana, in relation to a proposal to sanction the payment of such an allowance on export of Rum as shall compensate the Distillers in those Colonies for additional outlay caused by Excise Restrictions; by J. Steele, Esquire, C.B.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Exports and of our Exports to Foreign Countries of Woollen and of Cotton Goods, and of Oils and Ointments, respectively, in 1877, 1882, 1887, 1892, 1897, and 1902.—(Colonel Denyer.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Local A Return of the Amount received in respect Taxation Licence Duties and Penalties, under the Local Government Act, 1888, in the year ended the 31st day of March 1903.—(Mr. Grant Lawson.)

Lord Edward Fitzmaurice reported from the Trade, standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, that the Sale of Butter Bill had been referred; That they had gone through the Bill (clipped off from Sale of Butter Bill) (clipped) and made Amendments thereto; and had amended the Title of the Bill, as followeth:—A Bill to amend the Law with regard to the Sale of Butter.

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 Committees, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.
Mr. Hyndman Johnstone reported from the Police and Sanitary Committee, that in the case of the Manchester Corporation Bill [Lords], there had been the following Members from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures:—Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. O'Malley, Mr. Kilbride, Mr. Flavin, and Mr. O'Mara; and had appointed in substitution, Sir Charles Cooper, Mr. Young, Mr. Farrell, Mr. William McKellip, and Mr. Boland. Mr. Halley further reported from the Committee, that they had discharged the following Member from the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Local Procedure:—Mr. Maurice Ferguson; and had appointed in substitution, Mr. Holdare. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Powell-Williams reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Municipal Trading, that they had taken evidence on the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before them, and an Appendix; and a recommendation that a Committee be appointed in a future Session of Parliament to continue the Inquiry. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Motion was made, and the Question being put, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Housing of the Working Classes;—Mr. Walter Long; and the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question, in pursuance of Standing Order No. 11, and the Motion was carried.

A Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Housing of the Working Classes:—Mr. Walter Long; and the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question, in pursuance of Standing Order No. 11, and the Motion was carried.

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Supply The Order of the day being read, for receiving Report, the 20th day of this instant July;
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Supply The Order of the day being read, for receiving Report, the 2nd day of this instant July;
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Supply The Order of the day being read, for receiving Report, the 9th day of this instant July;
Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Contested Elections (Scotland) Bill (Continued) (No. 2) 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 Congested Districts (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Improvements (Funds) 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 Expiring Laws Continuance 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 Congested Districts (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 Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham 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 Bishoprics of Bristol 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 Ecclesiastical Commissioners 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 Electric Lighting Commissioners 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 Bishoprics of 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 Ecclesiastical Commissioners 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 Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham 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 Bishoprics of 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 London School Board (Hilldrop Road Site) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill, upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Improvements (Funds) 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 Railways Committee on the Railways (Electrical Power) Bill; Ordered, 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 Ecclesiastical Commissioners Bill (Lords); Ordered, 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 Electric Lighting Commissioners 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 Bishoprics of 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 Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham 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 Ecclesiastical Commissioners 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 Electric Lighting Commissioners Bill (Lords); Ordered, 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 Bishoprics of 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 Electric Lighting Commissioners Bill (Lords); Ordered, 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 Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham Bill (Lords); 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 Poor Law (Dissolution of School Districts and Adjustments) 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 Marriages Legalisation 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 Post Office Sites Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Town Councils (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Inhabitants' Liability Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Jury Acts (Ireland) 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 at the First Reading of the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act (1886) Amendment Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
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 21st day of February last, That the School Board Electorate (Scotland) 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 Housing of the Working Classes (Repayment of Loans) 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 Marriages with Foreigners 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 Labourers (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 Parliamentary and Electoral Reform 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed by Mr. Jones at the Second Reading of the Poor Law Superannuation (Ireland) Bill, upon the 22nd day of May last, That the Town Tenants (Ireland) 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 Poor Law Superannuation (Ireland) 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 at the Second Reading of the Marriages with Foreigners Bill, upon the 23rd day of April last, That the Cruelty to Animals 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 Poor Law Superannuation (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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

[No. 100.]

Friday, 24th July, 1903.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Rt. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the South London City and South London 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 Scottish Central Electric Power Bill (Lords); and the same were twice read, and agreed to.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the South London City and South London 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 South London City and South London 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 South London City and South London 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 Wigan 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 Woolsed Borough 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.

The Taff Vale Railway Bill [Lords] 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 Barry Railway Bill [Lords]; as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Birmingham District Tramways Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Doncaster, Daly, and Driffield Tramways Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Manchester Southern Tramways Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Maryport Harbour Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Mid Yorkshire Tramways Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Working Corporation Tramways Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bournemouth Corporation Tramways Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Sutton Coldfield Corporation Bill [Lords] 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 Railway Order Confirmation Bill.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Scottish Episcopal Clergy Widows and Orphans’ Fund Order Confirmation Bill.

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.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Estimates of the Africa South Africa Company for 1902-3 and 1903-4 (in continuation of [C. 1868], 1902).

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

Viscount Cranborne presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 3096 to 3041.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Return showing the ships Lives Lost by Wreck, Drowning, or other Accident, in British Merchant Ships registered in the United Kingdom during the years 1891 to 1902, inclusive (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper [C. 1555]).

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Military Works Bill; and Amendments were made to the 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. Buchanan.)

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. Austen Chamberlain; Mr. Austen Chamberlain; Mr. Robert Spencer; Mr. Robert Spencer;]

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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 Order of the day being read, for the Naval Works Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Employment of Children Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration upon Monday next.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Town into consideration the Convicts (Scotland) Convicts (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Burgesses into consideration the Burgesses (Scotland) (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Committee on the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors Intoxicating Liquors on Sundays (Ireland) Bill; Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 6th day of August next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rating of Machinery Bill; Machinery Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Act; Licensing Act.

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 Second Reading of the Licensing Act; Licensing Act.

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 Ireland Development Grant Bill; Ireland Development Grant 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 Prevention of Corruption Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee; Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Naval Works (Portsmouth Barracks Site) Bill; Naval Works (Portsmouth Barracks Site) 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 South African Loan and War Contribution Bill; South African Loan and War Contribution 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 Board of Agriculture and Fisheries Bill [Lords]; Board of Agriculture and Fisheries 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 Electric Lighting (London) Bill [Lords]; Electric Lighting (London) 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 Metropolitan Improvements (Funds) Bill; Metropolitan Improvements (Funds) 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 Poor Law (Disqualification of School Districts and Adjutants) Bill; Poor Law (Disqualification of School Districts and Adjutants) 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 Poor Law (Disqualification of School Districts and Adjutants) Bill; Poor Law (Disqualification of School Districts and Adjutants) Bill.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Scottish Ontario and Manitoba Land Company Land Company Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

Ordered, [Lords].
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Bournemouth Gas and Water Bill [Lords], with an Amendment. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Poole and District Estate Bill [Lords], without Amendment. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported the Preston, Hoarwith and Horwich Tramways Bill [Lords], with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Hoare reported the Brighton Corporation Bill [Lords] for consideration. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 25th day of April last, That the Parliamentary Voters Registration Bill be now read a second time, be resumed upon Monday next.

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

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Monday, 27th July, 1903.

The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Birmingham Corporation Bill [Lords] 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 Chatham and District Light Railway Bill [Lords] 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 Easby Corporation Bill [Lords] 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 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, Great Eastern, and Great Northern Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Brighton Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Dudley Gas Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Dudley, Stonebridge, and District Tramways Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Tyne and District Tramways Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Finance Bill [Lords].

The Lords have agreed to the Draft Bill [Lords].
The Willesden Urban District Council Bill (Lords), 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 House proceed to take into consideration the Chord Corporation Gas and Electricity Bill (Lords), as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Gasport and Fareham Tramsways Bill (Lords), as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Corporation Gas and Electricity Bill (Lords), as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the South Eastern and London, Chatham and Dover Railways Bill (Lords), as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the South Western and Isle of Wight Junction Railway Bill (Lords), as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The South Western Tramways Bill (Lords) was read a second time; and ordered to be printed.

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

Mr. Secretary Aber-Douglas presented, by T. G. O., His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Calendar of Manuscripts, preserved at Kew Castle, New Series, Vol. II.; and Report on Manuscripts in the Welsh Language, Vol. II., Part II., Plus Libri Stephan ; Free Library, Cardiff.

Mr. Secretary Aber-Douglas also presented,—Conway Courts Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 10th day of this instant July, for Returns relative to County Courts (Plants and Sittings).

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

Mr. Wyndham presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return of the Number of (Ireland) Evictions from Agricultural Holdings in Ireland which have come to the knowledge of the Constabulary, and also of the Number of Tenancies determined, in the quarter ended 30th June 1903.

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

Mr. Fellowes presented, pursuant to the directions Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules and Regulations of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, in connection with the Regulations prescribed by the Parks and Gardens Act, 1872.

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

Mr. Arthur Elliot presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 17th day of June last, for an Account showing the Receipts and Payments in respect of the Land Registry for the year ended 31st March 1903.

Account, prepared in pursuance of the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, 1875, showing the Receipts and Expenditure, in respect of the High Court of Justice and Court of Appeal, during the year ended 31st March 1903.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to the Land Registry and the High Court of Justice, and Court of Appeal, &c, and the said Return, be printed.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Colonial Reports, No. 391 (Gambia, Annual Report for 1902).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
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Much additional information on the third matter mentioned above will be supplied by the Returns moved for this Session as to the number and physical and mental condition of the aged indoor paupers. Your Committee have requested the Local Government Boards for England, Scotland, and Ireland to take steps to supplement that information by inviting the guardians of certain typical unions to ascertain the number of the aged inmates of their workhouses, mentally and physically fit to live outside an institution, who have friends with whom they could live if they had pensions. The result of these inquiries will be printed in the Appendix to this Report.

Your Committee have also had before them, as documents to be considered, the Bills on this subject and the subject of cottage homes, introduced in Parliament since the Report of the Royal Commission.

3. Your Committee do not think that any useful purpose would be served by their attempting, at this late period of the Session, to undertake the work more properly belonging to a Committee of the whole House, or a Grand Committee, of going line by line through the Bill referred to them, and discussing the exact wording of the Amendments to it which appeared to them to be necessary. They do not think that any useful purpose would be served by report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House. They desire, however, to offer the following observations on the main features of the Bill, based on the evidence which they have received, or which has been referred to them:

1. If Parliament should decide to devote to the provision of old age pensions the very large sum which would be required to carry out the provisions of the Bill in its entirety, the Bill, if modified as suggested below, appears to your Committee to afford a satisfactory basis for the distribution of that sum.

2. It does not appear to your Committee that it would be fair or reasonable to leave to an elected body the duty of deciding upon the merits of large numbers of its constituents. In the colonies in which State old age pensions are given, the duty of deciding whether an applicant fulfills the conditions necessary to entitle him to a pension is imposed upon stipendiary magistrates or commissioners appointed by the State. Your Committee consider that any scheme adopted by Parliament should provide that the qualification of any person to receive a pension should be placed in the hands of special commissioners for suitable areas. If the money required for a pension scheme is to come out of general taxation, an additional reason exists for declining to commit the management to a local authority. The temptation to relieve the rates by the grant of pensions instead of poor law relief might lead to grave abuses. To utilise the experience of poor law guardians in allocating pensions is one thing; it is a very different thing to leave the whole management in their hands. The commissioners should consider any representations made on behalf of the Treasury or the local authorities.

4. Your Committee think that any person who has proved before the commissioners the possession of the qualifications prescribed by the Bill amended as they suggest, should, whether a pension is granted or not, be entitled as a "qualified pensioner" to certain privileges, e.g.,

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the retention of his civil rights even if he should receive poor law relief, and the right to outdoor relief should be or she be compelled by destitution to apply for assistance to the guardians while in such a state of health as not to require admission into the workhouse infirmary.

5. The qualifications of pensioners dealt with in Clause 6 of the Bill should, in the opinion of your Committee, be amended in the following particulars:—

(1) A fixed and long period should be required to elapse between the naturalisation of an alien and his application for a pension.

(2) The disqualification arising from the receipt of poor relief should be so defined as not to exclude from pensions aged persons who are in receipt of such relief at the time of the passing of the Act, but who had not received such relief for 20 years before they had reached the qualifying age.

A definition of the "circumstances of a wholly exceptional character" under which poor relief may be given without invalidating a subsequent claim to a pension should be inserted in the Bill.

(3) The transfer of property and subsisting arrangements to wages for the purpose of reducing the income of the applicant to a weekly sum below that which will disqualify for a pension should be guarded against.

(4) Provision should be made against the transfer of the maintenance of aged parents from well-to-do children to the State, which is to have occurred in New Zealand and Victoria.

(5) If any part of the pension is to be charged on the rates of a union, the pensioner should have been a resident in that union for a considerable period.

6. Your Committee desire to express their opinion that the provision of old age pensions for the deserving poor is a matter which might well be proceeded with step by step. If it is not considered possible to provide by taxation the full sum which would be required each year in increasing amounts for the scheme of pensions contemplated by the Bill referred to your Committee, the provision of a considerably smaller sum would, in the opinion of your Committee, meet many of the most necessary cases. This result might be obtained either by raising the age at which a pension might be claimed, or by reducing the amount of weekly income the applicant is to receive in the form of a pension.

7. There is some danger that those who are in a position to save money may be discouraged from saving by the reflection that the more they save the less they will receive in the form of a pension. It may be advisable to intrust those who have the distribution of pensions with a discretion as to amount, so that the pension awarded may not be so reduced as to deprive applicants of the fruits of their own thrift.

8. Your Committee are of opinion that all the materials available, apart from actual experiments, for the purpose of enacting Parliament to arrive at a decision upon the subject of old age pensions have been exhausted in the numerous inquiries that have already taken place. Nevertheless, it must be admitted that there is still much uncertainty upon several points. For example, the number of those in workhouses over a given age who could be properly attended to outside a workhouse; the number of those not now receiving poor law relief who require and deserve pensions; the possibility of obtaining reliable information in crowded circumstances if the applicant's antecedents are to be inquired into; the degree to which a pension scheme would transfer the cost of maintaining the aged poor from the rates to the taxes; and the sums needed for the various schemes proposed, are all matters of considerable doubt. Certainty upon these and other features of importance cannot be attained without actual experiment.

9. Your Committee are of opinion that the reduction on poor law expenditure will be considerably less than has often been represented, inasmuch as the proportion of the aged poor who are now, or may in future be, in the workhouses, who could with advantage to themselves live outside with the help of a pension, will probably be found to be very small. Many inmates who would thus be compelled, from infirmity or lack of friends or homes outside, to remain in the workhouse, suffer great hardship from being compulsorily associated with other inmates who are imbecile or otherwise undesirable. Your Committee strongly recommend that the welfare and happiness of this class of indoor paupers should be provided for by the extension of the system of cottage homes.

Ordered, That the Report and the Special Order No. 276, 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:

The Lords have agreed to the amendments in the Bill, with the exception of the extension of the system of cottage homes. The Lords have agreed to the Select Committee on the Aged Pensioners Bill; That they had agreed to report the same, without Amendment, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Canal Traffic Bill be read a second time To-morrow.
Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 15, to leave out the word "Act" to the end of l. 19.—(Mr. Buchanan.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

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Tellers for the

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Mr. Amstruther:

Mr. Buchanan:

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Clauses agreed to.

Clause, No. 2, agreed to.

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, to leave out Is. 20 and 21.—(Mr. Buchanan.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule;—amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, to leave out l. 35.—(Mr. Buchanan.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Tellers for the

Year,

Mr. Buchanan:

Mr. Amstruther:

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And it being half an hour after Seven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means 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 evening, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Employment of Children, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration this day.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 19, to leave out "£ 7,791,400," in order to insert "£ 670,400".—(Sir John Colomb),—instead thereof.

Question, That "£ 7,791,400" stand part of the Schedule,—put, and agreed to.

Tuesday, 28th July, 1863:

And it being Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means 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 Employment of Children Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Railway Companies on the Railways (Electrical Power) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Patriotic Fund 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 1st day of this instant July, That the Bankers (Ireland) Act repeal 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 Justices of the Peace (Ireland) Act Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Police (Superintendent of Police) (Superannuation) 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 Sugar Convention Bill, Convention Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Sale of Butter Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries 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 Electric Lighting (London) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Second Reading of the Metropolitan Improvements (Funds) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Poor Law (Disolution of School Districts and Adjustments) Bill was, according to resolution of the House, 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 Third Reading of the Poor Prisoners' Defence Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Poor Law (Disolution of School Districts and Adjustments) Bill was, according to resolution of the House, 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 Local Government (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 Board of Agriculture and Fisheries 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 Bishoprics of Bristol 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 Bishoprics of Southwark 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 Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham 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 Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham 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 Congested Districts (Scotland) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, 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 Congested Districts (Scotland) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, 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 Congested Districts (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 Congested Districts (Scotland) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Congested Districts (Scotland) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, 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 Congested Districts (Scotland) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Congested Districts (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 Prevention of Cruelty to Children (Amendment) 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 Poor Law 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 Marriage with Foreigners 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 Labourers (Ireland) Acts 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 Question proposed upon the 22nd day of May last, That the Town Tenants (Ireland) 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 Poor Law Superannuation (Ireland) 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 2nd day of March last, That the Cruelty to Animals 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 Musical Copyright Bill [Lords];
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 28th day of June last, That the Parliamentary Voters Registration Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

A Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of making further provision for defraying the Expenses of the purchase of Land and Buildings, and the construction of Buildings and Works, in connection with certain Public Departments, and of authorising the payments out of the Consolidated Fund, and out of money to be provided by Parliament, of such Sums as may be necessary for those purposes—(Mr. Arthur Elliot)—And a Debate arising thereupon:
Sir John Clancy, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

And it being after Midnight, and objections being taken to further proceeding, the Debate stood adjourned.
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

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.

[No. 102.]

Tuesday, 28th July, 1903.

The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Great Northern, Piccadilly, and Brompton Railway (Various Powers) 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 London County Council (General Powers) 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 Southend, Tilbury, and Southend 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 Watford and Edgware 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 Barry Railway Bill [Lords] 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 Amendments made by the Lords to the Manchester District Tramways Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.
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 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, without Amendment.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bill, and to print it.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the West Bromwich Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Larashire Tramways Order Confirmation Bill, was, according to Order, read a second time; and ordered to be taken into consideration Co-morrow.

A Public Petition was presented, and read and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command, — Copy of Correspondence relating to a proposal to employ Indian Coolies under Indenture on Railways in the Transvaal and Orange River Colony.

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

Mr. Secretary Abercromby presented—Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 7th day of May last, for a Return relative to Chimneys under Fireplaces (City of London).

Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 23rd day of March last, for a Return relative to Deaths in the Establishment of the Forces.

Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 4th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Proclamation of First Offenders.

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

Vice-Count Cravenborne presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Returns of Local Taxation in Ireland for the year 1901-2, collected and Voted.

Mr. Wyndham presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Returns of Local Taxation in Ireland for the year 1901-2, collected and Voted.

Compilied under the direction of the Local Government Board for Ireland by desire of his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

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

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill [Lords]; 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.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill [Lords]; 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.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the Salford Corporation Bill [Lords]; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders were amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had amended the Title of the Bill.

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

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The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the South Staffordshire Tramways Bill [Lords]; That, with reference to the Resolution of the Standing Orders Committee of the 17th March last, the Committee found that the powers to construct Tramways Nos. 1, 1a, and 1b had been struck out of the Bill in the House of Lords.

The Deputy Chairman further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and Table; and they had amended the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

The Deputy Chairman reported the Hastings Harbour District Railway Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

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

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the Liverpool University Bill [Lords]; 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 therein; and had amended the Title of the Bill.

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

The Deputy Chairman reported Kip's Patents Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Ordered,
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the 
Bower Corporation Bill [Lords]; 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 thereto.

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

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Committee on the Shropshire and Worcestershire Electric Power Bill [Lords], with Amendments.

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

Mr. Reynold Johnstone reported from the Police and Sanitary Committee; that, in the case of the Brighton Corporation Bill [Lords], 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 said Amendments, 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 had been brought from the Lords by Sir James Fergusson, that the Lords disagree to one of the Amendments made by this House to the Select Committee on the North Western Electricity and Power-Gas Bill [Lords]; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and had made Amendments to the same, as amended, to be true; 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 Michael Foster reported from the Select Committee on Mines of Cornwall, that they had considered the matters 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 Augustine Gostin reported from the Committee on the North Western Electricity and Power-Gas Bill [Lords]; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and had made Amendments to 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. Sydney Buxton, supported by Sir John Stirling-Maxwell, Colonel Lockwood, and Sir Edward Grey, presented a Bill to amend the Wild Birds Protection Acts: and the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, for the remainder of the Session, Government Business be not interrupted, except at half-past Seven of the clock at an Afternoon Sitting, under the provisions of any Standing Order regulating the Sittings of the House, and may be entered upon at any hour though opposed; and that at the conclusion of Government Business each day Mr. Speaker do adjourn the House without Question put—(Mr. Balfour); and that at the conclusion of Government Business each day Mr. Speaker do adjourn the House without Question put—(Mr. Balfour).

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in 1, 2, by inserting, after the word “Session,” the words “except upon such days as may be set apart for the discussion of “Fiscal Policy.””—(Mr. Dalziel).

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 Yeas, (Mr. Dalziel, Mr. Courtney Warner) 97. Tellers for the Noses, (Sir Alexander Adair, Mr. Asdrubale) 194.

So it was resolved 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 Yeas, (Sir Alexander Adair, Mr. Asdrubale) 231. Tellers for the Noses, (Mr. Herbert Gladstone, Mr. William M’Arthur) 98.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered,
Ordered, That, for the remainder of the Session, Government Business be not interrupted, except at half-past Seven of the clock at an Evening Sitting, under the provisions of any Standing Order regulating the Sittings of the House, and may be entered upon at any hour though opposed; and that at the conclusion of Government Business each day Mr. Speaker do adjourn the House without Question put.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sugar Convention 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. Leathes.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question—and a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being half an hour after Seven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned till this evening.


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And a Motion being made, and the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:

Which Amendment was, to leave out the word "now," and to add the words "upon this day three months."—(Mr. Leathes.)

And the Question being again proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—(Mr. Leathes.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 28th day of this instant July, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Sugar Convention Bill be now read a second time:

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. Leathes.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking the Prevention of Corruption Bill [Lords] into consideration this day:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Employment of Children Bill into consideration this day:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Employment of Children 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 taking Employment of Children 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of this instant July, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of making further provision for defraying the Expenses of the purchase of Land and Buildings, and the construction of Buildings and Works, in connection with certain Public Departments; and of authorising the payment out of the Consolidated Fund, and out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of such Sums as may be necessary for those purposes—(Mr. Arthur Elliott):—

And the Question being again proposed—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And the Question being put—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police (Superannuation) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Port of London Bill;

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 Sale of Butter 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 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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Congested Districts (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill;

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Statute Law Revision (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

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 London School Board (Hilldrop Road Site) 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 Bishopric of Brixton 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 Ecclesiastical Commissioners 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 Bishoprics of Sheffield and Birmingham 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 Marriages Legislation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Military Works Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd day of this instant July;

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 9th day of this instant July;

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 20th day of this instant July;

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Electric Lighting (London) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law (Dissolution of School Districts and Adjustments) Bill;

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

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 28th day of this instant July, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then twenty-five minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[No. 103]

Wednesday, 29th July, 1903.

The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Harrow Road and Paddington 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 London United 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 Bournemouth Gas and Water Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Scottish Ontario and Manitoba Land Company Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Scottish Central Electric Power Bill [Lords] was read a second time; and committed.
The Perth Corporation Tramways Order Confirmation Bill [Lords] 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 Aberdeen Corporation Tramways Order Confirmation Bill [Lords] 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 Glasgow Corporation (Police) Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Friday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Inverness and District Water Board Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Lanarkshire Tramways Order Confirmation Bill [Lords] be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Wick and Palmyra Harbours Order Confirmation Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Friday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill [Lords], 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 Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Mr. Secretary Brodrick presented, by His Majesty's Command, — Copy of Statement showing the Amount of the £170,000 provided in the Military Works Loan (Hund 3, Subhead 2) for the purpose of raising Volunteers in connection with Expenditure on Rifle Ranges.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, — Return to the Lord Chancellor of the United Kingdom and the yearly Population of Canada during the period (Mr. Alfred Davies.)

Ordered, That the said Paper 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, —
No. 267. Copy of Regulations for providing Gratuities to Prisoners on their discharge from Prison in Grenada.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Statement of Particulars of Loans of Local Loans Bill, which the balances outstanding are proposed to be remitted, or written off (in whole or in part) from the Assets of the Local Loans Fund, — (Mr. Arthur Elliot.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the yearly Value of Imports for Consumption from the United Kingdom and the United States into Canada since the Canadian Tariff for Goods for the Commonwealth of Canada came into force, and of the different rebates on the Duty allowed on Goods from the United Kingdom; and the yearly Population of Canada during the period (Mr. Alfred Davies.)

Mr. Hepwood Johnston presented a Report of the Commission of Enquiry in the case of the Bradford Corporation Bill [Lords].
Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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

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

Mr. Secretary Aber-Douglas presented, by Charitable Donations and Annual Report of the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Requests for Ireland.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Walter Lang presented, — Return to an Metropolitan Water Company, for a Return relative to the Metropolitan Water Companies.
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, —
No. 286. Copy of Return to the Lord Chamberlain of the London Number of Visits made and the Number of Patients seen by the several Commissions in Lunacy during the six months ending on the 30th June 1903.
Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Chamber of London be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Statement of Particulars of Loans of Local Loans Bill, which the balances outstanding are proposed to be remitted, or written off (in whole or in part) from the Assets of the Local Loans Fund, — (Mr. Arthur Elliot.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the yearly Value of Imports for Consumption from the United Kingdom and the yearly Population of Canada during the period (Mr. Alfred Davies.)

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

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

Mr. Arthur Elliot presented a Bill to grant Public Works money for the purpose of certain Local Loans. —
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 28th day of this instant July, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Sugar Convention Bill be now read a second time:

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. Leathes);

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 half an hour after Seven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned till this evening.

Evening Sitting.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 28th day of this instant July, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Sugar Convention Bill be now read a second time:

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. Leathes);

And the Question being again proposed, That the word “now” stand part of the Question:

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Thursday, 30th July, 1903:

The Yeas divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Alexander Acland-)

Tellers for the Noses, (Mr. William M'Arthur);

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 Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Public Buildings Expenses [Consolidated Fund].

(In Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That it is expedient to make further provision for defraying the Expenses of the purchase of Land and Buildings, and the construction of Buildings and Works, in connection with certain Public Departments; and to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund, of any Sums not exceeding in the whole £. 1,790,000 for such purposes, and to authorise the Treasury to borrow, for the purpose of providing money for Sums to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund, or for the repayment of Sums so issued, by means of Terminable Annuities for such periods not exceeding Thirty years from the date of borrowing, such Annuities to be paid out of moneys to be provided by Parliament for the Service of the Commissioners of Works, and if those moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund. —(Mr. Arthur Etheridge);

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Whitley);
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The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Employment of Children Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Railways (Electrical Power) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Congested Districts and Adjustments (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners Bill [Lords]; 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 Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bishopric of London Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Marriages Legalisation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Improvements (Funds) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law (Dissolution of School Districts and Adjustments) Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1.

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Dalziel):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses, No. 2 to No. 4, agreed to.

Schedules agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman 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.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 28th day of this instant July, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then twenty-five minutes before Two of the clock on Thursday morning, till this day.
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Thursday, 30th July, 1903.

The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Great Western Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Great Western 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 Lancashire and Yorkshire and North Western Railways (Steam Vessels) 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.

Lancashire and Yorkshire and North Western Railways (Steam Vessels) Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Hundredth and Postordance, and Brymboas 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 Chard Corporation Gas and Electricity Bill [Lords.] 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.

Chard Corporation Gas and Electricity Bill [Lords.]

The Gosport and Fareham Tramways Bill [Lords.] 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.

Gosport and Fareham Tramways Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the House, Woking, and District Tramways Bill [Lords.] be read the third time tomorrow.

Here, Woking, and District Tramways Bill [Lords.]

The Rochester Corporation Tramways and Improvement Bill [Lords.] 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.

Rochester Corporation Tramways Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railways Bill [Lords.] be read the third time tomorrow.

South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railways Bill [Lords.]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railways Bill [Lords.], so amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railways Bill [Lords.]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Somerset and District Electric Power Bill [Lords.], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Somerset and District Electric Power Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Wool Green Urban District Council Bill;

Wool Green Urban District Council Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Birmingham District Tramways Bill Birmingham District Tramways Bill [Lords.] 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 Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill [Lords.] 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 Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill [Lords.] 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 Lancashire Tramways Order Confirmation Bill [Lords.].

And it being a quarter of an hour after Two of the clock, further consideration was postponed, under Standing Order No. 6, until Tuesday next, at the Evening Sitting.

A Public Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas presented,—Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 7th day of April last, for a Return relative to No. 292, cotton factories.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented,—Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 27th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Merchant Shipping 1902.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, (Winding-up.)—Copy of Twelfth General Annual Report by the Board of Trade under Section 29 of the Companies (Winding-up) Act, 1890.

Copy of Twelfth 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 be printed.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Despatches from the Governor of the Transvaal respecting the position of British Indians in that Colony.

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

Mr. Arthur Elliot presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Forty-ninth Report of the Postmaster General on the Post Office.

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

Mr. Walter Long presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 23rd day of this instant July, for a Return relating to Local Taxation Licences, 1892-3. No. 293.

Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of this instant July, for a Return relating to Poor Relief (England and Wales). No. 294.

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

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Further Return to an Order, dated the 14th day of February 1900, for a Return relating to Inquiry into Charities (Administrative County of Durham).

Further Return to an Order, dated the 8th day of August 1898, for a Return relating to Inquiry into Charities (County of Lancaster).

Ordered, That the said Returns be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Total Cost of Imperial Defence, including India and the Crown Colonies, and of the Total Cost of the Diplomatic and Consular Service to Great Britain and Ireland. (Mr. Catherin Wason.)

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, of certain Expenses of the Permanent Commission, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session to make provision for giving effect to a Convention signed the 6th day of March 1902 in relation to Sugar, and of imposing certain Duties in pursuance of such Act—(Mr. Austen Chamberlain); Mr. Austen Chamberlain, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subjects of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Statistical Tables relating to the Production, Consumption, and Imports and Exports of Coal in the British Empire and the principal Foreign Countries in each year from 1888 to 1902, as far as the particulars can be stated; together with Statements showing the Production of Lignite and Petroleum in the principal producing Countries for a series of years. (A Paper, No. 328, of Session 1902.)—(Mr. Gerald Balfour.)

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration Tomorrow.

Mr. Bill reported from the Committee on the Employment Education Board Provisional Order Confirmation (London) Bill [Lords]; 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. Bill reported from the Committee on the Borough and District Joint Water Board Bill (England) [Lords]; 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. Honor Law reported from the Select Committee on Workmen’s Compensation (Insurance Acts) (No. 3) Bill [Lords]; 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 thereto.

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 Cathcart Wason.)

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Boroughs and District Councils Tramways Bill (Lords), without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Boroughs and District Councils Bill (Lords), without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Wulfruna Urban District Council Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Mr. Joseph Devlin, supported by Mr. Haig, Bilton (Party land-Burke, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Flynn, and Mr. Kilbride, presented a Bill for the better administration of Law in the Petty Sessions Court of Belfast, Ireland: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland presented a Bill to amend the Charitable Loans Societies Local Management (Ireland) Act, 1900; And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Sir Seymour King, supported by Mr. Runcie-Wilkinson, Mr. Suyris Fitzgerald, Major Scry, Bill 304.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration Tomorrow.

Mr. Bill reported from the Committee on the Borough and District Joint Water Board Bill (Lords) [Lords]; 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. Bill reported from the Committee on the Borough and District Joint Water Board Bill (England) [Lords]; That they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.
The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House that the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

Evening Sitting.

Standing Order 29, relating to Private Business, Standing Orders was read, and amended, in paragraph 14, by inserting, in line 3, after the words "Parish Council," the words "with the chairman of the parish meeting and.

Standing Order 32 was read, and amended, in line 5, by leaving out the word "21st," and inserting the word "17th.

Standing Order 35 was read, and amended, in line 1, by leaving out the word "21st," and inserting the word "15th.

Standing Order 36 was read, and amended, in line 1, by leaving out the words "after the First Reading thereof," and inserting the words "within five weeks of the date on which the Petition for the same was endorsed by the Examiner.

Standing Order 66 was read, and amended, in line 6, by leaving out the words "after the First Reading thereof be referred," and inserting the words "within five weeks of the date on which the Petition for the same was endorsed by the Examiner again.

Standing Order 67 was read, and amended, in line 2, by leaving out the words "after the Second Reading in this House," and inserting the words "within five weeks of the date on which the Petition for the same was endorsed by the Examiner again.

Standing Order 78 was read, and amended—

In line 1, after the word "Motions," by inserting the words "or the Counsel to Mr. Speaker," and by leaving out the words "at the commencement of each Session," and inserting the words "on or before the 28th day of January in each year.

In line 3, by inserting, after the word "Lords," the words "or with his Counsel.

Standing Order 84 was read, and amended, in line 7, by leaving out the words "32a and 60a," and inserting the words "52a," and by leaving out the word "21st," and inserting the word "16th.

Standing Order 87 was read, and repealed.

New Standing Order 87:

Ordered, That the Chairman of Ways and Means and the Deputy Chairman, with not less than seven other persons, who shall be Members of this House, and shall be appointed by Mr. Speaker for such periods as he shall think fit, shall be Referees of the House on Private Bills, and shall have the assistance of the Counsel to Mr. Speaker; such Referees to form one or more Courts, three at least to be required to constitute each Court.

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of this House.

Standing Order 92 was read, and amended, in lines 3 and 4, by leaving out the words "and" and "after
Ordered, That the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills shall return every unopposed Railway or Canal Bill to the Committee on Unopposed Bills.

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of this House.

Standing Order 107 was read, and amended, in line 3, by leaving out the words "not later than ten clear days after the First Reading thereof," and inserting the words "within the time of depositing Standing Order 129."

Standing Order 109 was read, and amended, in line 2, by leaving out the words from the word "(b)" to the end of the Standing Order, and inserting the words "to the Committee on Unopposed Bills, which shall be composed of five Members, namely, the Chairman of Ways and Means (who when present shall be ex-officio Chairman of every Committee), the Deputy Chairman, two Members from time to time selected by the Chairman of Ways and Means from a panel to be appointed by the Committee of Selection at the commencement of every Session, and Counsel to Mr. Speaker, and Three shall be the Quorum thereof."

Standing Order 110 was read, and repealed.

Standing Order 120 was read, and amended, in line 2, by leaving out the words "not later than ten clear days after the First Reading of such Bill," and inserting the words "on or before the 12th day of February," and at the end of the Standing Order, by adding the words—

"Provided that in the case of—

(a) any Bill brought from the House of Lords; and
(b) any Bill as to which compliance with the Standing Order as to the time for depositing the Bill has been dispensed with; and
(c) any Bill promoted by the London County Council and introduced under Standing Order 194."

Standing Order 194, "a Petition against the Bill may be deposited at any time after ten clear days after the First Reading of the Bill."

Standing Order 134 was read, and amended—

In line 1, by leaving out the words "Where a chamber of commerce, or other similar body, sufficiently representing a particular trade, business, or interest," and inserting the words "Where any body of persons corporate or unincorporated sufficiently representing a particular trade, business, or interest."

In line 4, by leaving out the words "or business," and inserting the words "business or interest."

Standing Order 1346 was read, and amended, in line 3, by inserting, after the word "Borough," the words "or being a Joint Committee of Councils of Administrative Counties or County Boroughs."

Standing Order 135 was read, and an Amendment was proposed to be read out stand part of the Standing Order—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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Standing Order 137 was read, and repealed.

New Standing Order 1572—

Ordered, That, in the case of any Bill relating to the generation of electricity for supply to stations, persons or bodies other than the Promoters, the Bill shall not be reported by the Committee until a Report from the Board of Trade on the powers sought has been laid before the Committee; and the Committee shall report specially to the House in what manner the recommendations or observations in the Report of the Board of Trade, and also in what manner the Clauses of the Bill relating to the powers sought, have been dealt with by the Committee.

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of this House.

Standing Order 193 was read, and amended—

In line 2, by leaving out the words "first presented, which shall have been duly," and inserting the words "which shall be." In line 3, by leaving out the words "and endorsed by one of the Examiners."

Standing Order 1945 was read, and amended—

In line 16, by leaving out the word "1st," and inserting the word "17th."

In line 17, by leaving out the words "The Petition for the Bill may be presented forthwith," and "and." In line 18, by inserting, after the word "May," the words "as soon as may be after the deposit of the Petition."

In lines 18 and 19, by leaving out the words "not later than the second sitting day after the presentation of the Petition."

Ordered, That all Private Bills shall, on the day fixed for their beginning by Private Bill, be laid upon the Table of the House, to be deposited in the Private Bill Office, and shall be laid by one of the Clerks of that Office on the Table of the House, together with a list of such Bills.

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of this House.

Ordered, That where the Examiner has on presentation of the Petitions for a Private Bill "Standing Orders complied with," the Bill shall be presented by being laid on the Table of the House not later than one clear day after such endorsement, or if when it is endorsed the House is not sitting, not later than one clear day after the first sitting thereof subsequent to such endorsement, and if the House is not sitting on the last day on which the Bill ought to be laid on the Table of the House, then the Bill shall be so laid on the last day on which the House again sits.

Where the Examiner has reported with respect to any Private Bill that the Standing Orders have not been complied with, and the Report has been referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders, and the Select Committee on Standing Orders have reported that the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with, the Bill shall be presented by being laid on the Table of the House not later than one clear day after the House has given leave to the parties to proceed with the Bill.

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of this House.

Ordered, That a Private Bill shall, when laid before the House, be read a first time and ordered to be read a second time, or referred to the Examiners, as the case may be, on the day on which it is so laid, and shall be recorded in the Votes as having been so read.
Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of this House.
Standing Orders 195, 196, and 197 were read, and repeated.
Standing Orders 205a and 206 were read, and amended, by adding, at the end, the words "and may, if they think fit, divide the Bill into two Bills, dealing with the opposed and unopposed Orders or Bills respectively, and report the same separately.
Standing Orders 210 and 211 were read, and amended, in line 2, by leaving out the word "Not later than ten clear days after the First Reading of such Bill," and inserting the words "Within the required time.
Standing Order 230 was read, and amended—
In line 3, by leaving out the word "21st," and inserting the word "17th.
In line 11, by leaving out the word "21st," and inserting the word "17th.
The Table of Fees was read, and amended—
In line 5, by leaving out the words the "Petition for.
In line 12, by leaving out the word "Petition," and inserting the word "presentation."
(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)
No. 298.
Ordered, That the Standing Orders, 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, and Supplementary Estimate, 1903-4.
Class V.
Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £584,780, be granted to His 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 1904, for the Expenses in connection with His Majesty's Embassies, Missions, and Consular Establishments Abroad, and other Expenditure chargeable to the Consular Vote:
Friday, 31st July, 1903.
And it being Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to receive the Report from the House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means 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 the House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd day of this instant July:
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 3rd day of this instant July:
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 4th day of this instant July:
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Ways and Means.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, receive itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Revenue Bill;
Second Reading of the Revenue 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. Dalziel.)
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. Caldecott):—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Sharp-Scab into consideration the Sheep Scab Bill, as Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Works Loans 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. Henry Joseph Wilson.)
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 to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Mr. Arthur Elliot reported from the Committee on Public Works Loans Consolidated Fund a Resolution; which was read, as follows:
That it is expedient to make further provision for defraying the Expenses of the purchase of Land and Buildings, and the construction of Buildings and Works, in connection with certain Public Departments; and to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of any Sums, not exceeding in the whole £1,790,000, for such purposes, and to authorise the Treasury to borrow, for the purpose of providing money for Sums to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund, or for the repayment of Sums so issued, by means of Terminable Annuities for such period not exceeding Thirty years from the dates of borrowing, such Annuities to be paid out of moneys to be provided by Parliament for the Service of the Commissioners of Works, and if those moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund.
The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.
Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that Mr. Arthur Elliot, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Victor Cavendish do prepare, and bring it in.
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Public Buildings

Expenses Bill [Lords].

Mr. Victor Cavendish accordingly presented a Bill to make further provision for defraying the Expenses of the purchase of Land and Buildings, and the construction of Buildings and Works, in connection with certain Public Departments; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Roads

and

Public

Road

Site

Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Expanding Roads Continuance Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Naval Works

(Portsmouth

Barracks

Site)

Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Naval Works (Portsmouth Barracks Site) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Roads

and

Public

Road

Bill (Lords).

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Road Improvement Bill (Lords):

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Housing

of

the

Working

Classes

Bill

(No. 2).

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing of the Working Classes (No. 2) Bill:

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

Prevention

of

Corruption

Bill (Lords).

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Prevention of Corruption Bill (Lords), as amended in the Standing Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Railways

(Electrical

Power)

Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Railways (Electrical Power) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Congested

Districts

(Scotland)

(No. 2)

Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Congested Districts (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Statute

Law

Revision

(Scotland)

Bill (Lords).

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Statute Law Revision (Scotland) Bill (Lords):

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

London

School

Board

[Millbrook

Road

Site]

Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London School Board (Millbrook Road Site) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Marriages

Legislation

Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marriages Legislation Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Metropolitan

Improvements

(Scotland)

Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Improvements (Scotland) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 29th day of this instant July, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then ten minutes after One of the clock on Friday morning, till this day.

[PRAYERS.]

THE House met at Twelve of the clock.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills 1903. Vol. 158. No. 105. [Lords)]. The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the House to the Carnarvonshire Electric Power Bill [Lords]; and the same was again read.

Resolved, That this House doth not insist upon the Amendment to which the Lords have disagreed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House doth not insist on their Amendment to the Bill, to which the Lords have disagreed.

Ordered, That the Reason assigned by the House for disagreeing to one of the Amendments made by this House to the Fife Electric Power Bill [Lords] be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next (Evening Sitting).

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bath Corporation Water Bill [Lords]; 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 East Ham Lords to the East Ham Improvement Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next (Evening Sitting).

A Motion being made, That the Bristol Bristol Corporation Bill [Lords] be now read the third time;

The Chairman of Ways and Means, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His 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, without 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; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.
Kip's Patents Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Gas and Water Orders Confirmation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

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

Sir William Asson presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of General Reports of His Majesty's Inspectors of Elementary Schools and Training Colleges for the year 1902.

Ordered, That the said Paper lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Directory of Industrial Associations in the United Kingdom in 1903.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Grampian Corporation Tramways Order Confirmation Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next (Evening Sitting).

A Public Petition was presented, and read:—

Public Petition.

Mr. Wyndham presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the President of Queen's College, Belfast, for the year 1902-3.

Copy of Thirty-ninth Detailed Annual Report of the Registrar General of Marriages, Births, and Deaths in Ireland, 1902.


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

Mr. Walter Long presented, pursuant to the local directions of several Acts of Parliament,—The Annual Local Taxation Returns for England and Wales for the year 1901-2.

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

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, on behalf of His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report (Railways) on the Administration and Working of Indian Railways, by Thomas Robertson, c.v.o., Special Commissioner for Indian Railways.

Ordered, That the said Paper lie upon the Table.
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Mr. Arnold-Forster presented, by His Majesty's Command, a Copy of a Statistical Report of the Health of the Navy for the year 1902.

Mr. Arnold-Forster also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a Return showing the Receipt and Expenditure of Naval Prices, Bounty, Salvage, and other Monies, between the 1st April 1902 and the 31st March 1903.

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 20, to leave out the words from the word “Act” to the end of Subsection (2).—(Mr. Lough.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the end of l. 22, stand part of the Clause; The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Sir Alexander Acland—Hood,) Mr. Austruther: 118.
Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Lough,) Mr. Corrie Grant: 51.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 23, to leave out the words “dates of borrowing,” in order to insert the words “passing of this Act”—(Mr. Buchanan);—instead thereof.

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause; The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Sir Alexander Acland—Hood,) Mr. Austruther: 142.
Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Spencer,) Mr. John Sinclair: 63.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 27, to leave out Subsection (4)—(Mr. Buchanan.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause; The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Sir Alexander Acland—Hood,) Mr. Austruther: 154.
Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Spencer,) Mr. John Sinclair: 90.

Clause agreed to.

Clause, No. 1 (Ireland Development Grant). Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 21, after the word “development,” to insert the words “artificial drainage.”—(Mr. Delany.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 23, to leave out the word “Treasury,” in order to insert the words “Public Accounts Committee of the House of Commons”—(Mr. Gibson Bowles),—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the word “Treasury” stand part of the Clause;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, No. 2, agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means 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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Ireland Development Grant Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1 (Ireland Development Grant). Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 9, to leave out “£.594,000”—(Sir John Colburn.)

Question, That “£.594,000” stand part of the Schedule,—put, and agreed to.

Schedule to be reported.

Bill 296.

Military Works Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Military Works Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1 (Further Grant for military works). Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 10, to leave out the words from the word “Act” to the end of Subsection (1).—(Mr. Lough.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause; The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Sir Alexander Acland—Hood,) Mr. Austruther: 106.
Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Lough,) Mr. Master of Elibank: 39.

Noes, (Mr. Lough,) Mr. John Sinclair: 63.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the South Africa Loan, Loan and War Contribution Bill;

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1 to No. 3, agreed to.

Bill to be reported.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Employment of Children Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, by inserting, in p. 5, l. 13, after the words "nineteen hundred and one," the words "or any subsequent census."—(Mr. Courtney Warner.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in 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. 6, l. 34, by inserting, after the word "mean," the words "in the case of a school board with a population, according to the census of nineteen hundred and one, of over ten thousand the school board."—(Mr. Courtney Warner.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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.

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 Patriotic Fund Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 1 (Incorporation of Royal Patriotic Fund.

Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Lough.)—put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 3 (Transfer of administration of Patriotic Fund to corporation).

An Amendment made another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 22, after the word "that," to insert the words "on the legal position and rights of."—(Mr. Royston Fisher.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSES, No. 4 and No. 5, agreed to.

Schedules.

Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Courtney Warner.)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means 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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Sugar Convention [Expenses and Duties].

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question put, That it is expedient to authorize the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of a share of the Expenses of the Permanent Commission, and of any Expenses in connection with the attendance of Delegates at the Commission, which may be payable under any Act of the present Session, to make provision for giving effect to a Convention signed the 5th day of March 1902, in relation to Sugar.

That the Duties payable under Section Two of the Finance Act, 1901, or any Act amending the same, shall be taken on the delivery of any article from any factory or refinery which, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session, is made subject to the supervision of the Commissioners of Customs or Commissioners of Inland Revenue, and shall be the same as those payable on the like articles on importation—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer);—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the:—

Mr. Acland, 89.
Mr. Asquith, 29.

Tellers for the:—

Mr. Spencer, 129.
Mr. Jaques, 30.

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorize the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of a share of the Expenses of the Permanent Commission, and of any Expenses in connection with the attendance of Delegates at the Commission, which may be payable under any Act of the present Session, to make provision for giving effect to a Convention signed the 5th day of March 1902, in relation to Sugar.

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Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Motor Cars Bill [Lords.]

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Reestablishment of Commissions Bill [Lords.]

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Bishops of the Dioceses of the Bishoprics of Southwark and Birmingham Bill [Lords.]

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply of [26th July] report.

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The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of the 9th day of this instant July;
Ordered, That the Report be received on Monday next.

Sheep Seas Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Sheep Seas Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration on Monday next.

Expiring Laws Continuance Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Navy Works (Portsmouth Barracks Site) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Navy Works (Portsmouth Barracks Site) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Board of Agriculture and Fisheries Bill [Lords.]
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries Bill [Lords.]
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Congested Districts (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Congested Districts (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

London School Board (Sale of Land Road Site) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London School Board (Sale of Land Road Site) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Marrying Legisation Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marrying Legislation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Metropolitan Improvement (Ponds) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Improvement (Ponds) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Public Accounts Committee (Preliminary Report) No. 304.
Sir Arthur Hayter 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.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Public Accounts Committee (Report) No. 305.
Sir Arthur Hayter 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 Evidence taken before them, and an Appendix.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Message from the Lords.
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 Metropolitan Streets Bill, without any Amendment.
The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the London County Council (Transactions and Improvements) County Council (Tramways and Improvements) Bill.
The Lords have agreed to the Metropolitan District Council (Money) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
The Lords have agreed to the London County Council (Money) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
The Lords have agreed to the South Shields North Shields Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
The Lords have agreed to the Beckenham Urban District Council Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
The Lords have agreed to the Amendment lauser made by this House to the Easter Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.
The Lords have agreed to the Amendment lauser made by this House to the Barry Railway Bill Railway Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.
The Lords have agreed to the Amendment lauser made by this House to the railway, Boarding, Bisley, Sir Bisley, and Boreal Tramways Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.
The Lords have agreed to the Amendment lauser made by this House to the Worthing Corporation Tramways Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to continue and amend the Light Railways Railway Bill Act, 1896; 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 of Metropolitan Willamden to sell their generating station at South Shields to the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company; to confer further powers upon that Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
The Lords have agreed to the Amendment lauser made by this House to the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Bill [Lords].
The Lords have agreed to the Amendment lauser made by this House to the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Bill [Lords].

The Lord Speaker adjourned the House of the 28th day of this instant July, Mr. Speaker adjourning the House without Question put, it being then twenty minutes after Seven of the clock, till Monday next.

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Monday, 3rd August, 1903.

The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions of Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders (relating to Private Bills, that are not previously inquired into, and which are not applicable thereto) have been complied with, viz.:

North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Bill [Lords].
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Yol. 168.
The Chairman of Ways and Means, The Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Ways and Means.

Bournemouth Gas and Water Bill [Lords.] was 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.

Manchester Corporation Bill [Lords.] was read the 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 Scottish Ontario and Manitoba Land Company Bill [Lords.] 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 Brighton Corporation Bill [Lords.], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Hastings Harbour District Railway Bill [Lords.], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Liverpool University Bill [Lords.], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Preston, Chorley, and Harwich Tramways Bill [Lords.], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the South Staffordshire Tramways Bill [Lords.], 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 Amendments made by the Lords to the Wood Green Urban District Council Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration To-morrow (Evening Sitting).

The Education Board Provisional Order Confirmation (London) Bill [Lords.], 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 Gas and Water Orders Confirmation Bill [Lords.] 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

bath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1899, relating to Airdrie and Coatbridge Tramways; and that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland do prepare, and bring it in.

The Lord Advocate accordingly presented a Airdrie and Coatbridge Harbour Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1899, relating to Lerwick Harbour: And the same was ordered to be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1899, relating to Lerwick Harbour: And the same was ordered to be taken into consideration To-morrow.

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 explanatory of the Revenue Bill.—[Mr. Arthur Elliot.]

Mr. Arthur Elliot accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement, dated 26th July 1903, between the Admiralty, the Board of Trade, and the Postmaster General, of the one part, and the Cunard Steamship Company, Limited, of the other part, with Copy of Treasury Minute thereon, dated 31st July 1903, and Copies of the said Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association, and of a draft Trust Deed for securing Debenture Stock.

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented,—Return Canada, 1899, relating to droits de douanes from the United Kingdom, To an Order, dated the 29th day of July last, for a Return relative to Canada (Preferential Tariff for Goods from the United Kingdom). Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Return be printed.

Mr. Walter Long presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Supplement to the Thirty-first Annual Report of the Local Government Board, 1901-2, in continuation of the Report of the Medical Officer for 1901-2, on Local Poisoning and Water Supplies. Vol. II. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Arnold-Forster presented, pursuant to the provisions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statement of the Estimated Income and Expenditure of Greenwich Hospital and of Tracres Foundation for the year 1904-5. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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Mr. Arthur Elliot presented, Return to an Order, dated the 29th day of July last, for a Return relative to the Public Works Loans Bill. Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Patent Office Improvement Bill.

Mr. Victor Cavendish reported from the Select Committee on the Patent Office Extension Bill, that they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true, and had taken evidence thereon, which they had directed him to report to the House; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

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

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No. 308.

Bill 308.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow; and be printed.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Mr. Russell, present a Bill to provide for the improvement of local government in certain cases: And the same was ordered to be printed.

Ordered, That the Civil Service Supply Estimates, 1903–4 (New Services), and Army Estimates, 1903–4, may be considered in Committee of Supply at this Evening's Sitting, after Midnight. (Mr. Balfour.)

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

(1 in the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1903–4.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £.6,656,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge for Provisions, Forage, and other Supplies, including South African Compensation Claims, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, that Item A (Cost of Provisions) be reduced by £.100.—(Colonel Legge)

The Committee divided.

1. £.1,280,000 for Capitation Grants and Miscellaneous Charges of Volunteer Corps, including Pay, &c., of the Permanent Staff.

Resolutions to be reported.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £.1,838,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Pay and Allowances of the Imperial Yeomanry, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £.1,280,000, be granted to His 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 1904:

And it being half an hour after Seven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair: and the Deputy Chairman reported, that the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received tomorrow.

The Deputy Chairman 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 evening, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Evening Sitting.

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

(In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1903–4.

1. £.3,930,000 for the Pay, &c. of the Medical Establishment, and for Medicines, &c.

2. £.1,280,000
2. £ 1,858,000 for Transport and Remounts.

3. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 1,858,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge for Clothing Establishments and Services, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Sum, not exceeding £ 1,858,000, be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Crooks): The Committee proceeded to a Division.

Tuesday, 4th August, 1903:

Tellers for the

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the House was accordingly resumed.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 100, be granted to His Majesty, to make good Excesses of Army Expenditure beyond the Grants for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1902:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Sum of £ 1 be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Whitely): The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the House was accordingly resumed.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 100, be granted to His Majesty, to make good Excesses of Army Expenditure beyond the Grants for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1902:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Sum of £ 1 be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Whitely): The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the House was accordingly resumed.

Order of the day being read, for the proposed Second Reading of the Expiring Laws (Conventions and Adjustments) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords.

The Poor Law (Dissolution of School Districts) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Charitable Loan Societies (Ireland) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Naval Works (Ports, Harbours, &c.) 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 Naval Works Expenses 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 Buildings Expenses 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 Military Works Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Prevention of Corruption Bill [Lords], 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 consideration of the Railway (Electrical Power) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Public Works Loans [Remission of Debts].
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Ireland Development Grant Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Military Works Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Naval Works 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 South African Loans and War Contribution Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Patriotic Fund Bill;
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 Sheep Scab Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Vol. 159.
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The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Baker Street and Waterloo Railway (Extension of Time) 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.

Baker Street and Waterloo Railway (Extension of Time) Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Droxford 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.

Droxford Urban District Council Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bill for the London County Council (Money) 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.

London County Council (Money) Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bill for the Mullingar, Kells, and Drogheda 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.

Mullingar, Kells, and Drogheda Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Somerset and District 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.

Somerset and District Electric Power Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Somerset and District Electric Power Bill [Lords] 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. Secretary Akers-Douglas, 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, 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 Birmingham Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Birmingham Corporation Bill [Lords].

The House proceeded to take into consideration the North Western Electricity and Power-Gas Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

North Western Electricity and Power-Gas Bill [Lords].

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Stafford Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Stafford Corporation Bill [Lords].

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Shropshire and Worcestershire Electric Power Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Shropshire and Worcestershire Electric Power Bill [Lords].

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Airdrie and Coatbridge Tramways Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Airdrie and Coatbridge Tramways Order Confirmation Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Lerwick Harbour Improvements Act (1877) Amendment Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Lerwick Harbour Improvements Act (1877) Amendment Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Bill was read the third time ; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Kells, and Mullingar, Kells, 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.

Kells, and Mullingar, Kells, Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Bill was read the third time; and ordered to be printed.

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

Public Petitions.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Return of all British Ships ordered by the Board of Trade, or its Officers, during the period from 1st July 1902 to 30th June 1903, to be provisionally detained as unsafe, by reason of the defective condition of their Hulls, Equipments, or Machinery, or by reason of overloading or improper loading, in pursuance of the provisions of 57 & 58 Vic. c. 69, s. 458, giving the Names of the Owners of those Ships which have been dismantled, broken up, or converted into Hulks, &c.; also 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. 69, s. 458; together with Summaries showing respectively the Total Number of Ships ordered to be detained as unsafe, from 1st July 1902 to 30th June 1903, and since 1st October 1896, distinguishing between those cases in which the Ships were found safe or unsafe.

Copy of Abstracts of the Returns made to the Board of Trade and Planters during the year 1901-2 of Shipping Casualties which occurred on and 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 Charts and Appendices.

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented,—Return Coal Tables, for a Return relative to Coal Ships, 1902. No. 312.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Walter Long presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act 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.

No. 313. (Retirement at the Age of Sixty-five).

Mr. Arthur Elliot presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Administration Report on the Railways in India for the year 1902, by A. Bresden, Esquire, Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, Railways.

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

Viscount Cranborne presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Administrative Report on the Railways in India, as far as the year 1902, by A. Bresden, Esquire, Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, Railways.

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

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Administrative Report on the Railways in India, as far as the year 1902, by A. Bresden, Esquire, Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, Railways.

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

Mr. Aarnold-Forster presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of List of Exceptions to the King's Regulations as to Pay, Non-effective Pay, and Allowances sanctioned by the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, pursuant to the Order in Council dated 19th December 1881, during the year 1902-3.

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

Pistols Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Pistols 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.

Adjournment Motions under Order No. 10.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Motions for Adjournment under Standing Order No. 10, showing the Date of each Motion, the Name of the Member proposing, the definite Matter of urgent public importance, and the Result of any Division taken thereon during Session 1903 (in the same form as, and in continuation of, Parliamentary Paper, No. 591, of Session 1902).—(Mr. Caldwell.)
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Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing, with reference to Session 1903, (1) the Number of Sittings at which, in accordance with the Standing Orders, Government Business had precedence; (2) the Number of Evening Sittings on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and the Number of Sittings on Fridays, at which Private Members had precedence under the Standing Orders; (3) the Number of Sittings at which Government Business had precedence under a Special Order of the House; (4) the Number of Saturday Sittings; (5) the Total Number of Sittings at which Government Business had precedence; (6) the Total Number of Days on which the House sat; (7) the Total Number of Motions for Adjournment of the House on a Matter of urgent public importance; and (8) the Number of Days on which Business of Supply was considered (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 393, of Session 1902).—(Mr. Caldwell.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the extent to which, and the manner in which, Local Authorities in England and Wales have applied Funds by Local Authorities of Technical Education (including Sciences, Art, Technical and Manual Instruction) during the year 1902-3, under the following Acts:—Local Taxation (Customs and Excises) Act, 1899; Technical Instruction Acts, 1890 and 1891; Welsh Intermediate Education Act, 1899; and Public Libraries and Museums Acts. (Sir William Anson.)

Mr. Heywood Johnstone reported from the Police and Sanitary Committee, That they had considered the Bills referred to them, and directed him to make a Special Report to the House.

Ordered, That the Special Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Tramways Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

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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.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Scottish Ontario and Manitoba Land Company Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Mr. Channing, supported by Mr. Bowes-Lyon, Mr. Crooks, Mr. Emery, Mr. Ernest Gray, Mr. Leasgo, Mr. M'Kenna, and Mr. Verbury, presented a Bill to enable Women to be elected and act as Members of County and Borough Councils and Metropolitan Borough Councils: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Arthur Balfour presented a Bill to amend the Law with respect to Customs Duties in the Isle of Man: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Motor-Cars 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. Sorens.

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 Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sugar Convention Bill: Resolved, That this House will, this evening, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Patent Office Extension Bill (re-committed) Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clauses, No. 1 and No. 2, agreed to.

Clauses, No. 3. Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided. Tellers for the [Six Alexander Achard.]—

Yea: Mr. Amstutz; 187.

Nay: Mr. Courtney Warner; 73.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means 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.

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stood Order 135, relating to Private Standing Business, was read, and amended, in lines 1 and Orders, 2, by inserting, after the words "in any street," the words "or road."

And by adding, at the end, the words "or it shall be competent to the Referee on Private Bills to admit the Petitioners, being the owners, lessors, or occupiers of any house, shop, or warehouse having its access materially dependent on such street or road, and making the aforesaid allegations, to be heard against the Bill, if they think fit."—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The Glasgow Corporation (Police) Order Glasgow Confirmation Bill [Lords] 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 Amendments made by the Lords in the Lancashire Tramways Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, Bill [Lords.]
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Glasgow Corporation Tramways Order Confirmation Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Mr. Heywood Johnstone reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to one of the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Wood Green Urban District Council Bill; that they had drawn up Reasons accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 20, l. 51, because it is not advisable to alter a Model Clause in Bills, and because a similar Clause has been allowed in other Bills this and previous Sessions. The said Reasons, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons (with the Bill); and that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Sugar Convention Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 1 (Powers with respect to bounty-fed sugar).

Amendment proposed, to leave out Sub-section (1).—(Mr. Long).

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word “is,” in l. 15, stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland—]

Yea, Mr. Asquith 154.

Noo, Mr. Herbert Gladstone 86.

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Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 15, after the word “bounty,” to insert the words “as defined in the Convention, the provisions of which are set forth in the Schedule to this Act.”—(Mr. Sydney Buxton.)

Question put, That these words be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Long—]

Yea, Mr. Long 61.

Noo, Mr. Asquith 118.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means 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 receiving the Report from the Committee on Public Works Loans [Remission of Debt]; Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on the Patent Office Extension Bill; Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on the Sugar Convention Bill; Second Reading of the Light Railways Bill [Rereded] [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply; Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of Sir John Hope; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of Sir John Hope; the 30th day of July last; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply of Sir John Hope; the 3rd day of this instant August (Evening Sitting); Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill; [Lords.]
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 Board of Agriculture and Fisheries 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 Congested Districts (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 South Africa Loan and War Contribution Bill; [Lords.]
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the South Africa Loan and War Contribution Bill; [Lords.]
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Preventive of Corruption (No. 2) 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 Charitable Loan Societies (Ireland) 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 Board of Agriculture and Fisheries Bill; [Lords.]
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing of the Working Classes (No. 2) Bill; [Lords.]
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Irish Land Development Grant Bill; [Lords.]
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Military Works Bill; [Lords.]
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Prevention of Corruption Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee; [Lords.]
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sheep Scab Bill; [Lords.]
Ordered, 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 Congested Districts (Scotland) Bill; [Lords.]
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Post Office (Contract for Insulation, etc.) Bill, and for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on the 3rd day of this instant August, That the Contract, dated the 5th day of November and from 1905, with the Glasgow and South Western Railway Company, the Portpatrick and Wigton, Stranraer and Lanne, and the Northern Counties Railway Company, for an accelerated Mail Service to and from Ireland and Carlisle, Stranraer, and Lanne, printed in Parliamentary Paper, No. 56, of Session 1903, be amended; [Lords.]
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Post Office Grant Bill; [Lords.]
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the imposition of an Excise Duty on persons employed as Drivers of Motor Cars, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session to amend the Locomotives on Highways Act, 1896; [Lords.]
Resolved, That the Appropriation Accounts for the Navy and Army Departments, which were presented on the 24th and 25th days of February last, respectively, be referred to the Committee.—[Mr. Arthur Elliot.]

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the imposition of an Excise Duty on persons employed as Drivers of Motor Cars, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session to amend the Locomotives on Highways Act, 1896; [Lords.]
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Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 28th day of July last, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then twenty minutes past One of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

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The House met at Two of the clock.

Prayers.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the South Shields 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 said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Arnold-Foster presented,—Return to an Amendment of the Lords to the Bill, ordered, the 17th day of March last, for Returns relative to Casualties to Ships.

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

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Adjournment (Standing Order No. 20).

Ordered, That the said Amendments be printed.

Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Adjournment (Standing Order No. 20).

Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Business of the House. (Days occupied by Government and by Private Members.)

Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of this instant August, for Returns relative to Private Bills and Private Business.

Ordered, That the said Returns be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return giving the Names of all the Transports hired for the conveyance of Troops, Stores, and other Material to South Africa in 1899, 1900, 1901, and 1902, and giving in a tabular form the following particulars:—(1) Name of Vessel; (2) Owner; (3) Broker, if any, through whom the Vessel was chartered; (4) Tonnage; (5) Speed; (6) Rate per Ton per month; (7) Minimum Time for which engaged; (8) Date of Agreement; (9) Date at which Pay commenced; (10) Date at which Pay ceased; and (11) Total Sum paid by Government for Hire and other charges.

The Order for reading a second time, this Adjournment Motion under Standing Order No. 10, was read, and discharged.

The Order for reading a second time, this Trade Unions Motion under Standing Order No. 10, was read, and discharged.

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The Lords have agreed to the London Education (Ireland) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House. The
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend Section 82 of the Bills of Exchange Act, 1882; with the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Bills of Exchange Act (1882) Amendment Bill (Lords) was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the London Education Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow; and be printed.

The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Small Holdings Bill was read, and discharged.

The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Purchase of Land (England and Wales) Bill was read, and discharged.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Sugar Convention Bill.

In the Committee.

Clause, No. 1 (Powers with respect to bounty-fed sugar).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 15, to leave out the word "foreign."—(Mr. Lough.)

Question put, That the word "foreign" stand part of the Clause;

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland-] Hood, Yeas, 147.

Tellers for the [Mr. Austruther : ] Noes, 45.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 15, after the word "country," to insert the words "not being a party to the Convention."—(Mr. Lough.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Edward Robertson, ] Yeas, 88.


Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16, after the word "sugar," to insert the words "or sugared goods."—(Mr. Lough.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;—Debate arising;

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 Alexander Acland-] Hood, Yeas, 191.

Tellers for the [Mr. Austruther : ] Noes, 90.

Question put accordingly;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Gladstone, ] Yeas, 88.

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland-] Hood, Noes, 156.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 19, to leave out from the word "Kingdom" to the end of l. 21.—(Mr. Ur.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland-] Hood, Yeas, 114.

Tellers for the [Mr. Austruther : ] Noes, 54.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 21, after the word "Convention," to insert the words "and such order shall be in force until the Permanent Commission reports that such bounty is no longer granted in such foreign country."—(Mr. Edward Robertson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 21, at the end, to insert the words "Provided that any prohibition order issued against any non-signatory state found to be giving a bounty after the Convention comes into force shall take effect in one month from the date of the issue of such order."—(Mr. Kearley.)

Question, That those words be there inserted,—put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 22, to leave out Subsection (3).—(Mr. Lough.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland-] Hood, Yeas, 171.

Tellers for the [Mr. Austruther : ] Noes, 76.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 2, to leave out the words "whether in transit or otherwise," in order to insert the words "except sugar in transit."—(Mr. Lough.)—instead thereof.

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

The Committee proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland-] Hood, Yeas, 168.

Tellers for the [Mr. Austruther : ] Noes, 70.

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."

Question put, "That the Question "That the Clause stand part of the Bill" be now put."

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland-] Hood, Yeas, 156.

Tellers for the [Mr. Austruther : ] Noes, 65.

Question put accordingly, That the Clause stand part of the Bill;
The Committee divided.

Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the House of the Working Classes (No. 2) Bill,

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Revenue Bill:

the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 30th day of July last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Revenue 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 Expiring Second Reading of the Expanding Laws Continuation Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Railways (Electrical Power) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 1 (Introduction of electrical power under Orders of Board of Trade). An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, to leave out Is. 22 to 24—(Mr. Herbert Lewis.) Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 3, disagreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 4, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 5, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 6, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 7, agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and 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 this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing of the Working Classes (No. 2) Bill,

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Expanding Second Reading of the Expanding Laws Continuation Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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(In the Committee.)

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CLAUSE, No. 6, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 7, agreed to.
The Order of the day being read, for the 3rd Reading of the Military Works Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the South African War Contribution Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bishoprics of (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

The Order of the day being read, for the London and South Eastern Railway Bill: Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Improvements (Funds) 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 3rd day of this instant August, That the Contract, dated the 5th day of November 1902, with the Glengar and South Western Railway Company, the Portpatrick and Higtonmore Joint Committee, and the Belfast and Northern Counties Railway Company, for an accelerated Mail Service to and from Ireland via Carlisle, Stranraer, and Larne, printed in S. V. Parliamentary
Parliamentary Paper, No. 56, of Session 1903, to be approved.—(Mr. Arthur Elliot).

And the Question being again proposed—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And the Question being put—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Motor Cars [Excise Duty].

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorize the imposition of an Excise Duty on persons employed as Drivers of Motor Cars of the same amount as is payable on Male Servants, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session to amend the Locomotives on Highways Act, 1896. 

—(Mr. Walter Long.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

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.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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The South Staffordshire Tramways Confirmation Bill [Lords.] 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 Amendments made by the Lords, to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Glasgow Corporation Tramways Order Confirmation Bill [Lords.] 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 Amendments made by the Lords, 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. Wyndham presented, by His Majesty's Petition Command,—Copy of the Thirty-fifth Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records, and the Board of Trade and the International Mercantile Marine Company and other Continental Companies.

Copy of General Report of the Board of Railway Companies, of their Lordships.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement dated 1st August 1902, between the Admiralty and the Board of Trade, and the International Mercantile Marine Company and other Continental Companies.

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Copy of Fourth Annual Report of the Inspectors of Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries for England and Wales, for the year 1902.

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

Viscount Cranborne presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports from His Majesty's Representatives on Navigable Waterways in Foreign Countries, from Austria-Hungary, Belgium, France, S., 7, 1902, 

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Trade and Prices in the United Kingdom in 1902, with Comparative Statistical Tables for a series of years.—(Mr. Gerald Balfour.)

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Mr. Herbert Samuel, supported by Mr. Bell, returned Mr. Dillon, Mr. Charles Douglas, Sir William Officers.

Haldane, Mr. Jevcovy, Mr. Lloyd-George, Sir Albert.
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Albert Rollit, Mr. T. W. Russell, Mr. J. W. Wilson, and Mr. White, presented a Bill to provide for the payment of Returning Officers’ Expenses out of the Rates: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Jesse Collings, supported by Sir John Kennaway, Mr. Rothchild, Mr. Seymour Ormsby-Gore, Mr. Flower, Mr. Spear, Mr. Morrell, Colonel Wilson, and Sir Fortescue Flannery, presented a Bill for promoting Agricultural Education and Nature Study in Public Elementary Schools: And the same was ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That on this day, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 12, Business other than Business of Supply may be taken before Midnight, and Business in Committee or Proceedings on Report of Supply may be taken after Midnight. — (Mr. Balfour.)

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1903-4.

Class I.

1. £ 116,499 (including a Supplementary Sum of £ 10,000) 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.

2. £ 27,690 to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Offices of the Chief Secretary in Dublin and London, and of the Inspectors of Lunatic Asylums.

And it being half an hour after Seven of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Deputy Chairman 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 evening, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supply (2nd allotted Day.)

Evening Sitting.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1903-4.

Class I.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 321,697, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Salaries and Expenses of the Rating of Property Department: and for a Contribution towards the Expenses of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item G be reduced by £ 1,000, in respect of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade — (Mr. Coldwell);

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Wallace;

Mr. Austruther, Mr. Austruther;

Noes: Original Question put, and agreed to.

And it being after Ten of the clock, the Chairman (in pursuance of Standing Order No. 15) put severally the Questions, and carried the Votes outstanding in each Class of Questions, in pursuance of the Civil Service Estimates, including Supplementary Estimates, and the total amount of the Votes outstanding in the Estimates for the Army, be granted for the Services defined in those Classes and Estimates.

Class I.

2. Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 183,842, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904, for the following Services, included in Class I., of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:

13. Public Works and Buildings, Ireland 103,128
14. Railways, Ireland 27,914

£ 131,042

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Sir Alexander Adland, Mr. Austruther;

Mr. T. W. Russell, Mr. Austruther;

Noes: Mr. Austruther;

72.

Class II.

3. Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 360,072, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904, for the following Services, included in Class II., of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:

27. Registry General’s Office 22,242
28. Works and Public Buildings Office 27,200
29. Secret Service 20,000

£ 225,552

Scotland:

27. Secretary for Scotland’s Office 2,995
28. Fishery Board 10,937
29. Local Government Board 3,102
30. Registrar General’s Office 3,145
31. Lord Lieutenant’s Household 2,817
32. Challoner’s Estates and Estates 797
33. Public Record Office 3,248
34. Works Office 20,053
35. Registrar General’s Office 8,894
36. Valuation and Boundary Survey 12,053

£ 366,072

The Committee divided.  
Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland-]  
Yea. [Mr. Amstruther] 195.  
Tellers for the [Mr. Luke White,]  
Nees. [Mr. Long] 70.  

Class III.  
4. Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 1,236,998, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904, for Expenditure in respect of the following Services, included in Class V. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—  

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<td>£ 58,695</td>
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<td>Register Heas, Edinburgh</td>
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<td>Law Charges and Criminal Prosecutions—Scotland</td>
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<td>Infantry and Industrial Subsidies—Scotland</td>
<td>£ 54,099</td>
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<td>Dumbarton Criminal Lunatic Asylum—Scotland</td>
<td>£ 5,464</td>
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£ 1,602,974  

The Committee divided.  
Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland-]  
Yea. [Mr. Amstruther] 195.  
Tellers for the [Mr. Long] 70.  

Class IV.  
5. Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 854,228, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904, for Expenditure in respect of the following Services, included in Class V. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—  

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<td>£ 342,314</td>
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<td>£ 1,689</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous Chattle and other Allocations—Scotland</td>
<td>£ 446</td>
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<td>Hospitals and Clinics—Scotland</td>
<td>£ 342</td>
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<td>Savings Banks and Friendly Societies—Scotland</td>
<td>£ 48,619</td>
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£ 393,521  

The Committee divided.  
Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland-]  
Yea. [Mr. Amstruther] 195.  
Tellers for the [Mr. Long] 70.  

Class VI.  
7. Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 393,521, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904, for the following Services, included in Class VI. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—  

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<td>3. Colonial Services—Scotland</td>
<td>£ 361,525</td>
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<td>2. Diplomatic and Consular Services—Scotland</td>
<td>£ 284,780</td>
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<td>4. Various allocation—Scotland</td>
<td>£ 22,489</td>
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<td>5. Telegraph Subsidies and Pacific Cable—Scotland</td>
<td>£ 40,100</td>
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<td>6. Treasury Chest Fund—Scotland</td>
<td>£ 103,000</td>
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£ 658,200  

The Committee divided.  
Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland-]  
Yea. [Mr. Long] 70.  
Tellers for the [Mr. Long] 70.  

Class VII.  
8. Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 81,082, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904, for the following Services, included in Class VII. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—  

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<td>Repayments to the Civil Contingencies Fund—Scotland</td>
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£ 60,062  

The Committee divided.  
Tellers for the [Mr. Alfred Hutton] 70.  
Tellers for the [Mr. Long] 70.  

Army Estimates, 1903-4.  
9. Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 783,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904, for Expenditure on the following Army Services, including Army (Ordinance Factories), viz.:—  

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The Committee divided.  
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Army Estimates to be reported.  

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions. Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.  

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from one of their Clerks, as followeth:  

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The Lords have agreed to the Bankruptcy Corporation Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Scottish Episcopal Clergy Widows and Orphans' Fund Order Confirmation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the London Gas and Water Orders Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Birmingham Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Dover Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Hants and Forest Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Education Board Non-Appropriation Order Confirmation (London) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Gas and Water Orders Confirmation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the London Tramways Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Manchester Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Manchester Corporation Order Confirmation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

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The Lords have agreed to the Somerset and Dorset District Tramways Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Buckinghamshire Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Manchester Trades Union Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Navy and Army Expenditure, 1901-2.

(Exmpthy of the Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1902, and the Statement appended thereto, as follows, viz.:-)

(a) That the Gross Expenditure for certain Navy Services exceeded the Total Estimated Receipts by the Net Sum of £ 1,75,950 13s. 9d.;

(b) That the Receipts in Aid of certain Exchequer Grants for Navy Services exceeded the Total Estimated Receipts by the Sum of £ 78,822 15s. 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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And whereas the Lords Commissioners of His 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 it is necessary to cover the said Total Deficits on other Grants for Navy Services:

1. Resolved, That the application of such Sums be sanctioned.

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Net Surplus £ 114,485 17s. 4d.

Whereas it appears by the Navy Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1902, 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 £ 2,923,978 7s. 6d., as shown in Column No. 3 of the said appended Schedule, while the Gross Expenditure for other Navy Services fell short of the Estimate of such Expenditure by a Total Sum of £ 220,819 4s., 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 £ 1,872,351 7s. 9d.;

(b) That the Receipts in Aid of certain Exchequer Grants for Navy Services exceeded the Estimate of such Receipts by a Total Sum of £ 78,822 15s. 9d., 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 £ 1,75,950 13s. 9d., as shown in Column No. 4 of the said appended Schedule, so that the Total Actual Receipts in Aid of the

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(b) That the Receipts in Aid of certain Army Services fell short of the Estimate of such Receipts by a Total Sum of £2,357,531 7s. 6d., as shown in Column No. 6 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 £2,362,289 3s. 8d., 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 £2,157,207 10s. 6d.;

(c) That the resulting Difference between the Exchequer Grants for Army Services and the Net Expenditure are as follows, viz.:

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And whereas by a Vote of Parliament during the present Session (House of Commons Paper, No. 355, of 1903) a further Sum of £100 has been granted for the Expenditure of the year 1903, and the appropriation of additional Receipts in Aid of such Expenditure has been sanctioned to the amount of £1,472,531 7s. 6d.;

And whereas the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorized the application of so much of the said Total Surpluses 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 shall be sanctioned.

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Friday, 7th August, 1903:

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. Lang.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the second time—The Bill was accordingly read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House for this day.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Patriotic Fund Bill, as amended in the Committee. And an Amendment was made to the Bill. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 29, by inserting, after the word "otherwise," the words "Nothing in this Act shall affect any powers which a railway company may have independent of this Act."—(Sir Charles Remusch.)

And the Question being proposed. That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed. That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Mr. Dalziel)—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the original Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the Debate. And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day; and be printed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Patriotic Fund Bill, as amended in the Committee. And 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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Military Works Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Board of Agriculture and Fisheries (Salaries, &c.).

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of any Salaries and Expenses which may become payable under any Act of the present Session to transfer to the Board of Agriculture powers and duties relating to the Industry of Fishing, and to amend the Board of Agriculture Act, 1889. (Mr. Arthur Elliot.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Housing of the Working Classes (No. 2) 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 Committee on the Port of London (re-committed) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, receive itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Buildings Expenses Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Sheep Shear 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 Second Reading of the London School Board (Hilldrop Road Site) 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 Marriage Legislation 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 Second Reading of the Metropolitan Improvements (Funds) Bill;

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

Sixty-eight Amendments were made by the Lords to the Act of the present Session to amend the Shropshire Road Act, 1898.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Metropolitan Improvements (Funds) 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 Great Central 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 North Eastern 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 Yorkshire South Eastern Joint Railways Bill; and the said Bill was read the third time, 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 said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Canada.

His Majesty's Command.—Copy of Address to His Majesty on Irish Affairs from the House of Commons of Canada, and the Reply thereto.

Copy of Colonial Report, No. 392 (Saint Colonial Reports) (Annual).

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

Ordered, That the several Accounts and East India Papers which have been presented to the House in this Session of Parliament relating to the Revenues of India be referred to the Committee of the whole House.—(Secretary Lord George Hamilton.)

Received, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.—(Secretary Lord George Hamilton.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, London Return showing, according to the Accounts (Equalization of Rates) Act, 1894, for the twelve months preceding the 31st day of March 1903, furnished to the Local Government Board under Section 1 (7) of the London (Equalization of Rates) Act, 1894,

(1) The Amount paid during the year out of the Equalisation Fund under the Act to the Corporation of the City of London and each of the Councils of Metropolitan Boroughs to whom payments out of that Fund were made;

(2) The Amount of the Expenses incurred during the year by each of the Authorities (a) under the Public Health Act, London, 1881 (including Expenses of Scoutage Streets); (b) in respect of Lighting; and (c) in respect of Streets (other than the Expenses of Scavenging); and

(3) The Amount expended during the year by each such Authority out of the Sums received by them under the Act.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, London a Return showing, in respect of the financial year ended the 31st day of March 1903, the Distribution of the proceeds of the Local Taxation Account, 1898-9, and the Finance Act, 1894 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 274, of Session 1902).—(Mr. Grant Lawson.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, London, a Return showing, in respect of the financial year ended the 31st day of March 1903, the Distribution of the proceeds of the Local Taxation Account, 1898-9, and the Finance Act, 1894 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 274, of Session 1902).—(Mr. Grant Lawson.)

The Order made upon the 24th day of April, Duties on Duties on British Goods (Foreign Countries), 1898-9, to be laid before this House a Return relative to Foreign Duties on British Goods (Foreign Countries), was read, and discharged.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Motor Cars Bill [Lords].
Mr. Broadhurst rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put", but the Chairman withheld his assent, as it appeared to him that the Committee was not prepared to come to an immediate decision.

Question put, That the words "twenty-five" stand part of the proposed Amendment, as amended;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Stad Montagu, Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, Mr. Anstruther:]

Yes, 42.

Tellers for the [Sir Philip Mayo, Sir Charles Dison-Hood, Mr. Anstruther:]

No, 183.

Question put, That the word "fifteen" be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, Mr. Anstruther:]

Yes, 51.

Tellers for the [Sir Charles Murray, Mr. Anstruther:]

No, 178.

Question, That the word "twenty-five" be there inserted—(Mr. Walter Long)—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, as amended, in l. 4, to leave out the word "ten", in order to insert the word "five"—(Mr. Charles Murray)—instead thereof.

Question put, That the word "ten" stand part of the proposed Amendment, as amended;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, Mr. Anstruther:]

Yes, 163.

Tellers for the [Mr. Anstruther:]

No, 178.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 1. 6, to leave out the word "highway" to the word "that," in l. 1. 10.—(Mr. Brigg.) Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, as far as the word "or", in l. 4. 3, stand part of the Clause—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 1. 6, to leave out the words "and at a speed"—(Mr. Allhusen.) Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 1. 8, to leave out the word "recklessly or negligently"—(Mr. Dalziel.) Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 1. 8, to leave out the words "or at a speed."—(Mr. Allhusen.) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 1. 11, to leave out the words "this Act," in order to insert the words "the Highway Act, 1835"—(Mr. Charles Seely)—instead thereof.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, as amended, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 1. 11, at the end, to insert the words—"(2) A person shall not under any circumstances drive a motor car at a speed exceeding twenty-five miles an hour, and if any person acts in contravention of this provision he shall be liable on summary conviction in respect of the first offence to a fine not exceeding ten pounds, and in respect of any subsequent offence to a fine not exceeding twenty-five pounds, and in respect of any subsequent offence to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds."—(Mr. Walter Long.) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—

An Amendment made to the proposed Amendment, by inserting, after the word "car," in l. 1. 11, the words "on a public highway."—(Sir Albert Robart.)

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, as amended, in l. 2, to leave out the words "twenty-five," in order to insert the words "fifteen"—(Mr. Broadhurst)—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the words "twenty-five" stand part of the proposed Amendment, as amended:—Debate arising;
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Question. That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 17, to leave out the word "Act" to the end of the Clause.—(Major Jameson.)

Question. That the words proposed to be left out, as far as the word "within," in l. 19, stand part of the Clause.—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 22, after the word "Act," to insert the words "and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding ten pounds."—(Mr. Acland-Brown.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 22, at the end, to add the words "(4) If a driver of a motor car refuses to stop the movement of the engine when the motor car is stationary, when requested to do so by a police constable, or by any person having charge of any horse or mule, he shall be guilty of an offence under this Act."—(Sir Frederick Banbury.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

CLAUSE, No. 2 (Registration of motor cars).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 26, after the word "number," to insert the words "not exceeding in size seven inches in length by three inches in width."—(Mr. Scott Montagu.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 30, at the end, to insert the words "(2) In any case in which the number hereby before referred to is made use of for the purpose of a prosecution, the prosecutor or informant shall by evidence prove that all possible means had been taken at the time that the alleged offence was committed to notify the person so prosecuted that he was required to stop. In default of which, any person or persons instituting a prosecution or laying the information under the Act aforesaid shall pay any costs and expenses incurred by the person so prosecuted."—(Mr. Arthur Stanley.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 1, to leave out the word "five," in order to insert the word "twenty."—(Mr. Brigg),—instead thereof.

Question put, That the word "twenty" stand part of the Clause;—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the[Mr. Charles Murray.] Yeas, [Mr. Louis Sinclair:] 23.

Tellers for the[Mr. Alexander Acland-Brown.] Noes, [Mr. Ainsworth:] 21.

Word "twenty" inserted.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 2, after the word "car," to insert the words "except in the cases of persons or firms habitually using motor cars, who may claim to pay an annual dealer's registration fee of one guinea.

"In this case the council of a county or county borough shall, for a fee of one shilling for each car, register temporarily on demand all the property of such dealers for a term not exceeding thirty days.

"Provided that such registration be only effective within such reasonable limits of VOL. 158.

"distance from the dealer's factory or shop as the council may decide to impose; and provided that such cars shall be distinctly marked, in addition to any other mark, with the words " on trial."—(Mr. Charles Murray.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 5, after the word "way," to insert the words "wilfully."—(Mr. Lewis Sender.)

Question proposed, That the word "wilfully" be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 3 (Licensing of drivers).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 15, after the word "licensed," to insert the words "after an examination conducted by experts appointed by the Local Government Board."—(Mr. Scott Montagu.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 17, at the end, to insert the words "No person shall drive a motor car on a public highway with his face so concealed as not to be reasonably identified."—(Mr. William Lowry.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 22, after the word "brougham," to insert the words "or in the British dominions beyond the seas, or in any foreign country."—(Mr. Charles Murray.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 23, to leave out the words "one shilling" in order to insert the words "five shillings."—(Mr. Walter Long),—instead thereof.

Question put, That the words "one shilling" stand part of the Clause;—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the[Mr. Charles Murray.] Yeas, [Mr. Louis Sinclair:] 23.

Tellers for the[Mr. Alexander Acland-Brown.] Noes, [Mr. Ainsworth:] 21.

Words inserted.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 23, after the last Amendment, to insert the words "and who (if he has not already held a licence) shows to the satisfaction of the council that he is competent to drive a motor car."—(Mr. Walter Long.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted:—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the[Mr. Charles Murray.] Yeas, [Mr. Thomas Brayley:] 41.

Tellers for the[Mr. Frederick Banbury.] Noes, [Sir Charles Readshaw:] 44.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 33, after the word "constable," to insert the words "in uniform."—(Major Jameson.)

Question, That those words be there inserted,—put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 33, at the end, to insert the words "but on declaring that his licence is lost he may claim, on payment of one shilling, a certified copy of his licence."—(Mr. Acland-Brown.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.
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Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, 1. 33, at the end, to insert the words "Any person who has been or shall be convicted of an offence of which drunkenness forms part shall be disqualified for obtaining a licence for a period of one year from the date of such conviction, and any licence which he held at the date of such conviction shall be cancelled by such conviction."—(Mr. Allhusen.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted:
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 

Mr. Acland : 66.

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Mr. Anstruther : 76.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, 1. 30, at the end, to add the words "The council of a county or county borough may withhold, for not exceeding two years from the commencement of this Act, a licence to any person who has before the commencement of this Act been three or more times convicted of offences in respect of a motor car."—(Mr. Montagu.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:

Amendment proposed, to add the words "The council of a county or county borough may withhold, for not exceeding two years from the commencement of this Act, a licence to any person who has before the commencement of this Act been three or more times convicted of offences in respect of a motor car."—(Mr. Montagu.)

Question, That those words be there added, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, after the last Amendment, to add, as a new subsection, the words—

"(4) A licence shall only be taken away or suspended, or a person disqualified for obtaining a licence, in consequence of a breach of any of section one of this Act."—(Mr. Scott Montagu.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, after the last Amendment, to add the words—

"(4) Any person under the age of sixteen years shall be disqualified for obtaining a licence, and any person who already holds a licence, and any person who already holds a licence shall be disqualified for obtaining another licence while the licence so held by him is in force."—(Mr. Walter Long.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in 1. 1, to leave out the word "sixteen," in order to insert the word "seventeen"—(Mr. Arthur Morton), instead thereof.

Question, That the word "sixteen" stand part of the proposed Amendment,—put, and agreed to.

Words added.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, No. 6 (Regulations by Local Government Board).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, 1. 9, after the word "day," to insert the words "whether upon a motor cycle or upon motor cars."—(Mr. Toulmin.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, 1. 15, at the end, to add the words "with respect to the size and power of the lights to be used on motor cars and."—(Mr. Shaw-Stoney.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, No. 7 (Rate of speed).

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the word "ten" stand part of the Clause,—put, and withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, 1. 30, after the word "situate," to insert the words "or at any time during which lights are required " to be carried."—(Mr. Holt.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, 1. 31, to leave out the word "ten," in order to insert the word "twelve"—(Mr. Scott Montagu), instead thereof.

Question put, That the word "ten" stand part of the Clause:
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 

Sir Alexander Acland : 97.

Tellers for the 

Mr. Anstruther : 36.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Unwin) —Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, 1. 33, at the end, to insert the words "Any person who has been or shall be convicted of an offence of which drunkenness forms part shall be disqualified for obtaining a licence for a period of one year from the date of such conviction, and any licence which he held at the date of such conviction shall be cancelled by such conviction."—(Mr. Allhusen.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted:
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 

Mr. Acland : 66.

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Mr. Anstruther : 76.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, 1. 30, at the end, to add the words "The council of a county or county borough may withhold, for not exceeding two years from the commencement of this Act, a licence to any person who has before the commencement of this Act been three or more times convicted of offences in respect of a motor car."—(Mr. Montagu.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:

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Question, That those words be there added, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, after the last Amendment, to add the words—

"(4) Any person under the age of sixteen years shall be disqualified for obtaining a licence, and any person who already holds a licence, and any person who already holds a licence shall be disqualified for obtaining another licence while the licence so held by him is in force."—(Mr. Walter Long.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in 1. 1, to leave out the word "sixteen," in order to insert the word "seventeen"—(Mr. Arthur Morton), instead thereof.

Question, That the word "sixteen" stand part of the proposed Amendment,—put, and agreed to.

Words added.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, NO. 4 (Forgery, &c. of identification mark or licence).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, 1. 31, to leave out the words "forges or fraudulently."—(Mr. Louis Sinclair.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause,—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, 1. 32, after the word "can," to insert the words "knowingly and,"—(Mr. Scott Montagu.)

Question, That those words be there inserted,—put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, NO. 5 (Duty to stop in case of accident).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, 1. 33, after the word "accident)," to insert the words "within his " view or to his knowledge."—(Mr. Kenneth Balfour.)
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Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 34, to leave out the word "ten," in order to insert the words "five."—[Major Jameson],—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the word "ten" stand part of the Clause.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 39, after the word "public," to insert the words "and conspicuous notice by day and lighted by night."—[Mr. Louis Sinclair].

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 41, to leave out from the word "regulation" to the end of the line, in order to insert the words "No prosecution shall be made in the event of an offence being committed whereby, in consequence of fog or insufficient light, the owner shall have been prevented from conforming with this regulation"—[Mr. Louis Sinclair],—instead thereof.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 2, after the words last inserted, to insert the words "or motor car."—[Mr. Louis Sinclair].

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

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Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 5, after the last Amendment, to insert the words "prohibit motor cars above any width which they consider necessary for safety from entering any narrow road within their areas, and may cause to be put up sign-boards to give notice to the effect, and."—[Mr. Wylie].

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 6, to leave out the word "shall," in order to insert the word "may."—[Mr. Briggs],—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the word "shall" stand part of the Clause.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 8, after the word "places," to insert the words "on main roads where the surface is being resurfaced before rolling, and."—[Mr. Scott Montagu].

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 10, after the word "under," to insert the words "section one of this Act."—[Mr. Scott Montagu].

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 16, at the end, to add the words "provided that a person driving a motor cycle shall not be liable to penalties exceeding one-half of the penalties under this Act."—[Mr. Scott Montagu].

Question, That those words be there added, put, and negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, No. 10, disagreed to.

Clauses, No. 11 to No. 13, agreed to.

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Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 37, at the end, to add the words "except in cases in which permission to exceed the limit provided under this Act has been given under the hand of the Secretary of State."—[Mr. Scott Montagu].

Question, That those words be there added, put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause, No. 15, agreed to.

Clause, No. 16, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No. 17 (Application to Ireland).

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 38, at the end, to add the words—

"(3) The Criminal Evidence Act, 1898, except sections five and seven, shall, for the purpose of this Act, be deemed to be in force."—[Major Jameson].

Question proposed, That those words be there added,—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause, No. 18 (Interpretation, commencement, and short title).

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 8, to leave out the word "January," in order to insert the word "March."—[Mr. Scott Montagu],—instead thereof.

Question, That the word "January" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

A Clause (Mode of summons)—[Mr. Scott Montagu]—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. Charles Seely, Yeas, 19.] [Mr. A. M. G. Irwin, Noes, 89.]

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A Clause (Duration) added.

Another Clause (Exemptions)—[Mr. Scott Montagu]—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.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means 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.

Sir Alexander Aclochair-Acland-Hood reported from Board of the Committee on Board of Agriculture and Fisheries [Salaries, &c.] a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of any Salaries and Expenses which may become payable under any Act of the present Session to transfer to the Board of Agriculture powers and duties relating to the Industry of Fishing, and to amend the Board of Agriculture Act, 1886.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Railways (Electrical Power) Bill was, Railways according to Order, read the third time, and (Electrical Power) Bill.

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 Expiring Laws Continuance Bill:

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1. That the application of such Sums be sanctioned.
And whereas by a Vote of Parliament during the present Session (House of Commons Paper, No. 253, of 1903) a further Sum of £.100 has been granted for the Expenditure of the year 1903-4, and the appropriation of additional Receipts in Aid of such Expenditure has been sanctioned to the Amount of £.1,872,831 7s. 9d.:

And whereas the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application of so much of the said Total Supplies on certain Grants for Army Services as is necessary to cover the said Total Deficits on other Grants for Army Services;

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### Military Works Bill.

The Military Works 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.**

### House of the Working Classes (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Housing of the Working Classes (No. 2) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

### Public Buildings Expenses Bill.

The Public Buildings Expense Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

### Supply (Imperial Estimates) (Supply) Bill.

Sir Alexander Acland-Hood reported from the Committee of Supply of the 2nd day of this instant August (Evening Sitting) several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

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### Army Estimates, 1903-4.

1. **Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Monday next.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Bills of Second Reading of the Bills of Exchange Act (1882) Amendment Bill (Lords); Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill (Lords) upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking London into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the London Education Bill; Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Revenue Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 30th day of July last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Revenue Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Public Works Loan 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 Board of Agriculture and Fisheries Bill (Lords).

(In the Committee.)

### Clause, No. 1 to No. 3, agreed to. Schedule agreed to. Bill to be reported.

**Mr. ...**
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Cochran reported, That the Bill, with Amendments, was read twice, and agreed to; and the same was read twice, 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 Marriages Legalisation Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

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

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The Deputy Chairman reported the South Western and Isle of Wight Junction Railway Bill (Lords), without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do be upon the Table; and be printed.

The Deputy Chairman reported the Scottish Central Electric Power Bill (Lords), with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do be 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 Amendments made by this House to the Scottish Central 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 proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Kingston-upon-Hull 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 Sheep Scab Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Burgh Police (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing 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 Marriages Legalisation 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 Town Councils (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

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 Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Sheep Scab Bill, without any Amendment.

Resolved, That the Statement of the Expenditure of Greenwich Hospital and of Travers' Foundation for the year 1903-4 be approved.—(Mr. Pretyman.)

Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of the House, adjourn to Monday next.

(See Alexander Acland-Hood.)

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 28th day of July last, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then ten minutes before Three of the clock; on Saturday morning, till Monday next.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Seaford and Selsey Junction 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 Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Strabane, Raphoe, and Cunny Railway Bill;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Banquer Corporation Bill [Lords] 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 Hastings Harbour District Railway Bill [Lords] be now read the third time;

The Deputy Chairman, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His 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.

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The Mid Yorkshire Tramways Bill [Lords] 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 Western Electricity and Power-Gas Bill [Lords] 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.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to the Burgh of Auchterarder:

And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland do prepare, and bring it in.

The Lord Advocate accordingly presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, relating to the Burgh of Auchterarder:

And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be taken into consideration To-morrow.

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

Mr. Secretary Akers-Douglas presented, by Mr. Secretary Ahers-Douglas, a Copy of Statistics of Compensation, Proceedings under the Workmen’s Compensation Acts, 1897 and 1900, and the Employers’ Liability Act, 1880, during the year 1902.

Copy of First Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the subject of the Coal Supplies and Resources of the United Kingdom, Vol. 1.

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

The Lord Advocate presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report for the year 1903, by Sir Henry Groth, K.C.B., on Secondary Education in Scotland.

The Lord Advocate also presented, pursuant to a Motion made, That the Return to an Order, dated the 9th day of March last, for Returns relative to Advertisements (Foreign Countries) be now read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Statistical Abstract of the Island of Great Britain for the United Kingdom in each of the last fifteen years, from 1888 to 1902. [Fiftieth Number.]

Copy of Statistical Tables relating to the Colonial and other Possessions of the United States. Kingdom. Part XXVI. for the year 1901.

Copy of Statistical Abstract for the several Colonial and other Possessions of the United Kingdom in each of the last fifteen years, from 1888 to 1902. [Fortieth Number.]

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 6th day of July last, for Return relative to Tramways and Light Railways (Street and Road). A Motion being made, That the Banquer Corporation Bill [Lords] be now read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Return to an Order, dated the 13th day of August 1901, for a Return from the Authorities of the Harbours, &c. of the United Kingdom,—

(1) Giving a description of Works executed within the last twenty years, distinguishing piers, docks, dredging, lighting and buoying, other Works, and giving the total Cost of Works under each head;

(2) Giving present area and depth of accommodation in Harbour for ships and boats, as compared with area and depth twenty years since;

(3) Giving the names of the Engineers employed, stating if any Engineers’ Reports on the Harbour Works have been made, and by whom and when;

(4) Giving an account of the present state of the Works, including depth of water at low water on the bar or entrance;

(5) Giving the time of high water at full and change of the moon, also the rise of the tide at ordinary springs and neaps above low-water mean spring tide;

(6) Giving a statement of the Income for the last twenty years arising from toolls, dues, and rates;

(7) Stating, in the case of a Fishery Harbour, the ordinary draft of fishing vessels when loaded;

(8) Giving Copies of existing Harbour Bye-laws and Regulations;

(9) Giving
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Returns be printed.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence relating to the proposed publication of the Report of the Proceedings of the Colonial Conference held in 1902.

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

Mr. Wyndham presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return of the Proceedings of the Irish Land Commission under the Land Law Acts, the Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883-1891, and the Land Purchase Acts, during the months of March and April 1893. Mr. Wyndham also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of licences under the Penal Servitude Acts granted by His Majesty to Michael Connell, a Convict, permitting him to be at large, to which are annexed conditions other than those contained in Schedule A of the Penal Servitude Act, 1894. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Trade Reports (Miscellaneous Series).—Viscount Cranborne presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Miscellaneous Series, No. 596.

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

PENAL SERVITUDE BILL, No. 336. Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Memorandum explanatory of the provisions of the Penal Servitude Bill.—(Mr. Secretary Abney-Douglas.)

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

COUNTY OF ARGYLL (Writ).—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 County of Argyll, in the room of Donald Nisbet Nicol, Esquire, deceased. —(Sir Alexander Anstey-Hood.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Total Amounts of Assessments collected by County Councils and by Councils of Cities and Burghs in Scotland for the year ended the 10th day of May, 1902, with the Total Cost of Collection and the Cost of Collection per cent.; of Assessments in each County, City, and Borough.—(Sir John Stirling-Maxwell.)

Mr. Secretary Abney-Douglas, supported by Mr. Cochran, presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Penal Servitude in England and Wales: And the same was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed.

Ordered, That on this day, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Standing Order No. 12, Business of Supply may be taken before Midsummer, and the Table and Report of Supply may be taken after Midsummer.—(Mr. Baldwin.)

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported from the Committee of Supply of the 6th day of this instant August (Evening Sitting) several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments

Estimates, 1903-4.

Class I.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £366,072, be granted to His 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 1904, 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 Expenses of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade.

Class II.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £380,072, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904, for the following Services, included in Class I. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

1. House of Lords Office — 4,507
2. House of Commons Office — 16,877
3. Foreign Office — 34,887
4. Privy Council Office — 6,038
5. Mercurial Marine Services — 68,889
6. Civil Service Commission — 25,265
7. Exchequer and Audit — 36,323
8. Friendly Societies Registry — 4,581
9. Public Works Loan Commission — 22,942
10. Registrar General's Office — 22,942
11. Works and Public Buildings Office — 52,200
12. Secret Service — 25,000
13. Public Works and Buildings, Ireland — 106,128
14. Railways, Ireland — 27,264
15. £132,242

Class III.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,402,874, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904, for Expenditure in respect of the following Services, included...
The said Resolutions being read a second time:

The first five Resolutions were postponed.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Sixth Resolution, by leaving out "£.1,236,998" and inserting "£.1,235,998"—(Sir Charles Dilke),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That "£.1,236,998" stand part of the Resolution:

The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

The Seventh and Eighth Resolutions were postponed.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Ninth Resolution, by leaving out "£.783,000" and inserting "£.782,000"—(Mr. Crooks),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That "£.783,000" stand part of the Resolution:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Alexander Acland-Hood].

Tellers for the [Mr. Crooks].

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the First Resolution:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being half an hour after Seven of the clock, further consideration of the postponed Resolutions stood adjourned till this evening.

Evening Sitting.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Supply

[4th August, Evening Sitting] to take into consideration the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Seventh, and Eighth of the Resolutions which were this day reported from the Committee of Supply; and which Resolutions were then postponed.

The First and Second Resolutions were agreed to.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Third Resolution, by leaving out "£.366,072" and inserting "£.365,972"—(Mr. Weir),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That "£.366,072" stand part of the said Resolution:

And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being Ten of the clock, Mr. Speaker, in Mr. Speaker pursuance of Standing Order No. 15, put forthwith the Question necessary to dispose of the Resolution then under consideration, And the Question being accordingly put, That Standing Order No. 15 (pursuant to) be read a second time:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Shackleton].

Tellers for the [Mr. Anstruther].

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

The Ninth Resolution was agreed to.

And a Debate arising thereupon:

And the Resolution was agreed to.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Crooks].

Tellers for the [Mr. Anstruther].

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

The Tenth Resolution was agreed to.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Crooks].

Tellers for the [Mr. Anstruther].

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

The Eleven Resolutions were agreed to.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Crooks].

Tellers for the [Mr. Anstruther].

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

The Twelve Resolutions were agreed to.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Crooks].

Tellers for the [Mr. Anstruther].

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

The Thirteen Resolutions were agreed to.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Crooks].

Tellers for the [Mr. Anstruther].

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

The Fourteen Resolutions were agreed to.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Crooks].

Tellers for the [Mr. Anstruther].

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

The Fifteen Resolutions were agreed to.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Crooks].

Tellers for the [Mr. Anstruther].

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

The Sixteen Resolutions were agreed to.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Crooks].

Tellers for the [Mr. Anstruther].

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

The Seventeen Resolutions were agreed to.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Crooks].

Tellers for the [Mr. Anstruther].

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

The Eighteen Resolutions were agreed to.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Crooks].

Tellers for the [Mr. Anstruther].

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

The Nineteen Resolutions were agreed to.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Crooks].

Tellers for the [Mr. Anstruther].

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

The Twenty Resolutions were agreed to.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Crooks].

Tellers for the [Mr. Anstruther].

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

The Twenty-One Resolutions were agreed to.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Crooks].

Tellers for the [Mr. Anstruther].

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Buildings Bill. The House divided. Expenses Bill. The Yeas to the Right; the Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas: [Sir Alexander Acland-Hood], 162; [Mr. Austruther], 69; [Mr. Cremer], 59; [Mr. Luke White], 59; [Mr. Whitley Thomson], 59.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Speaker then proceeded, in pursuance of Standing Order No. 15, to put forthwith the Questions, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of each Class of the Civil Services Estimates, the Navy Estimates, and the Army Estimates.

Civil Services Estimates, 1903-4.

Class II. And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class III. of the Civil Services Estimates; the House divided. The Yeas to the Right; the Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas: [Sir Alexander Acland-Hood], 162; [Mr. Austruther], 69; [Mr. Cremer], 59; [Mr. Luke White], 59; [Mr. Whitley Thomson], 59.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class III. And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class IV. of the Civil Services Estimates; the House divided. The Yeas to the Right; the Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas: [Sir Alexander Acland-Hood], 162; [Mr. Austruther], 69; [Mr. Cremer], 59; [Mr. Luke White], 59; [Mr. Whitley Thomson], 59.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class IV. And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class VII. of the Civil Services Estimates; the House divided. The Yeas to the Right; the Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas: [Sir Alexander Acland-Hood], 162; [Mr. Austruther], 69; [Mr. Cremer], 59; [Mr. Luke White], 59; [Mr. Whitley Thomson], 59.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class VI. And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class IV. of the Civil Services Estimates; the House divided. The Yeas to the Right; the Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas: [Sir Alexander Acland-Hood], 162; [Mr. Austruther], 69; [Mr. Cremer], 59; [Mr. Luke White], 59; [Mr. Whitley Thomson], 59.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

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 Poor Law (Hospital Bills) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Poor Law (Dissolution of School Districts and Adjustments) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to Addenbrooke's Hospital Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Poor Law (Hospital Bills) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Poor Law (Dissolution of School Districts and Adjustments) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the County Courts Jurisdiction Extension Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Creekown and District Electric Tramways Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Wood Green Urban District Council Bill, to which this House hath disagreed.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Brighton Corporation Bill (Lords), without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the County Courts Jurisdiction Extension Bill be taken into consideration tomorrow; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Licensing Acts (Scotland) Consolidation and Amendment Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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 Amendments made by the Lords to the London Education 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 Sheep Scab Bill was, according to Order, to be 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 (No. 2) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSES, No. 1 to No. 3, agreed to.

CLAUSES, No. 4, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSES, No. 5 to No. 11, agreed to.

CLAUSES, No. 12 and No. 13, disagreed to.

CLAUSES, No. 14 to No. 16, agreed to.

Schedule amended, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman 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 this day.

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The House, according to Order, proceeded to London Education Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Revenue Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 30th day of July last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Revenue Bill be now read a second time;

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. Dalziel);

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 Question being put—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 this day.

The Order of the day being read, for Resuming Fisheries Bill (Lords);

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of Clause 1.

The House immediately resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 1, amended, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman reported, That they had amended the Bill in respect of Clause 1.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration;—

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered,
The Lords have agreed to the Ireland Development Grant Bill, without any Amendment.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Croydon and District Electric 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 South Western and Isle of Wight Junction Railway Bill (Lords).

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 242 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The Deputcy Chairman, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His 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.

Ordered, That in the case of the Scottish Central Electric Power Bill (Lords) Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, and 239 be suspended, and that the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration, provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 242 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, 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 Strabane, Raphoe, and Gortah Castle Railway Bill.

The Lords' Amendment in the Title, p. 1, l. 2, leave out ("railways") and insert ("a railway"), the first 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;—And a Debate arose thereupon:

A Message was delivered by Thomas Davies, Royal servant, Butler, Esquire, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker, the Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His 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 authorized by virtue of His 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 authorized had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Borough Funds Act, 1903.
4. Public Offices Site (Dobble) Act, 1903.
5. Pistols Act, 1903.
7. Patriotic Fund Reorganisation Act, 1903.
8. Sagar Convention Act, 1903.
10. Ireland Development Great Act, 1903.
11. Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1903.
12. Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Act, 1903.
13. Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 4) Act, 1903.
14. Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 5) Act, 1903.
15. Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1903.
16. Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1903.
17. Water Orders Confirmation Act, 1903.
18. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 5) Act, 1903.
19. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 8) Act, 1903.
20. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 13) Act, 1903.
22. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Act, 1903.
23. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 7) Act, 1903.
24. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 9) Act, 1903.
27. Metropolitan Police Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1903.
28. Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1903.
29. Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1903.
30. Irvine and District Water Board Order Confirmation Act, 1903.
31. Kilmarnock Corporation Order Confirmation Act, 1903.
32. Scottish Episcopalian Clergy Widows and Orphans' Fund Order Confirmation Act, 1903.
33. Education Board Provisional Order Confirmation (London) Act, 1903.
34. Gas and Water Orders Confirmation Act, 1903.
35. Glasgow Corporation (Police) Order Confirmation Act, 1903.
36. Lanarkshire Tramways Order Confirmation Act, 1903.
37. Wick and Peterhead Harbour Order Confirmation Act, 1903.
38. Aldenbrooke's Hospital Scheme Confirmation Act, 1903.
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87. House, Worting, and District Tramways Act, 1903.
88. South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railways Act, 1903.
90. Bath Corporation Water Act, 1903.
91. Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Act, 1903.
92. Beresneth Gas and Water Act, 1903.
94. Bristol Corporation Act, 1903.
95. Margarett Harbour Act, 1903.
96. Manchester Corporation Act, 1903.
97. Somerset and District Electric Power Act, 1903.
98. Birmingham District Tramways Act, 1903.
100. Beresneth Urban District Council Act, 1903.
101. London County Council (Money) Act, 1903.
102. London County Council (Tramways and Improvements) Act, 1903.
103. Maltby, Kells, and Dreghead Railway Act, 1903.
104. Fife Electric Power Act, 1903.
105. South Shields Corporation Act, 1903.
106. East Ham Improvement Act, 1903.
110. Pentillie Estate Act, 1903.

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Public Petition.
Vote Supplement to the Seventh Report, Tramway Orders.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report by the Board of Trade of their Proceedings under the Railway Department to the Board of Trade by the several Railway Companies in the United Kingdom during the six months ended 30th June 1903; together with Reports of the Inspecting Officers of the Railway Department to the Board of Trade upon certain Accidents which were inquired into.

Copy of Return, in pursuance of Section 4 of the Regulation of Railways Act, 1889, of Railway Servants of certain classes who were on one or more occasions during the month of December 1903 on duty on the Railways of the United Kingdom for more than Twelve hours at a time; or who, after being on duty more than Twelve hours were allowed to resume work with less than Nine hours' rest.

Copy of Statement of the Rates of Import Duties levied in European Countries, in the United States, in Japan, and in China, upon the Produce and Manufactures of the United Kingdom.

Copy of Return by the Board of Trade of their Proceedings under the Gas and Water Orders.

Works Facilities Act, 1870, during the Session of 1903.

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 23rd day of July last, for a Return relative to Reports (Woollen and Cotton Goods and Cutlery.)

Mr. Wyndham also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Returns from the City Marshal of Dublin of the Pawnbrokers' Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1902.

Orders.

1. Return to an Order, dated the 2nd day of July last, for a Return relative to Preferential Trade.
2. Return to an Order, dated the 1st day of May last, for a Return relative to Gas Undertakings (Local Authorities).
3. Return to an Order, dated the 1st day of May last, for a Return relative to Gas Undertakings.
4. Return to an Order, dated the 24th day of June last, for Returns relative to Trade between the United Kingdom, Canada, and Germany.

5. Copy of Return showing the Number of Railway Servants (Hours of Labour) during the year 1902.

6. Order, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Returns, and the Papers relative to Gas Companies (Metropolis), Railway Servants (Hours of Labour), and Weights and Measures, be printed.

Sir William Assas presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report for the year 1902 on the Museums, Colleges, and Institutions under the administration of the Board of Education.

7. Copy of General Reports on Higher Education, with Appendices, for the year 1902.

8. Copy of Return showing the Number of Board of Education and the Teachers' Register under Regulation 53 (a) of the Teachers' Registration Regulations, 1903.

9. Order, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


11. Mr. Secretary Askers-Douglas presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the subject of Superannuation in the Civil Service; with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Index. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

12. Mr. Wyndham presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Criminal and Judicial Statistics of Ireland for the year 1902, Part I., Report.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Arthur Elliot presented, by His Majesty’s Command, — Copy of Seventy-First Annual Report from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, with Appendices, for the year ending 31st March 1903.

Mr. Arthur Elliot also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Return by the Irish Land Commission of Advances under the Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1891, during the year ended the 31st March 1903, as required by Section 33 of the Act.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table ; and that the Paper relative to the Irish Land Commission (Purchase of Land) (Ireland) Act, 1891, be printed.

A Paper was laid upon the Table ; and the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on the Legalisation Bill, with Amendments ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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 1894, for a Return relative to Charitable Endowments (London). Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Deputy Chairman reported from the Select Committee on the Hastings Harbour Bill [Lords]; 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, through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Irish Land Bill, Irish Land with Amendments ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Employment of Children Bill, with Amendments ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Irish Land Lords to the Irish Land Bill be taken into consideration Tomorrow ; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Employment Lords to the Employment of Children Bill be taken into consideration Tomorrow ; and be Bill No. 322 printed.

The Lord Advocate reported from the Select irish Committee on the Irish Valuation Acts ; That Valuations they had agreed to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before them to the House, with (printed) 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.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Military Lords to the Military Lands Bill be taken into consideration the for the House, to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Motor Cars Bill take into consideration the Motor Cars Bill [Lords] ; as amended in the Committee.

A Clause was ordered to be added to the Bill (Suspension of licence and disqualification).—(Mr. Walter Long.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Clause, by adding, at the end thereof, the words “ A licence shall not be taken “ away or suspended, or a person disqualified “ from obtaining a licence under this Act, “ except in consequence of a conviction for an “ offence under section one of this Act, or for “ drunkenness whilst in charge of a motor car.”

—(Mr. Scott Montagu.)

And the Question being proposed, that those words be there added:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Clause, as amended, was made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Power to prohibit motor cars on special roads)—(Mr. Walter Long)—was twice read ; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Regulations as to maximum weight of cars)—(Mr. Walter Long)—was twice read ; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Compensation for accidents resulting in child’s death).—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

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. Timothy M. Healy.] 66.
Tellers for the [Mr. William Redmond ; Mr. Alexander Acton.] 123.
Ordered, That the Lord in Waiting do carry the Bill to the Lords, and bring their concurrence.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Bill [Lords].
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:
Ordered, That the Bill be accordingly read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and bring their concurrence.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Motor Cars Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.
Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 29, by inserting, after the word "address," the words "to a police constable in uniform on duty."—(Mr. Louis Sinclair.)
And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—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. 3, by leaving out the words of l. 3, and inserting the words "liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five pounds"—(Mr. Louis Sinclair)—instead thereof.
And the Question being put, 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. 16, by leaving out the word "sixteen," and inserting the word "seventeen"—(Mr. Morton)—instead thereof.
And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It was resolved in the Negative.
Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 38, by leaving out the words "provided that," and inserting the words "a person shall not under any circumstances drive a motor car on a public highway at a speed exceeding twenty miles per hour, and"—(Mr. Walter Long)—instead thereof.
And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.
And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment to the Bill, by leaving out the word "and," and inserting the words "between sunrise and one hour after sunrise, or at a speed exceeding twelve miles an hour from one hour after sunset until sunrise on the following day"—(Mr. David A. Thomson)—instead thereof.
And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 29, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "Provided always that the exact and measured rate of speed is produced."—(Mr. Dulect.)
And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 38, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "Provided always that a medical man driving a motor car or cycle for the purpose of attending a patient"—in
The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Prisoners' Defence Bill; the House, according to Order, resolved to take into consideration the Prevention of Corruption Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee:

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Prisoners' Defence Bill [Lords];

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 Prevention of Corruption Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the said Amendment be taken into consideration.

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration.

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Lords' Amendments be now taken into consideration—(Sir Albert Ball_ATT)
The Lords’ Amendment in p. 2, to leave out Subsection (2), and insert Clause—
"(2A.—(1) Where two or more districts are consolidated, notwithstanding anything in section forty-five of the County Courts Act, 1888, contained, the Lord Chancellor, with the consent of the Treasury, may make such provision for the duties of the registrar and otherwise as he may think fit, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was amended, and agreed to.
Then the subsequent Lords’ 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 Amendment made by their Lordships, with an Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Light Railways Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all the Draft Provisional Orders under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, which in the Session of 1903 have been reported on by the Commissioners; together with the Names of the Commissioners; the first and also the last Day of the Sittings in each Group; the Number of Days on which each Body of Commissioners sat; the Number of Days occupied by each Draft Provisional Order before Commissioners; the Draft Provisional Orders which were reported to have been proved, and the Draft Provisional Orders the Preambles of which were to be proposed, and the Draft Provisional Orders the Preambles of which were to be not proved.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 25th day of July last, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then twenty minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[No. 113.]

Wednesday, 12th August, 1903.

The House not at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Light Railways 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.

Ordered, That in the case of the Hastings Harbour Bill [Lords] 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.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill, as amended in the Committee, into consideration.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 242 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)
Mr. Arthur Elliot also presented, Return to an Order, dated the 28th day of July last, for a Return relative to Imperial Defence and Consular Service.

Return to an Order, dated the 30th day of June last, for a Return relative to Condition of Trade and People.

Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of May last, for a Return relative to Royal Commissions and Select Committees (Cost).

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by His Majesty's Command, Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to a RETURN TO AN ORDER, DATED THE 6TH DAY OF JULY LAST, FOR A RETURN TO AN ORDER, DATED THE 30TH DAY OF JULY LAST, FOR A RETURN RELATIVE TO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS (CONTRACTS).

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Mr. Arnold-Foster presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Account showing the Money issued from the Consolidated Fund under the provisions of the Pacific Cable Act, 1901, and of the Money received, expended, and borrowed, and Securities created under the said Act to the 31st March 1903.

Account of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Paymaster General on behalf of the Supreme Court of Judicature; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.
The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Scottish Central Electric Power Bill (Lords), without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Sheep Scab Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Irish Land Bill.

The Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 3, 1. 40, being read a second time, were disagreed to.

And a consequential Amendment was made to the Bill.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 3, 1. 40, leave out "(to the vendor)", the next Amendment, being agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 7, 1. 16, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Then the Lords' Amendment in p. 7, 1. 16, leave out "(the foregoing provisions)" and insert "("subsection (1) of section one")", the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the second Amendment in p. 8, 1. 6, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 8, 1. 6, insert the following subsection:—

"(2) In default of any agreement between the tenant and the vendor, all sporting rights shall go to and be vested in the Land Commission, and the Land Commission may deal with the same, subject to any rules which may be made by the Lord Lieutenant, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was amended, and agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 8, 1. 6, being read a second time, were agreed to.

And a consequential Amendment was made to the Bill.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 8, 1. 21, after "(clay)", insert "("Provided also, that where any such right reserved to the Land Commission under this subsection is at any time thereafter let, leased, sold, or demised by the vendor (or the person who would have been entitled thereto if the lands had not been sold) shall be entitled to receive twenty-five per cent. of any rent, purchase money, or other non-profit received by the Land Commission in respect of same, unless the Land Commission shall have purchased from the person entitled to such percentage his interest therein; and the Land Commission may purchase such interest at any time on such terms as may be sanctioned by the Treasury),"

the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said Lords' Amendment to the Bill, in l. 6, by leaving out the words "twenty-five" and inserting the word "one"—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "twenty-five") stand part of the said Lords' Amendment to the Bill;

The House divided.
Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 17, l. 39, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 17, l. 39, after ("equal"), insert ("half-yearly or"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

[It appearing that the object of the said Amendment was to make the time for the payment of dividends consistent with that for the payment of interest on purchase money.] Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 17, l. 39, after ("equal"), insert ("half-yearly or"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 21, l. 3, leave out ("eight") and insert ("seven"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

[It appearing that the object of the said Amendment was to make the Bill consistent with provisions made by the Commons by the Irish Development Grant.] Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 25, l. 32, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 25, l. 32, after ("in"), insert—

(a) Bonds, debentures, or mortgages secured upon rates or taxes levied under the authority of any Act of Parliament or Provisional Order by any municipal corporation or other local authority in the United Kingdom which shall be authorised to borrow on such security;

(b) Ground rents arising out of hereditaments in the United Kingdom, and not exceeding in amount one-fourth part of the nominal value at a rackrent of the premises out of which such ground rents issue;

(c) Debentures or mortgages of companies in the United Kingdom incorporated by Act of Parliament;

(d) Stocks or shares of any tramway or light railway company or trust or investment fund in the United Kingdom, and not exceeding in amount one-fourth part of the nominal value at a rackrent of the stock or shares of any tramway or light railway company or trust or investment fund;

(e) Bonds, debentures, or mortgages secured upon any investments in which trustees are authorised by this or any other Act to invest funds;

(f) Debentures or fully-paid shares or stocks of any railway.

Provided that the sufficiency of any such investments to realise the sum invested therein upon the death of the tenant for life or the termination of the trust shall be secured to the satisfaction of the public trustees under this Act, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was amended, and agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 27, l. 11, after ("require"), insert the following subsection—

("14") The powers conferred on the Land Commission by the foregoing provisions of this section may be exercised by the Land Judge in any case where the purchase money of land sold under the Land Purchase Acts is or has been distributed by him, and those provisions shall apply accordingly with the substitution of the Land Judge for the Land Commission), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was amended, and agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 31, after Clause 58, insert Clause B.—

"B.—(1) Where in the course of proceedings Power to sell under the Landed Estates Court of the Land Purchase Acts, of an estate, it appears that the owner or any tenants on the estate, or any tenant of portions of an adjoining estate, and that the owner or any tenants of holdings on the adjoining estate are in occupation of portions of the first-mentioned estate, whether such exchange of occupation is the result of an agreement or is occasioned by the alteration of the course of a stream, or otherwise, the Land Judge or the Judicial Commissioner, as the case may be, may, if he thinks it expedient, with the consent of the owners of the respective estates, make an order ratifying the exchange, and the order or a map or plan annexed thereto shall show the lands taken and given in exchange respectively.

(2) The land taken upon any such exchange shall be deemed to be held by the same tenure, and shall, without any conveyance or other assurance in relation thereto, go and enure to and upon the same uses and trusts, and be subject to the same rents, conditions, charges, and incumbrances, as the land given upon such exchange would have stood limited upon and to be subject to if the order had not been made; and the land given upon such exchange shall be deemed to be held by the same tenure, and shall, without any conveyance or other assurance in relation thereto, go and enure to and upon the same uses and trusts, and be subject to the same rents, conditions, charges, and incumbrances, as the land taken upon such exchange would have stood limited upon and to be subject to if the order had not been made.

(3) All rights and remedies for recovery of rents payable in respect of either portions of the lands so exchanged shall be exercisable in respect of, and may be pursued against, the lands given or taken upon such exchange, as the case may be, in the same manner as they might therefore have been exercised or pursued against the lands originally liable thereto; the next Amendment, being read a second time, was amended, and agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 36, l. 18, were agreed to.

And a consequential Amendment was made to the Bill.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 36, l. 18, after("less"), insert the following subsection—

"(2) Subsection (4) of section three of this Act shall apply in the case of any land in respect of which an advance is made in pursuance of this section), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was amended, and agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 35, l. 36, were agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 38, l. 36, leave out ("any") and insert ("subject to the provisions of this Act any"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 38, l. 36, leave out ("appeal") and insert ("apply for a re-hearing"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords' Amendment in p. 39, l. 6, after ("assessor"), insert ("who shall hear the evidence and inspect the holding, and report thereon")

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill.

CLAUSES. No. 1 to No. 8, agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Committee (Mr. Wyndham.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons (with the Bill, Amendments, and the consequential Amendments made to the Bill): And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Agreement dated the 20th day of July 1903, entered into between His Majesty’s Government and the Cunard Steamship Company, Limited, printed in Command Paper, No. 1703, and the Agreement dated the 1st day of August 1903, entered into between His Majesty’s Government and the International Mercantile Marine Company and others, printed in Command Paper, No. 1704, be approved—(Mr. Gerald Balfour):

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 regrets that an arrangement was made with the Cunard Steamship Company without first ascertaining by public competition the terms upon which the Government requirements might have been met by other companies”—(Mr. Long)—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 half an hour after Seven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned till this evening.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 12th day of this instant August, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Agreement dated the 30th day of July 1903, entered into between His Majesty’s Government and the International Mercantile Marine Company and others, printed in Command Paper, No. 1704, be approved—(Mr. Gerald Balfour);

Which Amendment was, to leave out from the word “That” to the end of the Question, and adding the words “this House regrets that an arrangement was made with the International Mercantile Marine Company and others, printed in Command Paper, No. 1704, and the Agreement dated the 1st day of August 1903, entered into between His Majesty’s Government and the International Mercantile Marine Company and others, printed in Command Paper, No. 1705, be approved—(Mr. Gerald Balfour);

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 Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the ayes—Mr. Asquith; Mr. Wyndham

Tellers for the noes—Mr. Henry Joseph Wilson;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That the Agreement dated the 30th day of July 1903, entered into between His Majesty’s Government and the Cunard Steamship Company, Limited, printed in Command Paper, No. 1705, and the Agreement dated the 1st day of August 1903, entered into between His Majesty’s Government and the International Mercantile Marine Company, Limited, printed in Command Paper, No. 1706, be approved.
Revenue Bill.

Ordered, That further proceedings on the
Port of London Bill be suspended till the next
Session of Parliament.

Ordered, That on any day in that Session a
Motion may be made, after notice, by a Minister
of the Crown, to be decided without Amendment
or Debate, that proceedings on that Bill may be
resumed; and if that Motion is decided in the
affirmative, the said Bill, as reported from the
Joint Committee, shall stand committed to a
Committee of the whole House in like manner
as if the previous proceedings on the Bill or in
relation thereto had taken place in that Session,
after due compliance with all Standing Orders.

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of
the House.—(Mr. Balfour.)

London Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to
take into consideration the Revenue Bill, as
announced 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.

Penal and Amendment
Consolidation Acts
Licensing
Acts
(Scotland)
and
Amend-
ment Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to
take into consideration the Amendments made
by the Lords to the Licensing Acts (Scotland)
Consolidation and Amendment Bill; and the
same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to
the Lords; and acquit them, that this House
hath agreed to the Amendments made by their
Lordsships.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Penal Servitude Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
tonight.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of
the House of the 28th day of July last,
Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without
question put, it being then twenty
minutes before Twelve of the clock,
till To-morrow.

[No. 114.]

Thursday, 13th August, 1905.

The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the Amendment made
by the Lords to the Sheep Seabill 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 acquit them, that this House
hath agreed to the Amendment made by their
Lordships.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Town
Lords to the Town Councils (Scotland) 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 acquit them, that this House
hath agreed to the Amendments made by their
Lordsships.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Burgh
Fellow Lords to the Burgh Police (Scotland) 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 acquit them, that this House
hath agreed to the Amendments made by their
Lordsships.

A Public Petition was presented, and read; Public
and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by His Ma-
astery’s Command,—Copy of Ninth Annual
Abstract of Labour Statistics of the United
Kingdom, 1901-2.

Copies of Reports from the Canadian Govern-
ment—”Option” meats, and from His Majesty’s Representatives
in Abroad, on Legislative Measures respecting
Gambling in “Option” and “Future” Con-
tracts as regards Food Stocks.

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway
Commissions under the Light Railways Acts, 1896,
and modified and confirmed by the Board
of Trade, amending the West Manchester Light
Railways Order, 1899, and authorising the
construction of additional Light Railways in
the Parish and Urban District of Stretford,
and County of Lancaster—West Manchester Light
Railways (Extensions and Amendment) Order,
1903.

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway
Light Railways (Extensions and Amendment) Or-
ders, 1896, and modified and confirmed by the Board
of Trade, amending the construction of Light
Railways in the Parish of Wotton Saint
Mary (Without), Barnwood, Hickleton, and
Brockworth, in the County of Gloucester—County
of Gloucester (Gloucester and Brockworth)
Light Railways Order, 1903.

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Light
Commissions under the Light Railways Acts, 1896,
and modified and confirmed by the Board
of Trade, authorising the construction of Light
Railways in the City of Gloucester—Gloucester
Corporation Light Railways Order, 1903.

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Light
Railways (Extensions and Amendment) Orders, 1896,
and modified and confirmed by the Board
of Trade, amending the construction of Light
Railways including the Light Railways in the Parish
of Wotton Saint Mary (Without), Barnwood, Hickleton,
and Brockworth, in the County of Gloucester—County
of Gloucester (Gloucester and Brockworth)
Light Railways Order, 1903.

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Light
Commissions under the Light Railways Acts, 1896,
and modified and confirmed by the Board
of Trade, amending the construction of Light
Railways including the Light Railways in the Parish
of Wotton Saint Mary (Without), Barnwood, Hickleton,
and Brockworth, in the County of Gloucester—County
of Gloucester (Gloucester and Brockworth)
Light Railways Order, 1903.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Return be printed.

Mr. Wythall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Fifty-second Report, with Appendices, of Inspectors of Lunatories (Ireland), for the year 1902.

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

Sir William Anson presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Board of Education for the year 1898-9.

Sir William Anson also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of two Orders in Council, of 10th August 1893, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, (a) varying the Dues payable in respect of the Basses and Ministry Lights; and (b) confirming three Merchant Shipping Ordinances enacted by the Governor and Legislative Council of Hong Kong.

Copy of Order in Council, of 10th August 1893, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Act, 1898, altering the Scale of Light Dues set out in the Second Schedule to the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Act, 1898.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 10th August 1890, under the Dockyard Ports Regulation Act, 1885, making Rules and Regulations for the Dockyard Port of Queenstown.


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

The Lord Advocate presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 11th day of the instant August, for a Return relative to the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899.

Return to an Order, dated the 20th day of July last, for a Return relative to Parochial Medical Officers (Scotland).

Assessments on Counties, Cities, and Burghs (Scotland).

Assessments (Charges, Rates, and Taxes). No. 349.

Return to an Order, dated the 19th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Assessments (Counties, Cities, and Burghs (Scotland)).

The Lord Advocate also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Annual Local Taxation Returns for Scotland, for the year 1901-2.

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

Mr. Arthur Elliot presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 12th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Cyprus.

Mr. Arthur Elliot also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Annual Account of Receipts and Disbursements of the Court of Probate Division of the High Court of Justice in Ireland, for the year ended 31st December 1902.

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

Mr. Walter Long presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 7th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Local Taxation Account, 1902-3.

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

Viscount Cranborne presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Despatches from His Majesty's Minister at Brussels respecting the Commission for the Protection of the Natives Instituted by the Government of the Independent Congo State under the Decree of 18th September 1896.

Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Trade Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 3058 to 3065.

Copy of Correspondence respecting the application of the French Law of Association to Institutions of British origin.

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

Mr. Arrol-Foster presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 5th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Transport (South African War).

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Joint Report (1) Of the Companies registered under the Companies Act, 1865, making Rules and Regulations for the Dockyard Port of Queenstown.

(1) the Date of Registration ;
(2) the Date of the Prospectus ;
(3) the Amount of the nominal Capital ;
(4) the Amount of each Share ;
(5) the Amount issued or to be issued otherwise than for Cash ;
(6) the Amount offered for subscription in Cash ;
(7) the Amount underwritten ;
(8) the Commission for underwriting ;
(9) the minimum Subscription required ;
(10) the Amount allotted before commencing business ;
(11) the Amounts per Share payable on application and allotment ;
(12) the Total Directors' Share qualification, if any ; and
(13) the Date of the Certificate to commence business :

(II.) Of the Companies registered during the year 1902 which filed a Prospectus, and to which Certificates to commence business have been granted, stating—

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Joint Report (2) Of the Companies which were dissolved during the year 1902 (1) by Order of Court; (2) after voluntary Liquidation; and (3) pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of the Companies Act, 1861, and Section 28 of the Companies Act, 1900:

(IV.) Of the Companies registered during the year 1902 which have not filed a Prospectus or a Declaration that the Company "does not issue any invitation to the public to subscribe for its Shares," and stating the particulars specified in (I.) so far as they are applicable:

(V.) Of the Companies which were dissolved or struck off the Register during the year 1902 :

(VI.) Of the Total Number of Companies dissolved during the year 1902 (1) by Order of Court; (2) after voluntary Liquidation; and (3) pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of the Companies Act, 1861, and Section 28 of the Companies Act, 1900:

(VII.) Of the Total Number and nominal paid-up and considered as paid-up Capital of the Companies registered during the year 1902 in London, Edinburgh, and Dublin respectively, distinguishing Limited Companies from Unlimited.
The Lords have agreed to the Amendment County Courts Extension Bill, made by this House to the Amendments made by the Lords to the County Courts Jurisdiction Extension Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the East India Revenue Accounts; and a Motion being made, that the Question be put, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.—(Mr. Gerald Balfour.)

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 is of opinion that, in view of the satisfactory India Budgets in the current and recent years, the duties imposed in 1894-5 on manufactured goods imported into India should be abolished.—(Mr. Shackleton.)

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

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

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Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Marine Stores Dealers (Ireland) 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 acquaints the House, That a Message has been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee.

And the Question being put;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Austruther; Mr. Herbert Whiteley; 98.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Shackleton; Mr. Anstruther; Mr. Lockwood; 30.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Main Question being again proposed:

And a Debate arising thereon;

And it being half an hour after Seven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned till this evening.

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Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented,—Return Joint Stock Companies. To an Order, dated the 16th day of this instant August, for Returns relative to Joint Stock Companies.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Return be printed.

Mr. Arthur Elliot presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report on the Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Fund (Ireland) on the 31st December 1903.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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 1903, with a General Alphabetical Index thereto; 27th Parliament, Fourth Session, 3rd Edward VII., 17th February 1903 to 14th August 1903.
Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

The Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) 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.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, That a Message from the Lords, 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.

A Message was delivered by Thomas Dacres, Royal Asst. Speaker, Esquire, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,
The Lords authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Command, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, and for proroguing the present Parliament, desire the immediate attendance 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 herein mentioned; and the Lords thereby authorised declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:
1. Appropriation Act, 1903.
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19. Town Councils (Scotland) Act, 1903.
23. Military
The situation in the European provinces of Turkey continues to be a subject of general anxiety. My Government, acting in concert with those of Austria-Hungary and Russia, and the other Signatories of the Treaty of Berlin, have used their best efforts to restrict the area of disturbance, and to impress upon the concerned the necessity of self-restraint and moderation.

I earnestly hope that the scheme of reforms pressed on the Porte by the two Powers most nearly concerned, and strongly supported by My Government, may effect some improvement in the condition of all classes of the population in Macedonia.

The ratifications of the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation concluded with China in September 1902 have now been exchanged, and portions of the Treaty will come into immediate operation.

I have also concluded with His Imperial Majesty the Shah of Persia a Convention which will place the commercial relations of the two Countries on a more secure and satisfactory basis in the future.

In the Transvaal and Orange River Colonies the work of consolidation and pacification has made great progress. The recently constituted Legislative Councils, containing unofficial members representing the various interests and sections of the community, have held their first Session, and have rendered valuable services in preparing and passing the measures necessary for the good government of My new Colonies. A Customs Convention, which includes preferential treatment for imports from the Mother Country, has been ratified by the Legislatures of all the Colonies of British South Africa, the union of which, for fiscal purposes, is an important and necessary step in the direction of their ultimate federalization.

In My Indian Empire the return of favourable seasons and the improvement of the finances have enabled important reductions of taxation to be given, which, I trust, will perceptibly ameliorate the condition of the people. Agriculture and trade continue to exhibit signs of sustained progress, while the most recent information as to the present season's rainfall and the promise of the crops is generally reassuring.

The operations conducted by My forces in Somaliland for the protection of certain tribes who had suffered from the depredations of the Mullah Abdallick have not yet been concluded; but the flight of the enemy's forces from his original position in a northerly direction will enable a further movement to be undertaken against him under more favourable conditions.

I am glad to have been able, within the last few months, to visit My people both in Scotland and Ireland. The warm expressions of goodwill with which I was everywhere received have greatly touched Me.

In Ireland My visit to the Capital, to Belfast, the chief centre of industrial enterprise, to Londonderry, through the Counties of Donegal and Londonderry, to Cork, enabled Me to realise how much is being attempted, and by how many agencies, to improve the housing accommodation of the working population, to stimulate commercial activity, to advance the methods of agriculture, to develop technical education, and to provide for the sick and infirm. Much remains to be done, but it was with feelings of the deepest gratification that I noticed signs of increasing concord between all classes in Ireland, presaging, as I hope, a new era of united efforts for the general welfare.

31 Gentlemen
Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I thank you for the liberality with which you have made provision for the Services for the year.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

A measure to expedite the conversion of agricultural tenancies into occupation ownerships throughout Ireland has been passed in a form which offers inducements towards the continued residence of landowners among their countrymen, and provides facilities for improving the conditions of life in the poorer districts of the west. This reform, by removing ancient causes of social dissension, will, I heartily trust, conduce to the common benefit of all My Irish subjects.

The scheme for co-ordinating and improving our system of secondary and elementary education, which was applied to the rest of England and Wales by the enactment of last year, has now been completed by its extension to London. I am hopeful that great advantage will be derived from this far-reaching educational reform.

Although the measure for making the Port of London adequate, under modern conditions, to the commercial needs of the Metropolis, has not passed through all its stages, the time expended on it has not been lost; and I trust it will become law at an early period of next Session.

I congratulate you on passing an Act enabling My Government to carry into effect My engagement to co-operate with other Powers in bringing about the abolition of bounties on sugar.

The law relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors in Scotland has been consolidated and greatly improved.

I have gladly given My assent to legislation for regulating the employment of children, for controlling the use of motor cars, and for reorganising the administration of the Patriotic Fund.

I pray that the results of your labours may be assured by the protection and blessing of Almighty God.

After which the Lord Chancellor said:

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

By virtue of His Majesty's Commission, under Parliament the Great Seal, to us and other Lords directed, Prorogued, and now read, we do, in His Majesty's Name, and in obedience to His Commands, prorogue this Parliament to Monday the second day of November next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Monday the second day of November next.
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744. John Gledhill, Post Office, Sub-Office Postman

745. William Barber, Artificer, Royal Small Arms Factory, Enfield

746. Mrs. Charlotte Ann Reynolds, Postmistress, Daventry

747. Joseph Wooliverton, Royal Laboratory, War Office

748. Alfred Robinson, Artificer, Royal Small Arms Factory, Enfield

749. Frank Parham, Royal Laboratory, War Office

750. Paul Powell, Royal Carriage Department, War Office

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752. Mr. Thomas Riley, Principal Foreman, Royal Laboratory, Woolwich

753. Arthur Algernon Parkin, Third Class Clerk, Money Order Office, Post Office

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#### ARMY—continued.

**6 August:**
That a sum, not exceeding £783,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904, for Expenditure on the following Army Services, including Army (Ordnance Factories), viz.:

- Establishments for Military Education
- Miscellaneous Effective Services
- War Office: Salaries and Miscellaneous Charges
- Army (Ordnance Factories)

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### NAVY.

**16 March:**

127,109 Men and Boys for the Sea and Coast Guard Services, for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904, including 19,806 Royal Marines

(Report deferred, 73, 77.)

**17 March:**

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**18 March:**

- Half-pay, &c. to Officers of the Navy and Marines
- Civil Pensions and Gratuities

(Report deferred, 77.)

**26 March:**

- Naval and Marine Pensions, Gratuities, &c.
- Medical Services
- Martial Law

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- Works, Buildings, and Repairs, at Home and Abroad
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CLASS III.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,402,874, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904, for Expenditure in respect of the following Services, included in Class III. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

1. Law Charges
2. Miscellaneous Legal Expenses

SCOTLAND.

10. Law Charges and Courts of Law
11. Register House, Edinburgh
12. Crofters Commission
13. Prisons

IRELAND.

14. Law Charges and Criminal Prosecutions
15. Supreme Court of Judicature and other Legal Departments in Ireland
16. Land Commission
17. County Court Officers, &c.
18. Dublin Metropolitan Police
19. Royal Irish Constabulary
20. Prisons
21. Reformatory and Industrial Schools
22. Dundrum Criminal Lunatic Asylum

CLASS IV.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £854,228, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904, for Expenditure in respect of the following Services, included in Class IV. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:—

6. Scientific Investigation, &c. (United Kingdom)
7. Public Education (Scotland)
8. National Gallery (Scotland)

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#### CLASS V.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,236,998, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904, for the following Services, included in Class V. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:

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#### CLASS VI.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £393,521, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904, for the following Services, included in Class VI. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:

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#### CLASS VII.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £61,082, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1904, for the following Services, included in Class VII. of the Estimates for Civil Services, viz.:

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